



Mission Bon Berger *Savane Carree, de Haiti*

November 2023

A Word from the Field

The first week of October, Sandy and I went on a driving trip in the U.S. to visit a few of the individuals and churches that support GSM. We only had a few days. We wish we could have visited everyone, but we could only see a handful in the short time we had. But we will continue our efforts to visit people when we can. We had personal reasons for the trip too. It has been nearly four years since we have had teams coming into Haiti because the country has been so unstable. And we have been anxious to see people and renew relationships formed in the years when so much was being accomplished by the teams that came and served in Haiti. It was very encouraging for both of us.

GSM is still very much committed to the long term goals of the ministry. One of which is to have complete educational programs for pre-school through pre-college on all three of our campuses, including grades 1 - 12. Milot has long had a complete program. The facilities at Savane Carree have been completed and we are building up the high school each year by adding classes as the students progress. Biclair has up to 10th grade but lacks facilities to go further. We have plans to build additional high school facilities to accommodate classes through grade 12 and pre-college. Currently we are using the new chapel at Biclair for our 10th grade students. We will begin bringing in teams to begin work on that project in January 2024. Prep work will involve the groundwork and forms for the concrete slab. We expect expenses for the groundwork, concrete slab, purchase of the 35' x 80' metal building, and shipping the building to Haiti to be around \$80,000.00 USD. Pray with us that we may move forward as God supplies the need.

This month we brought in a shipping container filled with the Christmas gifts for all the children. We were also able to send 50 pound bags of rice for all of our employees. That's over 4 tons of rice! A team is coming in the middle of December to share your gifts and to preach the gospel of the great gift of salvation that God gave to us at Christmas.

We are also planning to restart our medical teams in 2024. These teams provide examinations and preventative medicines for all of our students. We are planning our first medical team for February 2024. Please continue to pray, as we restart that work.

We thank God that the environment in the north of Haiti is not the same as it is in the Port-au-Prince area in the south. It is as if there are two different countries. The mountain ranges in the central part of the country seem to create a natural border. We still have high prices for the scarce fuel supplies that come from Port-au-Prince. But we are still able to carry on the work of GSM.

Please continue to keep Sandy and I, and our Haitian workers, in your constant prayers.

Thank you.

- Bill & Sandy Younger



The Hope of Christmas

Even though Haiti is in such distress, this year has been by far the easiest and smoothest year we have ever experienced in getting your gift bags shipped into the country. This can only be understood as God's miraculous answer to prayer! Thank you for praying.

Christian Lavaux handles everything on the Haitian side of this effort. If you remember, Christian was left at our compound as an 8 year old orphan back in 1976. Today he is the administrator over all we are doing in Haiti.

The current status of The Hope of Christmas is this ...

- the container has safely arrived in Cap Haitien, been inspected, and cleared by Customs
- it was safely trucked to our Milot compound and unloaded
- nothing was lost
- a small team from the U.S. is going down December 14 - 21
- they will work alongside our Haitian teachers and chaplains to share worship and gifts
- please keep all these things in your prayers.
- we will hopefully be able to share pictures of this year's ministry in our next newsletter



Some of the Christmas gifts and mission supplies staged and ready to load back in October at our warehouse in Thorsby, AL. Note the 3 pallets of rice - over 4 tons - that we are sending in with the bags!



Our container - loaded and leaving our Thorsby warehouse on October 12 - bound for Miami, then on to Haiti!

A Truck for Christian

Christian's work involves a tremendous amount of traveling between our 3 compounds, his home, and the business center of Cap Haitien. We need to provide a good vehicle for him to use. Our experience has been that the shipping, duty tax, breakdowns (*a safety issue*) and repairs for a used vehicle have not been cost effective. A new small pickup truck can be bought in Haiti for around \$38,000.00 USD. Please give this your prayerful consideration.



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 any time ...

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