



Mission Bon Berger Savane Carree, de Haiti

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MIRACLE AT MADLYN

Things have been difficult in Haiti. Last month one of our board members visited Bill & Sandy for a week. The trip in came off without incident. However, the drive to carry our board member to the Cap Haitien airport to go home did not go so well. Roads were blocked and protests were active. So Bill took the back roads to the airport. There was some difficulty, but they managed to get to the airport. On the trip back to Savane Carree Bill once more took the back roads in an effort to avoid trouble. Christian Lavaux was with Bill and Sandy, so he served as guide. Shortly into the trip, as they were negotiating a large mud hole, a gang of 30 or so Haitian men laid siege upon the van by throwing blocks and lumber in the road. Christian immediately jumped out of the van, placing himself in harm's way in an effort to protect Bill & Sandy. One man stood near the front passenger's window with a gun in his hand. He seemed extremely agitated. Others had guns drawn also. Bill tried talking with the man to no avail. After that all Bill remembers is arguing with the man and Christian was arguing with other men and then everything suddenly changed. We have no explanation save for the intercessory prayers of God's people, coupled with God's mercy, grace, and power. The men removed the blocks and lumber and told us we can pass. There was no robbery, no death, and no kidnapping. However, as Bill made effort to pass, he found our van to be stuck firmly in the mud bog. Then ... behold, *"stand still and see the salvation of the Lord"* (Exodus 14:13). The armed gunmen surrounded the van and began to push Bill, Sandy free of the mud bog. The agitated man that had confronted Bill with a gun, was shouting ... *"turn your wheels a little to the right, and you'll be free"*. Indeed as the men pushed, Christian jumped in and Bill, Sandy, and Christian continued their journey to Savane Carre without incident. This is the miracle at Madlyn.

Newsbriefs

- with the help of some special gifts, we have been able to significantly upgrade the lab capabilities of the Savane Carre medical clinic. We have recently added an autoclave, centrifuge, and mixer. This is helping us in our ability to provide some basic lab work.
- our annual Christmas ministry is progressing well. Church support was very good. The Christmas container is in port in Cap Haitien, and Christian is making good progress in getting it cleared through customs. Pray for this to go well. It may be that we can have it on our compound this week. Because it is not safe to send in a team this year, three wonderful Haitian preachers/pastors I have written to you about in the past will be leading the Christmas ministry. They will do a good job. Remember them in your prayers. They are Jean Claude Blaise, Maxie Michelle, and Gourneau Norcejour.

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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A Word from the Field

In the midst of the Storm

The situation in Haiti has deteriorated significantly in the last 6 months. In the wake of the president's assassination and another major earthquake that took many lives, chaos has ensued and the government has not been able to pull things together. The lack of leadership has left a major void that gangs have quickly filled. The whole country seems to be under the control of gangs. The police and military do not seem to have the means to stop them and restore some degree of peace and security. The situation is more prevalent in the south (*Port-au-Prince and environs*) than in the north (*Cape Haitien and environs*). GSM's compounds are in the north of Haiti. However, there are many gangs in the north too. And they are creating major issues. Although not to the degree you find in the south.

The greatest threats from the gangs are kidnappings and carjackings (*robbery*). Many individuals, and even groups such as entire busses with their passengers, are being kidnapped for ransom. Many being set free after the ransom is paid, but some are killed.

Another problem is the hijacking of the fuel trucks that transport fuel to the North. This has left the north without gas. Some of the station owners are taking advantage of the shortage and privately selling what they have left to people at higher prices, who then sell it on the street for astronomical prices. Last week I tried to buy a few gallons and they were asking \$25.00 USD per gallon. This limits travel, and the operation of much of our equipment.

These issues have created a volatile situation. People are desperate, and see no way they can continue. As a result, they are demonstrating. And in some cases the demonstrations are getting violent. The gangs are using the confusion created by the demonstrations as an opportunity for lawlessness and extortion.

Yet, even under these extreme conditions we see GSM continuing to move forward and make progress. Our new High School at Savanne Carree has added the eighth grade. The clinic is functioning well. The schools in Milot and Biclaire are growing in attendance as a result of some of the problems with the public schools. Lamar was able to navigate the obstacles the crises here and in the U.S. have presented, and has been able to get the Christmas container to port in Cap Haitien. We are in the process of getting it released to us even in the midst of the upheaval here in Haiti. It is in the most difficult of times that we see the hand of God moving. And this has certainly been our experience here in Haiti. His provision and His protection have been clearly evident.

- Bill & Sandy Younger

The Clinic Delivers !

On October 4, our clinic at Savane Carree delivered their first baby. It was an exciting day. While the mother was in labor, Bill was sterilizing some needed medical instruments in our newly acquired autoclave. We were in the learning stage of knowing just how long the process would take. While Bill was waiting on the machine to finish the cycle, Dr. Shelove stuck her head in and told Bill *"it won't be long, I need my instruments"*. Since Lamar had worked with the machine, Bill called Lamar in the states and asked, *"how long is this going to take, I need the instruments"*. About that time Dr. Shelove stuck her head in again and said, *"Bill, the baby is almost out"*. Thankfully, at about that very moment, the machine flashed the words *"cycle completed"*, so Bill said, *"they're ready just now!"*. And yes, we are fast learners. We know now to take care of our sterilization needs well in advance.

In the meantime, the newborn is well, mother is well, and may this child soon come to know Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior.

