



'The washing of feet,' by Sieger Köder, artist and priest

# Perfect love

“There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female.  
For you are all one in Christ Jesus.” Galations 3:28 (NLT)

Dear Friends,

This Holy Week the image that has stayed with me is 'the washing of the feet,' by Sieger Köder, an artist and priest. What words or feelings surface for you?

Intimacy ... vulnerability ... humility ... mutuality

These words form silently in my mind. I am an intruder on this deeply personal moment. I almost feel the need to avert my gaze at this naked expression of agape love laid bare--and yet I remain transfixed. All barriers between these two have been let down. Ego set aside. They are communing in 'perfect love,' a language that requires no words. They are one.

How do we love more perfectly? How do we carry this out into the world?

What does mission and ministry look like when we approach humbly and let down our barriers so that there are no 'others'? *"We are one in Christ Jesus."*

On this Good Friday of the Lord's passion and as we move to the promise of Easter Sunday, may we remember what today is all about and express our gratitude by, in the words of John Wesley, *moving onto perfection - a heart habitually filled with the love of God and neighbor.*

The peace of Christ be with you,  
Valerie

Stations of the Cross art by Sieger Köder: <https://hodgehillchurch.files.wordpress.com/2020/04/friday-stations-of-the-cross-koeder-otuama.pdf>



**Many hands, one heart**

More updates soon on this exciting movement to help Haitians achieve sustainability in cardiac healthcare and to promote healthy hearts for Haiti! **Please consider a gift to help us**

**provide medical residency for echocardiography training** to several staff members while also extending community outreach to **prevent hypertension / cardiovascular disease**.

Also, HAPI has established a **new relationship with Church World Service** to bridge private congregational sponsorships with our beneficiaries prepared to 'be the change' for their families, community and country. News release in May! **Does your congregation have the heart to 'welcome the stranger?'** Details to follow.

Watch for changes to come on [HAPI's website next month](#) to reflect the ways, new and old, that HAPI is living out Christ's love in action and our commitment to 'Help Haitians rise!'

## Your gift saves lives.

Keep another heart BEATing!

**B = basic training for nurses and doctors**

**E = education on prevention**

**A = awareness / mobilization**

**T = treatment**

**Give from the heart!**



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