

Ready for Company !



March 2017

Newsletter

It has been a long time since our last good report. Much has been accomplished and God has provided and blessed in many wonderful ways.

We can't describe and share everything that has taken place, but hopefully this report will provide you with most of the highlights.

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Thanksgiving

It is difficult to find words to express how thankful we are to all of you who are so faithful to support GSM and the Lord's work in Haiti. It is something we are mindful of on a daily basis.

*"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you,
always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer
for you all, in view of your participation in the
gospel from the first day until now."*

- Phil 1:3-5

Thank you for **Praying**.
Thank you for **Giving**
Thank you for **Going**.

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Bill & Sandy Younger **Celebrating 20 Years of** **Christian Service in Haiti** **UPDATE #3**

Our preparations are going well as we anticipate the celebration of Bill and Sandy's upcoming 20th Anniversary of Christian service in Haiti.

We anticipate a special presentation of your gift to them when they are out on furlough in August of this year. We will inform you as we get closer as to the specifics and the total amount collected for the gift.

Although the official campaign for giving to this cause ended March 5, anyone who still wants to give between now and August can do so. Just be careful to clearly designate it on your check as being for Bill and Sandy's 20th Anniversary gift, and we will add it to our total.

Christian Education grades 1 - 12 **continues to be the core work of GSM**

At our last board meeting Bill reported that things are the best they have ever been in our schools. This relates to the quality of Christian Education we are providing, the quality and work of our Haiti Staff (*120+ workers*), and the relationships we are enjoying with our workers.

- Gourneau Norcejour, our school administrator, continues to do a great job overseeing the operation of our schools.
- we are still striving to provide Campus Revivals each tri-mester, and anticipate that the Christian Emphasis in our schools will increase in the coming year.
- a near term goal for our school work is to develop a high school on the Savane Carre campus, and to expand our high school at Biclaire to add Jr. and Sr. classroom space and the needed faculty for these higher grades.
- enrollment on our three campuses is 1600+ students.
- please keep our ministry of Christian Education in your constant prayers.



The Hope of Christmas 2016

the Christmas Ministry of GSM

Thanks to the support of so many churches and individuals, we had another wonderful Christmas ministry this year. And we were able to extend this ministry well beyond our GSM school children to include several other church schools in our area that are pastored by alumni of our GSM schools.

As always, the sharing of your gifts includes worship services. The children sing songs, and a clear presentation of the Gospel - *The Hope of Christmas* - is given through the preaching of the Word of God.

And it must be noted, to the credit of the Haitian children, that this "*preaching*" is just that - genuine preaching - thirty to forty-five minute sermons - like you would hear in big church at your home churches - and the children remained attentive, engaged, and disciplined to the end of the service.



▲ inspection time

▼ proclamation



▲ kindness



Snapshots of Things That Had to Get Done

over the past few months to get Savane Carree ready

- there are many things that we do not have pictures of.
- there is so much more that was done that is not shown.
- there are so many people that served, but are not recognized.

So many people painted - laid tile - ran electrical wiring - set toilets - installed cabinets, vanities, fixtures, plumbing - assembled bunk beds - and much more.

- so many people gave
- so many people prayed
- so many people went
- we thank you all.

Here are but a few snapshots ...



▲ installing the well pump at Savane Carree

▼ turning the water on for the first time - will it work? YES!



▲ building the water tower

▼ installing the water purification unit



New Garage at Milot

Feb 6 - 11, 2017

A group of men from FBC Geraldine came in February to erect a building on the concrete pad that was laid by the men that came with the Fall Medical Team some months earlier. It is a marvelous thing to see how churches work together for the Lord. The men in November had to set anchor studs in the concrete such that when the men came to install the metal beams onto the anchors, everything had to line up perfectly - within tolerances of perhaps 1/4 inch - and it did! I think everyone breathed a sigh of relief when it all lined up just right. We thank the Lord for His amazing grace, and brothers in Christ that work together.



▲ forming the pad in Nov

▼ up it goes in Feb



▼ almost done



↖ our old faithful Diahatsu truck, laden with Christmas bags, is halted by the trench in the road.

↗ the trench !



← the way is made clear, and happy school children run behind the GSM truck all the way back to the school ! Our success this day was due to answered prayer.

An interesting thing happened to the second team this year. The unceasing torrential fall rains had put the roads in terrible shape. The road to our school at Biclaire was particularly difficult. The village was having no success in getting their road repaired by the government - so they took things into their own hands. They dug a 4 ft deep by 4 ft wide trench all the way across the road to Biclaire, making it impassable to all comers. We were cut off. But Christian Lavaux (*one of our most faithful workers*) stepped into the large crowd surrounding the trench, and began to negotiate the situation with them. Meanwhile, children from our school, being aware of the situation, hiked up to the roadblock and began to lobby intensely for the village leaders to let us through. And in a short time, AMAZINGLY, several Haitian men began to fill in the trench, but just barely enough for our trucks to get across and on to the school. The children all ran back to the school, and we were able to share *"The Hope of Christmas"*. And yes, they left our little spot filled so we could get home again.

Fall Medical Clinic

Oct 29 - Nov 5, 2016

Our spring and fall medical clinics are aimed at keeping our school children, faculty, and workers as healthy as possible.

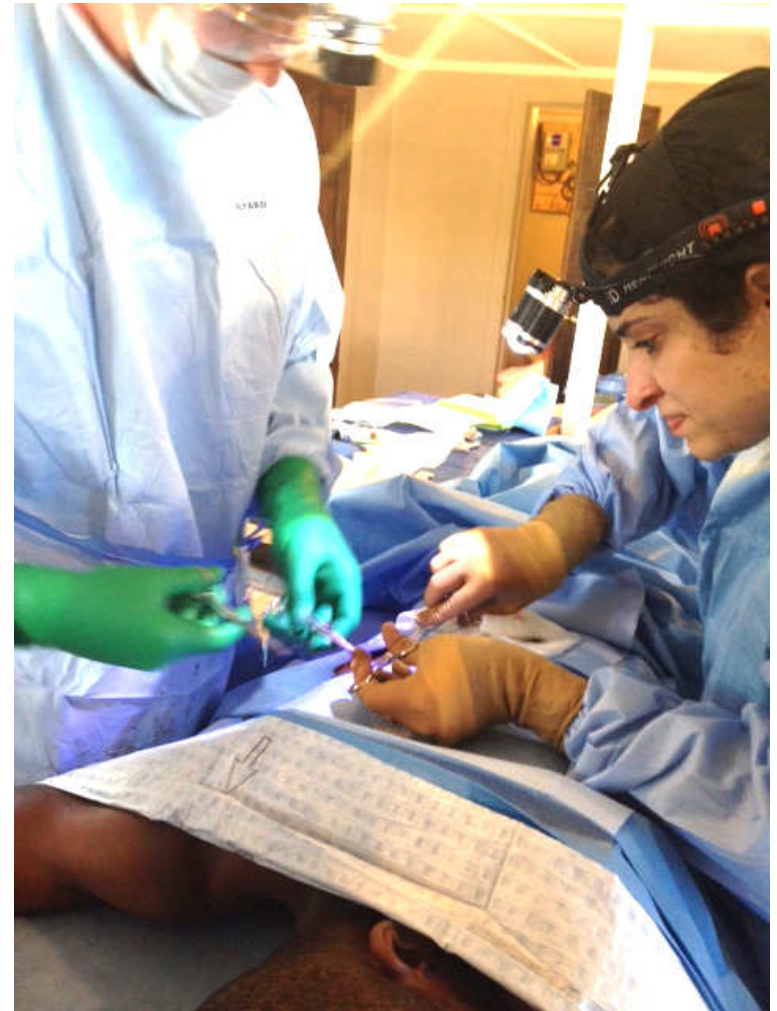
This fall, team members from 3 states and 5 churches cooperated to staff our clinic. They came from Arkansas, Tennessee, and Alabama.

We are grateful to those who come and minister to our school children and staff.



▲ the Clinic at Milot

sometimes a little love and TLC is
the best medicine ▼





▲ Dr. Phillip Foshee, FBC Clanton AL completes a medical card

▼ Dr. Lonnie Sessler, Grace Bible Church Mena AR listening for problems



The Shepherd's Care Project

February 11-19, 2017

A few years ago, GSM launched the vision to bring medical care, even surgeries, to the Haitian communities surrounding our compound at Savane Carree. This ministry is not to be confined to our school children, but will be for the broader community on a year-round basis.

This has been an amazing journey. God's provision has been both miraculous and astonishing.

We have been consulting with a medical ministry (*FaithCare*) out of Pennsylvania/Connecticut for some time now with a view toward a long-term relationship in this work. Our relationship began with the earthquake of 2010. Since then they have visited several times. They toured the compound at Savane Carre. And according to their counsel, we have extensively remodeled the old mission house to serve as a surgical building. In short, the medical group told us what they needed, then Bill and many wonderful team members did the work specified. The doctors came, the facility was great, surgeries were performed.

Also, according to their counsel, we remodeled three rooms in the church facility to serve as a pharmacy, triage room, and consultation room. In short the doctors (*who have served in third world settings around the world*) said that our new dormitory and the facilities we had prepared were the best they have ever had. This is a testimony to God's amazing grace and provision, and Bill and Sandy's determination and faithfulness over the last few years.

When we scheduled this first working partnership for February, there was an amazing amount of anticipation, even some apprehension. Would the new dormitory actually work when packed with 21 doctors and nurses? Would they have water? Would the stoves work? Would the generators make electricity? And on and on.

In short, the week was an amazing success. Everything went great. The relationships were wonderful.

The Haitian people were lined up before dawn at our gate, seeking help. Many spent the night outside our gate in the hopes of being first in line to see a doctor the next morning.

According to the FaithCare report ...

- 23 surgeries were performed (*hernia repairs, etc.*)
- 1367 individuals were ministered to in other ways
- 1269 received spiritual counsel and prayer
- 81 people made professions of faith in Jesus Christ

The FaithCare doctors saw a large number of men with prostrate problems. They were not equipped to deal with this, so when they get home, they are going to assemble a team of specialists and return to minister exclusively to these men.

► please pray continually for the GSM / FaithCare relationship as we go forward.

These pictures will tell a story of their own, here, and on the following pages ...

