

## TESTIMONIES

Jean-Claude was born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, and immigrated to the United States with his parents when he was 13. Matilde was born in Cali, Colombia, and moved to the United States when she was 19.

In 1975, they met in New York City and were married in April, 1976. They have four children—Alexandra, Fernand, Henri-Kristoff and Jean-Paul—and seven grandchildren.

When preparing to study architecture in college, Jean-Claude was told by a man whom he sketched that he would be a preacher, but thought nothing of it.

In 1979, Jean-Claude was introduced to a pastor by his wife's hospital roommate and after a visit from the pastor, he was saved. For two years, he took their young children to church without his wife. Finally in 1981, Matilde went to church and accepted Christ as her Savior during the invitation.

During a service in 1983, Jean-Claude surrendered to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, recalling what the old man had told him twelve years earlier.

Before answering the call to preach, Jean-Claude worked as an architect and builder, as well as a professor at Tidewater Community College in Virginia Beach, VA.

For many years, he has served as an evangelist, preaching in the United States, the Caribbean, and South America. In 2003, they surrendered their lives totally to the ministry and started *Reaching For Christ Ministries*.

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe:

1. The Bible to be the inspired, only infallible and authoritative Word of God. 2 Tim. 3:16; 1 Thess. 2:13; 2 Pet. 1:21
2. There is one true God externally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Deut. 6:4; Isa. 43:10-11; Matt. 28:18-20; Luke 3:22
3. In the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, substitutionary death on the cross, bodily resurrection, ascension to the Father and His return in power and glory. Matt. 1:23, 28:6; Luke 1:31-32, 24:39; Acts 1:9-11, 2:22, 10:37-38; 1 Cor. 15:3-6; 2 Cor. 5:21-6:1; Phil 2:9-11; Heb. 1:3, 7:26-27
4. Regeneration by the Holy Spirit is essential for the salvation of sinful man; a person must experience spiritual rebirth. Only through the power of the Holy Spirit is a Christian able to live a more godly life. Rom. 8:16, 10:12-13; Eph. 2:8-10, 4:24; Titus 2:11-12, 3:4-8
5. There is a resurrection of both the saved and the lost, the saved to eternal life in heaven, the lost to hell. Rom. 3:23-24; 1 Cor. 15:51-52; 1 Thess. 4:15-17; Rev. 20:11-15, 21:6-8
6. Jesus Christ rose from the dead and is returning again. Zech. 14:4-5; Matt. 24:26, 30; Rev. 1:7, 19:11-13
7. The Great Commission of the church is to go into the entire world and preach the Gospel to every person. Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 14:23; Acts 1:7-8
8. In the spiritual unity of believers through the working of the Holy Spirit and the Lord Jesus Christ. Ps. 133:1; Eph. 4:11-13; Phil. 2:1-3
9. In holy Christian living, and we must have concern and compassion for the hurts and social needs of our fellow men. Col. 3:12-14; Rom. 15:1-2
10. We must dedicate ourselves to the service of our Lord and to His authority over our lives. Col. 1:9-11; Eph. 6:7-8

## CORE VALUES

### **Christ's Supremacy**

We declare Christ as sovereign Head and Chief Architect of the Church and submit ourselves to His will, words, and ways. (Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18; Ps. 127:1; Matt. 16:18)

### **Lifestyle Worship and Praise**

We desire to express God's supreme value and worth in our personal lives and in the corporate worship of the Church. (Rom. 12:1-2; Jn. 4:23-34)

### **Corporate Prayer and Fasting**

We rely on private and corporate prayer in the life and growth of the believer in executing each ministry. (Matt. 7:7-11; 1 Thess. 5:17)

### **Team Leadership**

We believe in biblical servant/ team leadership and gifts-based provision of pastoral care and oversight by elders and deacons. (1 Pet. 5:2-4; Acts 20:28)

### **Developing Leaders**

We endeavor to encourage, enlighten, and empower every believer through the guidance of the Holy Spirit so that they are equipped for serving the body of Christ. (Eph. 4:11-16; 2 Tim. 3:16-17)

### **World Missions**

We commit in taking Christ's message all over the world and to every creature. (Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8)

### **Reaching, Preaching, and Teaching**

We strive to reach, preach, and teach God's Word with integrity, authority without compromise so that those without God are drawn to Him and become mature in Him. (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 4:2)