

### A Time of Testing - A Time for Prayer Follow-up report #3

God has granted us miraculous resolution to our current difficulties and restructuring needs. THANK YOU for yours prayers that God has mercifully answered. A Haitian judge even worked beyond his scope of duty, and in our favor, to help us resolve some of the legal kinks we were facing in our restructuring efforts. That is why we call it miraculous. Please continue to pray as we bring these changes into full implementation.

Bill & Sandy are still in Haiti, and making great progress on everything from our restructuring needs at Biclaire, to our medical clinic development at Savane Carree, to finishing out the interior of the new high school.

We are continuing to pay our Haitian staff and workers through these crises, and our financial needs remain the same. Being able to pay our 140+ Haitian workers is critical. The Haitian people are experiencing a tremendous financial crisis at present. Over the last few years the Haitian dollar has collapsed in value and inflation has rocketed. Just a few years ago the exchange rate was 7 Haitian dollars for 1 U.S. dollar. Today it is 20 Haitian dollars for 1 U.S. dollar. This means that their buying power is only around 1/3 of what it was just a few years ago. They are much poorer because of the collapse of their dollar. We are thankful that your faithful support is enabling us to continue to pay our workers even during this dual crisis of financial ruin and pandemic disease in their country.

The Haitian borders remain closed at present. There is no airline service into Cap Haitien. The Haitian government will not let MFI fly passengers out. So Bill & Sandy are continuing to focus on the multitude of projects that need work right now, and will come out for their long overdue furlough when things open up again in Haiti.

Keep Bill & Sandy, the GSM Board of Directors, and the Haitian people in your constant prayers as we navigate these troubled waters.

# **Summer Container**

This summer we plan to load a container and ship needed supplies to Haiti. It will be used primarily to ship solar panels, furnishings for the mission house at Savane Carree, and furnishings and equipment for the medical clinic at Savane Carree.

## Thank you

We are amazed and humbled by the faithfulness of God and His people during these unusual days. Your support of the work in Haiti has continued unabated in spite of the uncertainty and difficulty at home in the U.S. May God honor you for that. Our bills are paid, and we don't have any debt. This is all quite amazing. And we thank God for His provision, and you for your faithfulness.

## 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 140 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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# **Biclaire** Development & Restructuring

Our Biclaire compound is being restructured in order to facilitate our future work there.

There is a church that GSM has allowed to meet in our facilities for over 20 years. And now, due to a number of issues, it will be best for the church to become independent of GSM. To facilitate that, GSM is donating our existing chapel, and the small tract of land it occupies, to the congregation. And because the church building is situated at the front entrance to the compound, we will have to re-orient our campus to face the boundary road on our undeveloped land to the west, with a new entrance gate for GSM on the west side road.

The new property line wall which will separate the church building and property from the GSM property has already been built and paid for by GSM.

Here are the remaining needs that will complete the restructuring of our ministry at Biclaire ...

- gravel driveway on unimproved land ...... \$ 2,500.00
- chapel building for the school ..... \$ 18,000.00
- new west side front gate ..... \$ 1,000.00
- 636' of additional security wall ..... \$ 24,000.00

# **Biclaire Restructuring Plan**



# Solar Power - update

Recently, we were blessed with a gift of 28 solar panels. When installed, this will basically double our existing solar generating capacity - which will reduce our dependence on our diesel generators, and the expensive and sometimes impossible to get diesel fuel to run them.

## **Critical Needs Summary**

if you can help, contact Lamar at 334-301-4764 or gsm1974@att.net

- bathroom for Savane Carree high school teachers & med clinic (we will use Haitian workers)	\$ 5,000
- new battery banks for our solar arrays in Milot and Savane Carree (buy in Haiti)	\$ 8,000
- medical equipment & furnishings for our clinic at Savane Carree	\$ 4,500
- container to ship supplies this summer (medical equip., solar panels, mission house furnishings)	\$ 5,500
- new gravel driveway at Biclaire	\$ 2,500
- new chapel building at Biclaire	\$ 18,000
- new front gate at Biclaire	\$ 1,000
- 636' of additional security wall at Biclaire	\$ 24,000
- Savane Carree Mission House furnishings (washer & dryer)	\$ 1,100