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## Campus Life Week

October 15 - 19

**Starting with Revival!** Our GSM schools are on the trimester system. And we set the tone for each new trimester with campus revival services for all of our students, on all of our campuses. This trimester, Jason Grissom (*Talladega, AL*) and TJ Tims (*Franklin, TN*) conducted our campus revivals. Jason and TJ report that many decisions were made - perhaps 100 professions of faith. Some of the children shared their personal testimonies as a part of the services. Jason conducted a survey and learned that around 1/3 of these children live in homes where the parents actively practice Voo-Doo. What a great opportunity we have to share the Truth with these children. And some may carry that Truth back to their homes as a witness for the Gospel !

## GSM Medical Ministries

GSM conducts regular and ongoing medical clinics for all of our children and teachers. Some medical people have reported that our children are the healthiest they have seen anywhere in the country. Our fall clinics ministered to over 1600 people.

### Medical Team Oct 30 - Nov 6



Dr Argentina Brito examines a child with some help from Jessica Cain. Dr Brito is from the Dominican Republic. Jessica is from Indiana Avenue Baptist Church in LaFollette, TN.

Missy Claiborne, RN makes friends. Missy is also from LaFollette, TN.



Barb Roach shares the Joy. Barb is from LaFollette too.



### Medical Team Nov 13 - Nov 20

Thanks to Dr's Corrine & Chap Bean for leading the effort. They have served with GSM many times in Haiti. They are from Cocoa Beach, FL.



Suzanne Williams, RN checks an ear. Suzanne is from Thorsby, AL.



These happy children waiting to see the doctor don't seem too concerned about it!



# In All Things Give Thanks

from the heart of Bill & Sandy Younger

I think this year was probably the hardest year we have had since we started working in Haiti. I must insert here that I say that every year. Each year brings with it a new set of situations, and sometimes carries forward some from the previous year. Changes come and the problems that God uses to strengthen us always accompany them. Only one thing never changes, and that is God's faithfulness to us and all of His children. This year has been one of those years that we have surely experienced His faithfulness. The situations have been deeper and harder but the blessings have been greater and more amazing.

I began thinking about this after Thanksgiving. The holiday came so fast I wasn't really aware that it was here. We had not celebrated it for a few years and I had thought it would be the same this year. Just before the holiday, a medical team came in to do physicals on all the children. All but one person on the team were people that had served here before. One of the greatest blessings Sandy and I have experienced is the wonderful people God has brought our way to help us in this ministry. Brothers and Sisters we love and respect. Each has contributed to our encouragement along the way. This team brought with them all the fixings for a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner. It was a great surprise and a wonderful blessing.

That experience made me think of all the people that are involved in this ministry and keep it going, sometimes under severe conditions. One of those times was the great financial trial we experienced this year. We arrived at a time, that I have to confess, I truly began to wonder if God wanted us to even continue. Lamar, who by the way is one of the greatest blessings God has brought to this ministry, wrote a letter to the many supporters of this ministry and the response was an overwhelming blessing of God through His people. The results were enough to completely handle all of our current financial needs. It was a tremendous outpouring of God's provision meeting our needs, strengthening our commitment, and confirming our ministry, through the sacrifices of all of you who are so faithful. We are truly grateful and wish to express this through this letter, if that is even possible.

Friday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>, we received the Christmas container, full of supplies and the gifts for the children and employees. When I opened the container and we began unloading, I thought of how much has been given to go into this container. Not just material goods and money, but the hard work that many put into the whole project. There were a lot of building materials (*miraculously provided*) that reminded me of the schedule of teams coming in to continue the development of the facilities. This morning I was up in the back of the property looking back over the campus and thought about all the work that has been done by the many teams that God brings, and was again thankful for His faithfulness. That same Friday morning, early before the container had arrived, I heard the sound of the children singing in the weekly chapel services and it reminded me of why we were here. And again, I was thankful for how God was using this ministry to affect the lives of so many children and adults.

I guess the Thanksgiving holiday has done its work in us, and opened our eyes anew to the promises of our God, and made the difficulties we faced begin to dim in the light of His faithfulness. We are looking forward to coming to the states next month to celebrate Christmas with our family and then in January to celebrate the GSM Family Reunions with you. I hope many of you will be able to come as it is a great time of worship, fellowship, and encouragement for Sandy and I. Lamar will be getting out the word on the dates and times soon. We look forward to being able to personally say thank you.

## The GSM High School Scholarship Program - from Bill Younger

At GSM we do not have a child sponsorship program. The elementary school is almost free. GSM pays all the teachers, workers and all school expenses. The students only pay for their uniforms and books, which is a relatively small amount which they can afford.

But we do have a scholarship program for the High School. The high school is much more expensive for those students. The scholarship program enables the high school to accept students that would otherwise be unable to attend. The students only know that they are going for free, or half price, because the school is allowing them to attend based on their family's economic hardship. The mission supplements the High School for these children. If the student body knew the mission was paying for them the other students would stop paying, hoping that the mission would pay for them also. So this program is not publicized to the students. This is between the school administration and GSM.

We maintain a scholarship account that GSM supporters can give to, and, from that account, we supplement the high school for the lost income they incur by letting the students come free, or at half tuition. Other than the money the school receives from us for that purpose they are completely self-supporting through tuition. The number of students that can be allowed to attend free or at half the normal tuition is set according to how much money we receive in the scholarship account. It is by faith giving.

If the Lord leads you to make a special gift to the High School Scholarship Program, just make a note on your check. Please let this be above and beyond your regular GSM support so that the broader ministry does not suffer.

## An Opportune Time

In Luke 4:13 the Bible records that Satan left off tempting Jesus until "*an opportune time*" (NAS). The King James says "*for a season*". That means he was coming back, that he would try again. This teaches us that Satan thinks, strategizes, and conspires. For some time now the work of Christ all across Haiti has been very fruitful, impacting the country mightily. But Satan ruled this country with an iron fist for 200 years - and is not going to give it up without a vicious fight. The past year, there have been unprecedented attacks on this ministry by our adversary. As well, Haitian pastors have intimated to us that Satan seems to be ramping up his attacks. There seems to be a fresh satanic offensive. One Haitian pastor said that he is afraid to eat food or drink water from his village for fear of poisoning. One U.S. pastor, serving recently during our campus revival week, said he has never sensed such spiritual opposition and conflict - not from our children, but from Satan. It seems Satan is pushing back - hard. He doesn't want us there. It seems that he has decided this is the opportune time he has been seeking to re-stake his claim on this weary country. What this means brothers and sisters, is that it is time to pray for Bill & Sandy and the work of GSM as never before. Please pray daily and unceasingly. Like a boa constrictor feeling his prey slipping free, Satan is trying to regain his grip on this country. Pray for your Haitian brothers and sisters as they struggle to remain faithful to Christ. Pray for Haitian pastors. Pray for Haiti.

## Great News

The Christmas container arrived in Haiti, and all of the gifts & supplies are safely on our Milot compound. As this newsletter goes to press, a great Christmas Team of 14 people are in Haiti for the Christmas ministry. This is an answer to prayer.

## Tax Deduction?

Are you planning to make special charitable contributions for the 2012 tax year? Please remember GSM.

The work is going well, and there is much more that we want to be doing, but we need your help.

We are a 501(c)(3) ministry, so all gifts are tax deductible. Be sure to postmark your best gift by Dec 31.

Thank you and may God bless you.