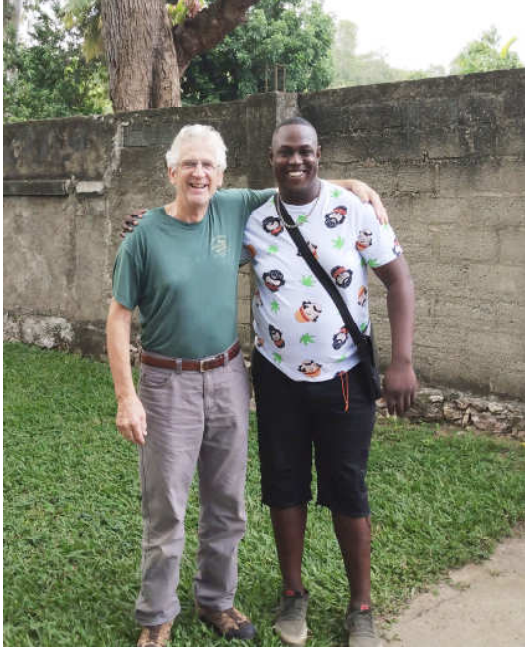




Mission Bon Berger Savane Carree, de Haiti

August 2022



Claudin Elvariste

Claudin graduated from our school in Milot several years ago. He was known to some of you as “Shaq”. He acquired that nickname because he is a big man. Since then he has proven himself to be a fine young man as well. Now he is 30 years old, and beginning September 1, he will go on staff with GSM in an administrative role at Savane Carree. Keep Claudin in your prayers. Pray that he would grow as a leader in the footsteps and likeness of Christian Lavaux and Gourneau Norceour - our two most important Haitian leaders. And more importantly, pray that he would grow in the likeness of Christ. Also pray that God would hedge him about and protect him from any harm. Continue praying likewise for Christian and Gourneau.

◀ picture of Lamar and Claudin taken Aug. 1, 2022 at Milot

It Was Told ...

Recently one of our workers, Julio, came and told Bill about something that had happened to him. Some years ago, Julio attended a friend’s wedding. Now, years later, this man has come to Julio asking questions about Christianity and what it means to be saved. His friend has a 6 year old little girl now. He shared that recently his little girl came to him, fell down at his feet, and with tears began pleading with her father, “*daddy, you must be saved. Please be saved. Daddy, time is short.*” The father has talked with Julio again with more questions about Christ. The mother is a Christian. Pray that God would direct Julio in leading this man into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ. Time is short.

Julio ▶



Update on Sandy

Sandy is still recovering well and on schedule in Melbourne. With 3 months of chemotherapy, her doctors are confident that she will achieve a complete and permanent recovery. So she will begin the treatments August 17. She will have 1 treatment every 3 weeks for 3 months. If Sandy is feeling O.K., during the latter week of some cycles, Bill may try to dash down to Haiti to check on things for a few days. Meanwhile, Christian and Gourneau are doing a great job while Bill is away.

The State of the Ministry

In spite of the uncertainty and instability of the country, the ministry continues running well and at 100%. The southern part of Haiti, around Port-au-Prince, is still in a very treacherous situation. But in the north, where we are, things are generally calm and people are moving about freely. When Bill and Lamar were there late last month, there was actually a fairly visible police presence on the roads. The north seems to be working hard to maintain order. The big problem right now is that fuel shipments are not coming out of Port-au-Prince. Very few tanker trucks are willing to make the journey north because of the danger. So there is an acute fuel shortage. If we can find gas, it is \$10 - \$20 USD. Please continue praying for the country and the safety of our GSM staff in Haiti.

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# Plant & Equipment

There are several significant projects underway to maintain and improve our plant and equipment in Haiti. Julio, mentioned earlier, and Christian are leading these efforts ...

1 - repair of our septic system for our Milot schools. For some reason the walls collapsed.

2 - repair of the compound wall at Biclaire and the demolition of the old outhouses. No pictures are available for that.

3 - fresh paint for the new school year for our Savane Carre schools. There is work to do on the interior of the new high school as well.

4 - finish the gables on the new chapel at Biclaire.



▲ Milot high school bath house  
the collapsed septic tank ►



God has blessed and we were able to go ahead and pay for all of these projects out of our General Fund, and get them underway. Materials and labor for: 1 - the Biclaire chapel gables, \$3500 USD; 2 - the Biclaire wall repair and outhouse demolition, \$3500 USD; 3 - painting the Savane Carree Schools, \$5000 USD; 4 - and rebuilding the Milot septic tank, \$4000 USD.



◀ Bill inspecting the new chapel at Biclaire. You can see the open gables. They are being completed.

Bill inspecting "The Grand Hallway" of the new high school at Savane Carree ►



## Hurricane Shutters

At Savane Carree, the wind often blows ferociously. Particularly on the upstairs level where Bill & Sandy live. At times it has proved to be impossible to keep the wind and rain out. And it is particularly important when they are in the U.S. that there be some protection for the interior. Bill has found someone in Haiti that can build "roll up and roll down" hurricane shutters for the house. They work like a roll up garage door and are installed permanently. He can build hurricane shutters for the upstairs doors (3) and windows (9), for \$4500 USD.

This will also offer the added benefit of security when they are away. This is a need.



Christian shows Bill our new "motor-trike". It will offer a tremendous amount of economic and versatile utility for the ministry. It was graciously provided by a kind businessman from Tennessee. Now if we can just get Bill to wear a helmet!

## The Work of GSM

Your support is the means by which GSM is able to provide Christian Education to over 1600 children in grades 1-12, support our Haitian staff of over 160 workers, support our American missionaries, continue the medical care we provide for our staff and students, and continue sharing the Gospel in a multitude of ways. Pray for us. Contact us at any time ...

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