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As Dave noted when sending me the total offerings that had come in for April 26th, "Not a typo." The \$39,059.16 in the statistics column is for real! Sort of.

The regular offerings that had been sent to the church for the month totaled just under \$20,000, which is about \$500 a week under our pre-quarantine projection. What shot the number soaring was a \$36,000 gift that had been sent for missions. The donor had taken funds out of his retirement account, and asked that we use them to meet special needs that exist in the missions we support. After evaluating the needs we were aware of, three were selected.

\$17,000 was sent to Theo to purchase a vehicle. His truck was almost beyond repairs, and he has had to rely on public transportation and taxis to minister to the churches he oversees and to meet the various needs that exist. The churches in Jamaica are very dependent on support from others, and we have always been Theo's primary supporter. We bought him his first vehicle nearly 30 years ago, and he managed to replace it once, but due to a decline in support and expanding needs was unable to purchase another.

The second recipient was Haitian Christian Ministries. Mark Zimmerman is on their board, and after consulting with him we decided to send the school \$10,000 to help with a much needed bathroom and septic system. Mark said it was desperately needed, but was not something that's easy to get supporters excited about.

The final gift went to Kent Paris. As you know, Kent is one of very few who offers biblical hope and healing to those who are caught up in sinful sexual confusion. He has recently had overwhelming health and financial struggles, and has even been banned from using Facebook for posting content that was deemed hateful. The \$5,000 we were able to send not only met pressing needs, but was a great encouragement to him and Sherri.

The remaining \$4,000 is being held for anticipated needs that may be soon coming from Mexico or elsewhere.

God Bless, Rick



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Bible School 10:45 AM

## STATISTICS

	4/26	
Worship Offering		Online \$39,059.16
	5/3	
Worship Offering		Online \$6,448.17

## UNTIL THEN!

Until we can physically meet together, we can still worship and study as a body of believers over the internet. Praise songs, a sermon, and a communion meditation are posted at 5 o'clock on Sunday mornings at [chathamchristian.org](http://chathamchristian.org), or you can find them on YouTube by simply searching for Chatham Christian Church and clicking the cross icon.

**SERMON OUTLINES** are now also being posted on the website for those who want to print one and fill in the blanks while listening to the sermon.

## A NOTE FROM KENT PARIS

I'm truly speechless at this certain gift from the Lord in and through you all, His wonderful Body. It has been more difficult than you know. This will be a wonderful and timely help. We are humbled.

Yes, I am staying in regular contact with a group of clients via email and phone, from home—the likely reason you didn't catch me (office call?) I have not been there since my Drs exhorted me to stay home until it is safer to leave given my pre-existing conditions.

In the midst of it all, Sherri's dad made his Passover in our home at age 95 after living with us for 3 1/2 years. Social distancing...private, family viewing at a distance, socially distanced gravesite private service I led. A hundred unexpected business, billing, insurance & issues Sherri's drudging through in grief.

Where is the justice? God knows. And then we have dear beloved friends like you all. This will be so helpful. We are deeply grateful.

Eternally Grateful to Jesus.  
Kent

## COVID-19 AND HAITI

COVID-19 seems to be the topic of discussion for so many of us right now. It has changed the way the entire world is doing business and had dramatically changed the daily lives of everyone. The numbers are very limited in Haiti at this moment, but the fear is tangible, especially due to the structural weaknesses the country has been subject to for years.

As a minister, I bear witness to the fact that people who were already living in suffering, are suffering even more. A large majority of people still need to go out every day to earn their daily bread. The government, now asking this majority to stay home to avoid spreading the virus, exposes them to another challenge, that of finding food. I am pretty sure that some people may not only die from coronavirus, but from hunger. And more tuberculosis cases may also arise as a result afterward.

As with many of you, we in Haiti miss our people and church services. We could offer online services like other churches do, but only a very small percentage of those in our community have access to electricity or the internet and our churches are not online every day.

While the northern side of Haiti still does not have any reported cases of the coronavirus, our people have benefited from visits with families every Sunday morning outside in their yards. We maintain a 6-foot distance as we pray, minister, sing and teach. We encourage them with God's words, teach them how to protect themselves against the virus, pray with them and share what we have.

Our employees have been blessed and are very grateful for receiving their monthly salary early to help them provide for their families by going out and purchasing food to be able to stay home and help combat the spread of the virus. As the pastors become aware of a need for food they let me know and we make arrangements for the pastors to receive some food to take to those in need. As supporters of HCM you have provided the food through your monthly donations.

I thank you for that.

Pastor Bob

## ASIAN CHRISTIAN MISSION

First of all, THANK YOU for your help with Asian Christian Mission. And, of course, your continued help. But to answer your question about special needs, Jesse's medical bills are paid.

The desire of his heart was to take Christ to the Jerwang people. It was the culture of his father and he wanted to continue a more intense work with them. His normal expenses will continue through the rest of the year as he had originally planned to retire at the end of this year due to age and health. But, as you know, he passed away in March. His wife, Ati, who was very dedicated to him and his work, then his care, will be working with the evangelists going to the Jerwang people. Every other month I forward by "wire" the operating funds and I will do so again in early May. This consists of a salary for Jesse, (now, Ati), expenses incurred still working with the Lisu, expenses for visits to the Jerwang villages and materials for them, and expenses incurred for Thailand evangelism. The bulk of the expenses of the Jerwang Bible translation is being picked up by another organization.

However, since Jesse's death, support has fallen some. We will try to make it to the end of the year. That is why your continue support is appreciated.

If you are aware of another mission who has a pressing need, under these circumstances, I believe Jesse would suggest you remember them.

Thank you for your inquiry and all your help.

Gary McKillip, Forwarding Agent

**JUNIOR  
Worship**

It was great seeing everyone on our Zoom call last night! Our next one is set for Sunday, May 17th at 6:30pm. For this call, we will work in a game and a Bible lesson. See you then!



### All Kids Through 5th Grade

It is hard to believe that summer is right around the corner. I don't know what we will be able to do, but I am thinking of meeting every other Wednesday through most of June and July to do some "wacky" things with you all. Sound fun? We will call our time together Wacky Wednesdays.

I know of a certain swimming pool that will be open for sure at this time. Let's plan for our first Wacky Wednesday outing to be on Wednesday, June 3rd at the Huber Pool. We might have to swim in two smaller groups at different times, but however we structure it will prove to be a great time together. Pay attention to the church paper, Facebook, or give me a text as we get closer to the 3rd for more details about our first event.

Then, let's plan on meeting on June 17th, July 1st and July 15th for some more time together. I was thinking of Knights Action Park, Skyzone, maybe Ergadoozy, etc., but all specific details will have to wait as we will evaluate the current conditions at that time. Everyone's safety comes first, but if we are able, I look forward to some Wacky Wednesdays with everyone!

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

It was good to see everyone on our Zoom call last week during our game time together. Also, I received a text afterwards stating we should do a summertime Amazing Race if possible this year. Absolutely! Stay tuned for details on that one and let's schedule our next Zoom call for Monday, May 11th at 7:00pm to play another game and continue discussing potential plans for this summer.