



# The Widow's Might

Central America - Mexico, Caribbean | Regional Director: The Schwarz'

## Pray for Haiti.

Pray for wise, compassionate, and godly leaders within the Haitian government.

Pray for the truth of the Gospel to release those in bondage to Vodou and witchcraft.

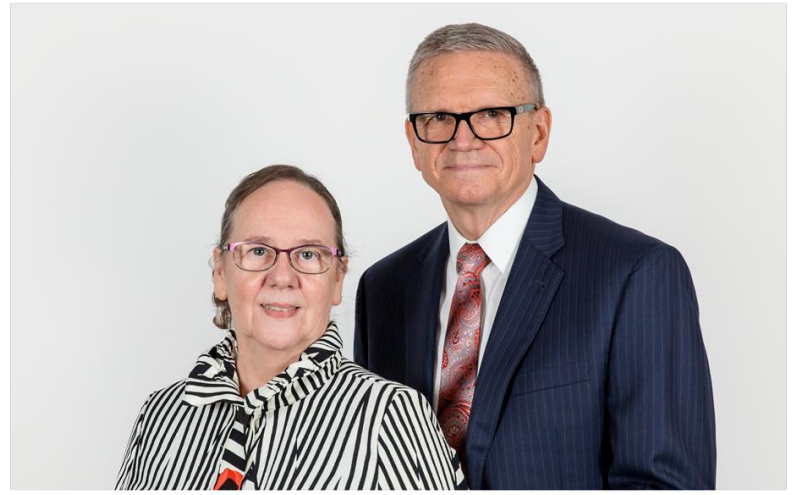
Pray for the Haitian Church to embody Jesus' love for the poor and needy.

## Pray for recruiting efforts to be fruitful.

**Pray for more workers to join them on the mission field.** "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Luke 10:2, ESV).

## Pray for Healing for Sis. Sharon Ritchie.

**1 Peter 2:24:** "'He Himself bore our sins' in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; 'by His wounds you have been healed.'"



## David and Yonda Schwarz

David and Yonda Schwarz received career missionary appointment in 1988 to the Central American country of Costa Rica. Upon arrival on the field with their two daughters in 1991, David became the director of the Bible School. In 1992, he became president of the national work, a position he served in until his appointment as Regional Director. Yonda served as the treasurer of the national work and director of the ladies on a national level from 1992 until 2011.

The Schwarz family pioneered a church in the central valley of Costa Rica which they pastored for twelve years. During



## Together for Change: Celebrating Our Partnership with Daystar Primary School

In this heartfelt thank-you video, Compassion Services International expresses gratitude to Ladies Ministries for their incredible support. The video highlights the partnership with Daystar Primary School in Kigali, Rwanda, which serves students from preschool through 6th grade.

As the government mandates the establishment of computer labs in all schools, Daystar faced financial challenges but held onto their faith in God's provision. Thanks to the generous contributions from Ladies Ministries, the computer lab will soon be ready for \*\*250 students\*\*, enhancing their education and providing ongoing training for teachers.

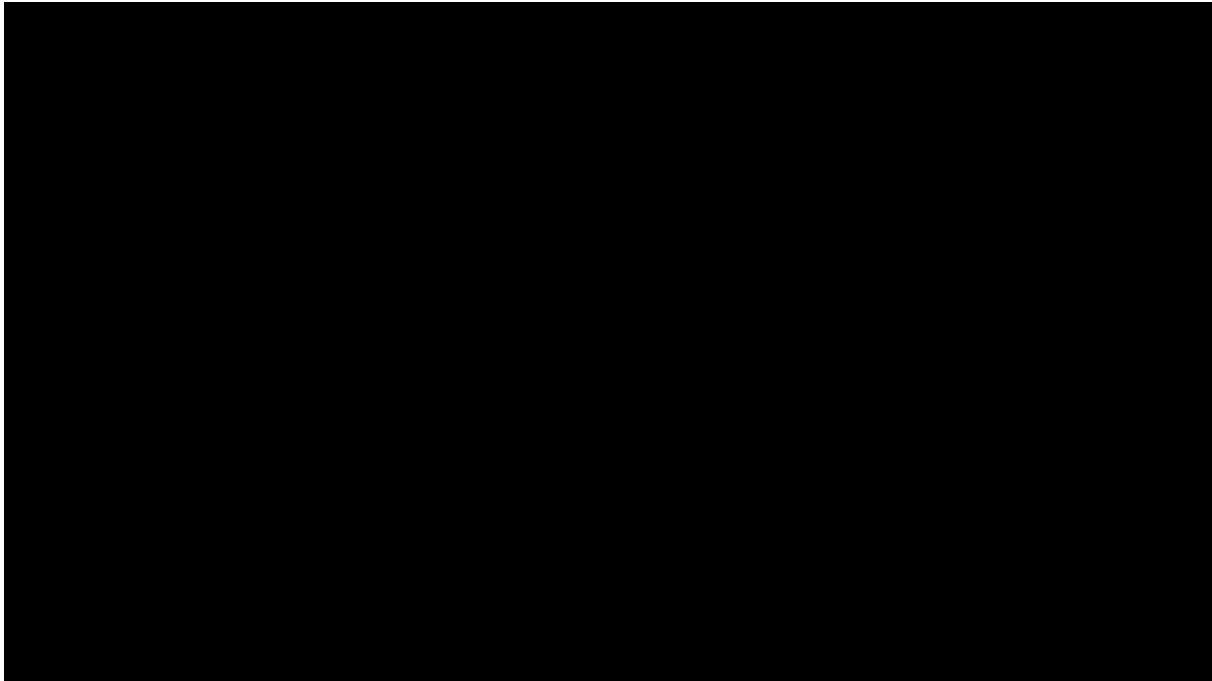
Join us in celebrating this impactful partnership and the positive change it brings to the community. Together, we are bringing hope and help to those in need around the world.

their tenure, the work grew in every aspect. The work in Costa Rica has continued to grow and is experiencing revival. Currently, there are 180 churches and preaching points, 152 licensed ministers, 594 studying in the Bible Schools, and over 10,823 constituents in the work in Costa Rica. There is economic stability and positive growth and maturity in all areas of the work.

In 2012, they were appointed to serve as Regional Directors of the Central America/Caribbean Region. In January 2019, they were given the responsibility of the South America Region. They now supervise Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean Islands and all of South America. The Regional work requires a lot of travel. Although the two combined regions involve a large geographic area, there is a great revival with great missionaries and national leaders. They are dedicating themselves to help promote continued growth.



**\*\*Watch now to see how your support is making a difference!\*\***



Click the video above to learn more about how you can pray for Haiti.

## *About Haiti:*

Sharing a Caribbean island with the Dominican Republic, Haiti is home to a mostly African Caribbean population. In the Indigenous language, Hayti means “land of the mountains” although they have coastal terrain as well. The common languages are French, Haitian Creole, and English. After the slave revolt of 1804 against the French, Haiti formed a republic, riddled with bloody feuds and dictatorships. Today, law enforcement is still rife with corruption.

Haiti is the most impoverished nation in the Western Hemisphere. Its economy was devastated in the 2010 earthquake, which tragically killed roughly 200,000 people. Although there have been minor gains in poverty reduction, the COVID-19 pandemic, the assassination of President Jovenel Moïse, and another earthquake have challenged an already staggering economy. Proper aid distribution is often prevented by violence and political instability. Sadly, the country has been affected by a recent resurgence of cholera. Additionally, Haiti’s economy suffers from overpopulation, two-thirds of which are unemployed and underemployed. Over half the population is illiterate, and sex and labor trafficking are rampant. Children in domestic labor situations often experience physical and sexual abuse. Runaways end up on the street as prostitutes, beggars, or criminals. Increased gang activity has led to mass kidnappings for ransom. Despite these challenges, legal efforts to eliminate trafficking have been in progress.

Haiti enjoys freedom of religion. Three-quarters of the population are professing Christians, mostly Roman Catholics. However, most also incorporate Vodou — a form of West African witchcraft and an official religion in Haiti. Some Haitian believers are boldly speaking out against Vodou and its demonic practices. With continued Christian missions and evangelism, the power of the Gospel is being made known. Illiteracy has hindered evangelism but Christians have bridged the gap with radio, children’s education, and ministry training. Amid many difficult realities, God continues to be at work across Haiti, replacing despair and brokenness with His hope and healing.

## Resources for Widows



*A6 Widows And Widowers Ministry*



Women of Worth is an arm of Ladies Ministries for ministers' widows whose position has changed—to recognize them as “Women of Worth” to the general body of the United Pentecostal Church Intl.

