



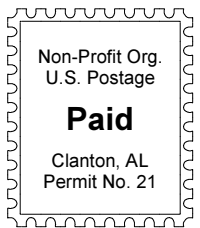
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Bill and Sandy Younger
Missionaries to Haiti
for over 15 years



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Gratitude

n. a feeling of thankful appreciation

Paul felt this toward the church at Philippi. He writes, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you ... for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now" - Philippians 1:3,5. Perhaps twenty years after Paul founded the church at Philippi on his second missionary journey, he pens this letter, in which he thanks them for their "fellowship", or participation, in the gospel from the beginning even unto the present hour. Paul didn't do it alone. They had supported him in God's call for over two decades. They were very much a part of the work and the call.

Just like Paul, Bill & Sandy are likewise very grateful for your fellowship in the gospel. Like the brothers & sisters at Philippi, you are all very much a part of the work and the call of Good Shepherd Ministries in Haiti. Some go, some give, some pray. Thank you and may God richly bless you.

Mission House Upkeep, Repairs, & Renovation

In February, members of Elkton Road Baptist Church in Athens, AL, and White Hall Baptist Church, in Richmond, KY installed ceramic tile throughout the upstairs floor. Renovations are almost complete.



More work - on the Milot Mission House and at Savane Carree

In March, members of the First Baptist Church of Geraldine, AL installed the upstairs ceiling in the Milot Mission House. They also went out to Savane Carree and put much needed new roofs on the storage building and the compound house.



GSM Pastor's School April 4 - 5

Jacky Connell of Eden Westside Baptist, Pell City AL, and Don Graham, of Clanton AL, taught the Pastor's School April 4-5. Jacky taught Galatians and Don taught Malachi. We had another good group of Haitian pastors in attendance.



Aimee's House is Finished

These pictures were taken during construction of the house. By the time you receive this newsletter, the house will be finished. Thank you for providing this house for Aimee and her grandmother. Many of you are familiar with Aimee. Bill & Sandy have raised her since she was abandoned as a baby. She is now 16. About two years ago, we located her grandmother in Cap Haitien. She is a wonderful Christian lady and has become an important part of Aimee's life. During the week, Aimee lives with her and several family members, while going to school in Cap Haitien. She spends her weekends with Bill & Sandy in Milot. Thank you for being a part of this project.



Annual Spring Keswick Bible Conferences April 6 - 9

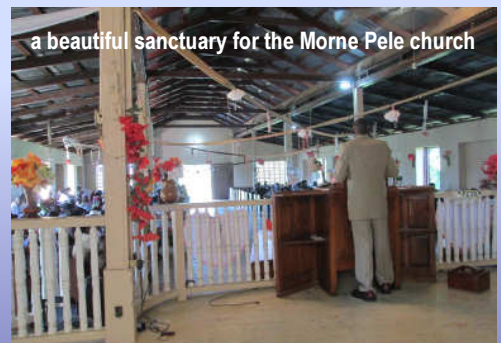
GSM conducted our annual Bible Conferences in 5 Haitian churches across northern Haiti April 6 - 9. There were 5 meetings in each church. Total attendance for the week was around 6000 people, with many decisions being made for Christ. 8 pastors and 3 laymen preached and shared testimonies during the course of the week. What a blessing!



Team members invite villagers to the conference



The road to the church at Morne Pele was a bit narrow!



a beautiful sanctuary for the Morne Pele church



Shepherd's Care

Bill and our guard, Pierre, survey the finished wall for the Shepherd's Care Project - our vision for a year-round medical ministry to the people of Savane Carree. The way is now clear for us to step into phase 3 during 2014. This phase will involve the construction of a new mission house/team house similar in scale to our mission house in Milot. With a new water well, electrical generating capability, and furnishings, Bill believes we can complete this phase for \$75,000. Please keep Shepherd's Care in your prayers. Contact us with questions.

Our New GSM Van is paid for and operational on the mission field in Haiti! This is an actual picture of our van. The diesel engine is getting in the mid 20 mpg range! Again, thanks to everyone who helped!



For Prayer...

- ▶ Medical Teams serving May 16 - 23 and May 27 - June 3.
- ▶ continued healing for Bill's foot and Bill & Sandy's daughter, Jenny.
- ▶ for God to protect the churches in Haiti. Just as it was in the days of the Apostle Paul, Satan works to come in and corrupt the Gospel that is preached. Pray that the Haitian pastors and Christians exercise discernment, and that God will preserve the integrity of the gospel and their worship, and for our quarterly pastor's schools as we continue working to equip the Haitian pastors.
- ▶ success and protection for our summer work teams .
- ▶ GSM Children's Bible Camps in July.
- ▶ God's continued guidance, strength, and protection for Bill & Sandy as they face daily challenges

Silent Night ?

Even at night, the streets of Haiti are normally a beehive of activity. People everywhere, hustling and bustling all about. But it was a strange Friday night in December when the streets of Milot were eerily deserted. Not a soul to be seen or heard.

We had enjoyed supper and fellowship that evening with a new missionary couple from Canada who lived a couple of miles up the road from Bon Berger. Around 9:30 pm we began the drive back to the GSM compound. Almost immediately as we pulled out onto the main road we noticed something very unusual - there were no people anywhere. Not a soul. No lights. A blackout. We were all alone on a very dark, deserted, moonless night. Where did everyone go? Homes everywhere, but no lights and no people. Just silent darkness. It was puzzling. We even joked that perhaps we had understood the rapture in some backwards manner, and were the only people left on the earth. We wondered about it into the night.

The next day we were coming home from a Saturday afternoon Bible study in Milot. One of our Haitian workers - Joselyn - was with us. Remembering the prior evening, we wondered if he might have some explanation for the previous night's mystery. So we began to quiz him as to where all the people had gone the previous night. He knew exactly what had cleared the streets. After some hesitation he began to tell us. A very large voodoo worship service was taking place that night. They called upon one of the major demonic spirits. The purpose was for those who had made contracts with Satan to pay their debts. It was collection night. Anyone and everyone who was not participating in the ritual had retreated into the "safety" of their homes, extinguishing their lights to hide, and shutting themselves in tight. Most did so out of fear, but some, particularly Christians, did so to pray.

Yes, Haiti is a land where Satan still holds an iron-clad grip on most people, sometimes on entire villages. The liberating power of Jesus Christ is the only hope for Haiti.