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**Bill & Sandy
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Missionaries to Haiti
for over 17 years

A Word from the Field

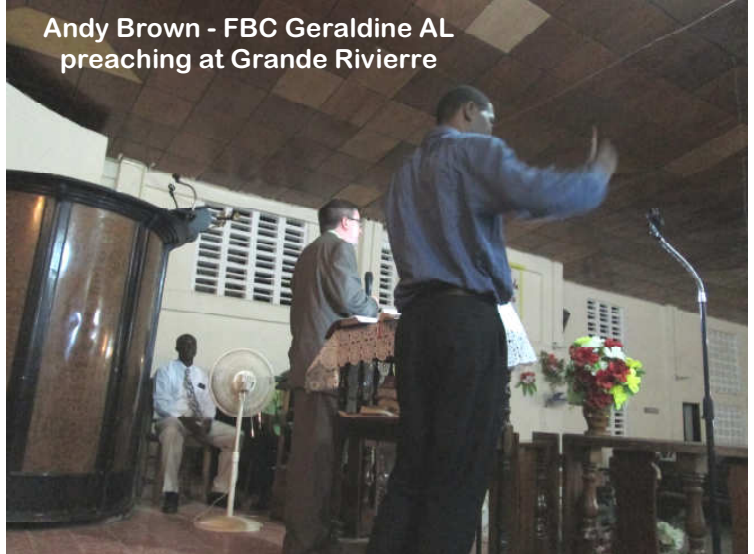
In January a new staff member came on board with GSM. He is Pastor Maxis Michelle. He is serving as Chaplain to the Students. His primary work will be chapel services each week for the High School children. We are blessed to have him with us. He was a member of our first graduating class out of the Milot high school back in the mid-eighties. He Pastors a large congregation in Grande Rivierre. He is the President of Evangelism Explosion for the country of Haiti. He recently resigned as President of one of the largest Haitian Baptist Associations in the country. Recently I was working in an area, not far from the church, where I could over hear him as he was speaking to our High School. He was exhorting the students by telling them they were a member of a school that has produced many leaders in the nation of Haiti. Many that are pastors, and also many that serve in influential positions of government. I do not know if that encouraged them or if it had any influence at all, but it certainly encouraged me. I am probably like most people and sometimes wonder if what I am doing is making any difference at all. I understand it is all God and I am truly thankful He is using Sandy and I in this ministry.

- Bill & Sandy Younger

Keswick Bible Conferences



over 1000 people fill the sanctuary
at FBC Grande Rivierre



Andy Brown - FBC Geraldine AL
preaching at Grande Rivierre

Every spring GSM holds Keswick Bible Conferences across northern Haiti. You may wonder, “*what is a Keswick Bible Conference?*” Well here is the answer: in 1875, in the village of Keswick, England, a historic season of revival took place that lasted for years. There were 5 basic themes that were preached at that first meeting. A tradition soon began whereby God’s people would gather every year in Keswick, and preach anew and afresh those 5 great themes of revival. Thus the annual Keswick Conference was born. In the years since, Keswick Conferences spread worldwide where God’s people would gather to hear the preaching of those 5 great Biblical themes for revival. An important element of the themes is that they build upon each other in the given order. They are like building blocks of revival. Today, GSM still continues the tradition of the annual preaching of the revival message. The desire is to strengthen and gain revival for the Haitian church.

In the 141 years that have passed since the 1875 revival, the themes have been preached from perhaps every book in the Bible, focusing on hundreds of passages and Bible characters. But the 5 great revival themes remain intact. So what are the 5 great themes? Here at GSM, we have standardized the themes so that our preaching teams can all be sharing the same basic revival message, even if preaching from different texts. Here is how we present these 5 great revival themes ...

Message 1: SIN in the life of the believer (*sin keeps us from experiencing revival and must be dealt with*)

Message 2: SANCTIFICATION and cleansing from sin (*Jesus will cleanse us from sin, and free us from sin’s power*)

Message 3: SURRENDER (*Jesus must be Lord; self must no longer rule the throne of our lives*)

Message 4: SPIRIT-FILLED living (*walking daily in obedience to, and under the leadership of, the Holy Spirit*)

Message 5: SERVICE (*the capstone: living a life of Christian service for God; impossible without the first four*)

In March, GSM held 5 simultaneous conferences in 5 different churches (*villages*) in northern Haiti. Several of the churches are pastored by men who graduated from our schools in the eighties. We had 7 preachers (*Don Graham - Glen Iris Baptist, Birmingham AL; Jackie Connell - Eden Westside Baptist, Pell City AL; Roger Graham - Bellevue Baptist, Gadsden AL; Andy Brown - FBC Geraldine AL; Glenn Bonds - Providence Baptist, Clanton AL; Billy Wayne Morris - Pinetucky Baptist, Heflin AL; and Bryan Camp - O.K. Baptist, Lawrenceburg TN*).

Combined total attendance was between 7000 and 8000. Hundreds, if not thousands, of decisions were made.



Aimee Jean

was left at GSM when she was 18 months old. Bill & Sandy have raised her ever since. Recently, Bill discovered she had a living grandmother in Cap Haitien. Now Aimee spends time between the two. Recently she has been diagnosed with Typhoid Fever and Sickle Cell Anemia. Please pray for Aimee, Bill, and Sandy.

New Generators

Sometimes God’s provision and blessings surprise us. Recently, and unexpectedly, two generous benefactors provided two brand new Caterpillar diesel generators for GSM. One to replace our tired 57 year old generator at Milot, and one to provide current and future power needs for the hospital project at Savane Carree. And another benefactor has provided 2 older, but very good generators to supply back-up power in the event of an emergency.

*Ephesians 3:20 !
Philippians 4:19 !*



Spring Pastor's School

GSM conducts quarterly Pastor's Schools to strengthen and equip the local Haitian pastors.

In March, Billy Wayne Morris (*Pinetucky Baptist, Heflin AL*) taught the book of Philippians, and Jackie Connell (*Eden Westside Baptist, Pell City, AL*) taught the book of 2 Thessalonians. Several of these pastors are alumni of our GSM schools.

Here is this quarter's class ...



New Truck

For several years we have been praying for a new truck. We needed it for several reasons: 1) we are having to drive our big Diahatsu truck for general errands; 2) we often do not have enough vehicles to meet our transportation needs when teams are down; 3) and we just needed a basic utility vehicle for daily needs and transportation. Now God has faithfully met that need. We are thankful to the people of Northside Baptist Church in Dallas GA, and 2 other individuals for providing the finances for this vehicle. It is a brand new 2016 Nissan Frontier quad-cab with a diesel engine and 4 wheel drive! It doesn't look brand new in this picture because it just completed the grueling trip from the dealer in Port-au-Prince to our Milot compound.



The Hope of Christmas

This is a bit of a late report, but we do want to share the good news of our Christmas ministry. 2015 was another grand year. And we are very thankful for the 45 churches that made this ministry possible by helping with the effort. And there was also a group of special needs children and adults that helped, as well as a retirement home. Once again, we had enough gifts for all of our school children and teachers, as well as enough gifts to carry this ministry beyond GSM to several other Christian schools in our area. And we remain excited that literally thousands of Haitian children are gathered each year to hear the story of Christ's birth and why He chose to come and save us from our sin, lost-ness, and doom. The most important part of *"The Hope of Christmas"* is the gathering of the children into each campus sanctuary for the preaching of the good news of Christ's birth. And we also want to thank the two teams that went to Haiti to help us with the distribution of the gifts and the preaching of the story of Christmas. Well, you know what they say: *"a picture is worth a thousand words"*. So ...



The Shepherd's Care Project

Savane Carree Medical Dormitory / Mission House



We continue to move forward with our Shepherd's Care project for a year-round medical presence in Savane Carree. It has been astonishing to see how God has provided this year, both financially, and in the way of manpower.

We have had four teams in particular this year that have really gotten a lot done. And some of the work (*pictured at the bottom*) was on a 30' x 50' depot/garage/shop/storage building.

A group from FBC Geraldine made 2 trips in to complete that building. Some of the men came down in early February to pour the concrete foundation slab. And then they came back with more men in late February to erect the building (*which had been shipped down back in October on the Christmas bag container*). And some of that crew did all manner of additional work in the mission house.

And then in mid-February some men came

down - some from LifePoint Church in Palm Bay FL, and some from Elkton Road Baptist in Athens AL - and they laid 3000 square feet of ceramic tile upstairs and downstairs. Six men doing that in 5 days is quite an accomplishment !

And then in early March a group came down from Eden Westside Baptist in Pell City AL. I guess you could call them the high-wire artists as they worked high up installing vinyl soffits and gables. It radically improved the aesthetics of the building. They also did other finishing work on the house ranging from plumbing to electric.

And through all of these teams, we are reminded to thank God for answering our prayers for the safety of all of these workers. We are thankful, and pray for His continued watch-care on the project.

One particular area of prayer need is for the water-well. The ground at Savane Carree is very rocky, and the water deep. We are having trouble finding someone to drill for us. Please pray for that.

And a need we have is for people to come and help us get this facility painted. The dates are flexible from June 1 - Aug 14.

Finally, pray for Bill & Sandy as they seek out God's will and path for the medical partnership that will be needed in the near future. Bill and Sandy have already had extensive conversations and meetings in this regard. Keep them in your constant prayers.

