

2009 - 2010 Calendar of Events

(more to be added)

- Oct 13 - Paint Team
- Nov 10 - Medical Team
- Nov 17 - Medical Team
- Dec 1 - Christmas Bag ministry
- Mar 2 - Construction Team
- Mar 18 - Keswick Bible Conference
- Apr 13 - Medical Team
- Apr 20 - Medical Team
- Jun 8 - Paint & Repair
- Jun 22 - Paint & Repair
- Jul 13 - Children's Bible Camp

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"Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother,  
to thy poor, and to thy needy in thy land."

- Deuteronomy 15:11



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**October 2009 Newsletter!**  
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# "Where there is no vision the people perish."

- Proverbs 29:18

Thirty-five years ago Norman & Imogene Dixon had a vision that an entire nation could be changed through the gospel of Jesus Christ. That nation was Haiti. Through the years, many people came to share that vision with them. And in spite of the hardships, by God's grace that vision has stayed vibrant and fresh through the years. Thousands have been born into the Kingdom of God.

Here is the vision: *changing a nation by changing the children ... one heart at a time ... children by the thousands being educated in the gospel, the three R's, and then going forth from Mission Bon Berger as leaven, missionaries to their own people.*

And now, how brightly does that vision still burn in your soul? The vision must continue to be shared and must continue to burn brightly in each of you for this great work to continue. Bill & Sandy need to know that they are not alone, and that we who are stateside still share that vision with them. Toward that end, here are some points to consider ...

- ▶ 1600+ children start each day at GSM with prayer and have a daily Bible class;
- ▶ Haitian workers gather every morning at 6:30 for Bible study led by Bill & Sandy;
- ▶ thousands are coming to faith in Christ during their years at Mission Bon Berger;
- ▶ scores have gone forth into their nation as pastors;
- ▶ thousands have carried their faith into their homes, villages, and workplaces;
- ▶ thousands receive medical care each year in our clinics;
- ▶ tens of thousands have heard the Keswick message in our annual Bible Conferences;
- ▶ a dream for a permanent medical clinic and mission house at Savanne Caree;
- ▶ a dream for a high school at Biclaire;
- ▶ a ministry that doesn't spend God's money on fancy cars and exotic homes;
- ▶ missionaries who shop for personal clothing at the Salvation Army when stateside;
- ▶ missionaries who by God's grace stretch a missionary dollar to the point of the miraculous;
- ▶ Haitian Christians who have a vibrant expectancy that God is soon going to display His grace and mighty works through this impoverished and spiritually oppressed people.

**Thank you for sharing the vision of GSM**

### Our Board of Directors

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## OTHER NEWS AND REPORTS:

► **Saturday Home Bible Readings:** several of our staff who attend the daily morning devotions are leading Bible readings in homes and villages around Milot. People simply gather for the reading of God's Word. Presently there are about 5 meetings each Sat morning.

► **Covington Seminary Extension:** plans are being made for Covington Seminary, of Rossville, GA. to begin a seminary extension program using GSM facilities in Milot. Joe Youngblood, Dean of International Extensions, will lead the effort. The goal is to offer theological training to local Haitian pastors, grounding them in the doctrines of God's Word.

► **Keswick Bible Conference:** Don Graham led a team of 12 preachers for our Keswick Bible Conference July 3-5. Total attendance at the 6 venues was over 20,000 !



*Thousands gather for evening services at the Port-au-Prince Keswick meeting*

► **Children's Bible Camp:** July 13-17 around 300 children lived on the compound at Milot for a week during the annual Bible Camp led by Louis Jean of Herndon, VA

► **Team Work:** Team members from Eureka, Shiloh, Elkton Road, and Harbor City Baptist churches completed lots of paint & repair work between June 16 - 30. Dr. Cliff Thompson (from HCBC) even did some needed minor surgery on Bill while in Milot.



The Chapel at Mission Bon Berger, Milot looks great after all the team work !

# Torrential Downpour Floods Mission Bon Berger

*(Our Milot, Haiti Compound)*



◀ the back wall of the compound was flattened by the floodwaters

portions of the west wall were pushed down ▶



note the high-water mark



◀ floodwaters leave mud and debris in the chapel

floodwaters ▶ recede, leaving mud in the Faith Hall dormitory



On Friday, Sept 25, a torrential downpour descended upon the village of Milot, including Mission Bon Berger, our main GSM compound in Haiti. Many of you have seen the mountain behind our compound. Rainwater descended from that mountain in powerful rivers. The water broke through the rear wall of our compound, destroying and scattering a 120 ft portion of that wall throughout the compound. The waters put such pressure on our west wall that about 40 ft of that wall was destroyed. Bill and our faithful Haitian workers labored in the midst of the flooding, clearing debris and drains so that the floodwaters could escape, and knocking holes in the remaining walls to relieve pressure on them. Water rose to several feet deep in the Chapel and in Faith Hall, but thankfully stopped inches short of entering the mission home. The floodwaters carried away much of our soil, eroding foundations at the elementary school, and ruining driveways and paths. There is much clean-up and repair to be done. Walls will have to be rebuilt, and dirt will have to be trucked in to rebuild the integrity of the elementary school foundation and to repair our drive-ways and paths. The cost of repairs is expected to be at least \$20,000. The security of our facilities has been compromised, and at this point, there are no funds at all available for the repairs. Nevertheless, Bill & Sandy are very thankful that the property damage was not worse, and that there was no loss of life.

## Things to Pray for ...

- **FINANCIAL NEEDS:** that God would continue to move people & abundantly supply the financial needs of GSM.
- **MEDICAL TEAMS:** Our medical ministry continues to be a great blessing to the people of Haiti. We are beginning to reach beyond our school children and minister to the needs of neighboring villages. Please pray that God would bless our two fall teams Nov 10-24.
- **CHRISTMAS MINISTRY:** our annual Christmas Bag ministry is in full swing. Pray for things to go well as we transport bags to Melbourne and then on to Haiti. Pray for customs to go well and for the Christmas Team to have a great week Dec 1-8.
- **MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** that God would continue to bless and strengthen the daily Bible study Bill leads.
- **OUR CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS:** are the core of what we do. Pray for our teachers & principals. We are thankful for their faithfulness. We want them to grow in their ownership of the missionary vision of GSM.
- **FEEDING CENTER AT MILOT:** we have a goal of feeding a meal a day to our school children in Milot. We are continuing to move toward that goal. We have the ovens we need, a new roof on the feeding center, and the funds for utensils. Our biggest challenge now is a dedicated source of funding, or an endowment, that will consistently supply needs for feeding 700 children a day.
- **ENCOURAGEMENT:** pray that God would continue to inspire and strengthen Bill & Sandy in their daily service.

*changing children - changing a nation - one heart at a time*

Bebe, up high in a tree, gathering fruit for a team.

