



## HAITIAN MISSION BAPTIST CHURCH

The central church of the Haitian cane farmers was planted in 1933 by the Haitian Baptist Association to provide for the spiritual needs of the Haitians that were bought to the region to harvest the cane. The relationship with the HBA has long vanished but the name of the church continues to carry on the history.

The current church was the first major project of US work teams. Construction began in 1985 and was completed by 1989. During this time the vision of the hospital was being cast to the American teams as they worked on the church.

Under the leadership of the late Jean Luc Phanord over 20 churches were established in the bateyes. Pastors and church leaders were trained by Pastor Phanord and a strong community of Haitians was established.

Today the church stands as the largest church in the region offering services to the Haitian speaking community. It is the host church for US Mission teams.

The management and operation of the living and facilities used by many of the visiting teams from the United States, Haiti, and other countries.

The church oversees the interpreters that accompany the mission teams to the bateyes and around the city. It also oversees a scholarship program for students attending the universities in La Romana and San Pedro de Macoris.

The Maranatha Orchestra, a merengue style worship band, has travel to the United States annually to raise awareness of the work supported by the American churches.