

# Texas Baptists help train church leaders in Haiti

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DELMAS, Haiti—A Central Texas pastor and a [Texas Baptist Men](#) staff member helped lead discipleship and evangelism training events for pastors in Haiti, and ministry leaders hope their efforts could spark spiritual revival throughout the Caribbean nation.

Ridge Adams, pastor of Memorial Baptist Church in Temple, and Randy Newberry, TBM church renewal coordinator, taught a *MasterLife* discipleship study involving two-dozen pastors who traveled to Delmas, near Port-au-Prince, from throughout Haiti. Some pastors journeyed up to 12 hours one way on crowded buses to attend the training event.

Newberry and Lonnie Riley from Lynch, Ky., also taught an overview of the *Experiencing God* curriculum at another training event for church leaders in Hinche, in central Haiti.

“As God began changing their lives, they accepted the responsibility and challenge to teach what they had learned to members of the churches and their communities,” said Donald Lyons of Haiti Under God, a South Carolina-based ministry focused on leadership training, community development and care for orphaned children.

The newly trained pastors made plans to train about 300 church leaders, said Lyons, who also trained church leaders in evangelism. After the training, the pastors immediately shared their faith with people in the streets, recording about 40 professions of faith in Jesus in a little more than an hour.

“The excitement and commitment of these pastors was overwhelming and

encouraging,” he said. “They were so grateful and passionate about going back to change their communities. I personally believe God has started a fire of revival in Haiti.”