

CREOLE FILM SHARES HOPE IN CHRIST

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As the sky darkens over Port-au-Prince, Haiti, many gather to watch *The Hope*, a Haitian Creole film which tells the Bible's message from Genesis through Jesus' life. Many stood or sat on rocky ground throughout the 85-minute movie.



CC Melbourne's production team interviews Pastor Seige Poteau of CC Port-au-Prince about the impact he expects the movie to have on his fellow Haitians.

Christina continued, "The Haitian people were very receptive. Although there was so much devastation from the recent earthquake, they saw through the film that there is a God Who created the universe and Who cares for them." Hundreds of locals came to watch the short-term missionaries set up the screen and ready the movie. As soon as the sun went down, the people stood and

watched, seemingly mesmerized for the film's entire 85 minutes.

Team member Theresa Beck added, "I stood and watched the people's faces as they watched fellow Haitians on the big screen telling them there is hope. I saw young boys wipe the tears from their eyes as they watched our Lord Jesus Christ crucified. We saw many beautiful Haitian people give their lives to the Lord." Bill Beck, CC Melbourne's church administrator, led the team.

Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples. For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised. Psalm 96:3-4a

"We hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God." Acts 2:11b

A production team from Calvary Chapel Melbourne, FL, filmed a movie called *The Hope* in Creole, a language spoken by 80 percent of Haitians. After Haiti's devastating earthquake, a team from the church took the finished product, which featured

Haitian actors, to screen at numerous settings around the country. Many Haitians responded to the eternal hope portrayed in the film by placing their faith in its Subject.

"Our mission was to distribute the movie to churches and to both TV and radio stations. We also wanted to take the film out to a different tent city each night," said Christina Jessup, production director at CC

Melbourne. The film goes through the Bible, depicting creation and culminating with the life of Jesus Christ.

"All things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." Luke 24:44b



Pastor Seige tells residents of a tent city how they can have hope in Christ.