Christmas 2016 at Source of Light Center, Haiti
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On Saturday morning, December 17, 15 members from West Lynchburg Baptist Church arrived in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, with one purpose in mind: to share the love of Christ in the Delmas 19 community. Throughout the next five days, we had many opportunities to fulfill this purpose.

On Saturday afternoon, armed with more than 500 candy canes, we took the older children from the Source of Light (SOL) Center into the community. We invited neighbors to worship at Eglise Baptiste De Dieu Delmas, the church plant at SOL. On Sunday morning, a visitor shared with us that he came to church that day because of the children's gift of a candy cane.

Early Sunday morning, December 18, our team received difficult news. Pastor Ronel's church, Baptist Concord Church, had been destroyed by fire during the night. That afternoon, we were able to pray with Pastor Ronel and his congregation in the ashes. There we saw such strength in God's people fully trusting in Him, knowing that He will make beauty from ashes.

Because of the support of West Lynchburg Baptist Church members, the children at Source of Light were given a playground on Monday. The playground consists of a dome climber we brought from Virginia, as well as five pieces of equipment purchased in Port-au-Prince.

Children play on the new teeter-totter at the Source of Light Center.
The children were so excited and spent hours swinging, spinning, and climbing. Smiles and laughter filled the air at the Delmas 19 Youth Center.

Small-group Bible studies were held during the week for all the children. Lots of crafts and activities were done as well. A nurse on our team taught basic first aid to the older children and house parents.

Our last day at SOL was very special. We had a Christmas party where the children played games, decorated Christmas cookies, sang songs, and had a special feast of chicken, rice, and lots of vegetables.

The story of the birth of Christ was told and the children wanted to hear more! Before we left, we gave each child and staff member a gift and handwritten note from members of West Lynchburg Baptist Church. It was a wonderful ending to an incredible week.

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