



Mission Bon Berger *Milot, de Haiti*

March 2020

Savane Carree High School Project

Our efforts to establish a high school program for the Savane Carree campus began over 2 years ago when First Baptist Church of Geraldine, AL said they would like to do the project. We want to thank FBC Geraldine for their perseverance in seeing this project through during the most difficult of times in Haiti.

FBC bought the metal building and loaded it into a shipping container in June of 2018. It was put on the boat in Miami, and we had it on our compound 2 weeks later.

Then a team went down in October 2018 and poured the 35' x 80' concrete slab required for the structure.

The team to erect the building was scheduled to go down in February of 2019. But the political situation became very unstable and, at the last minute, Bill cancelled the team. Not to be discouraged, the Geraldine group rescheduled their team for October of 2019. October came, and again, at the last minute, things were just too dangerous in Haiti, and Bill cancelled the team.

Now, for the third time, FBC Geraldine scheduled their crew for March 2020. This time, they made it in! And now we see that they miraculously slipped in through a very narrow window. It had political chaos and danger on one side, and was shut tight on the other side by Coronavirus precautions just after they got home. This week Haiti closed its' borders.

But through that narrow window, FBC Geraldine got in, had a great week, and got the building up! God certainly answered a multitude of prayers. Thirteen men worked hard and fast all week, many high up on beams. There were 1001 ways to be injured. Yet, miraculously, no one was hurt. We thank God for answering prayer.

And special thanks to crew leader Kerry Pope. Kerry had some serious surgery a few weeks before the trip. But he recovered well and remained determined to lead the team. We are glad he did. He was God's special man for the job. And a special thanks to Pastor Andy Brown of FBC Geraldine for remaining committed to the project through so many setbacks.

Pray for Bill & Sandy as they work to finish out and furnish the building, and begin to put together the teaching staff.



Excited elementary girls inspect their future classrooms



Solar Power

We are continuing to grow our solar capability on the Milot and Savane Carree campuses. This helps to reduce dependence on constantly running our diesel generators for electrical power.

Thanks to the Rega brothers, Tim and Joseph, for going down in February to expand our solar array. Joseph is from the Rocky Bayou Baptist Church in Niceville, FL. Tim is from the New Day Baptist Church in Freeport, FL.

They installed 16 additional solar panels. These brothers have the skills needed to mount the panels, run the wiring, hook into the battery banks, and connect the inverters.

And again we are thankful to God for answering prayer. They got in, got the job done safely and without incident, and made it safely home. God is faithful.



Needs

if you can help, contact Lamar

- septic system for the new Savane Carree High School (*we will use Haitian workers*) ... \$5000
- new battery banks for our solar arrays in Milot and Savane Carree (*buy in Haiti*) \$8000

A Time of Testing - A Time for Prayer

Follow-up report

In our last newsletter we made reference to the unusual times we are going through in Haiti. Since then our schools managed to return to 100% operations with attendance back to normal. BUT this week, due to the Coronavirus situation, the Haitian government ordered the closing of the country's borders and schools. So this is a new setback. Bill and Sandy are in Haiti, and doing well. All the while, GSM is continuing to work, making the needed changes and restructuring that will enable us to stay and continue to work in this difficult country and environment. This process of change and restructuring will continue for some time. We are continuing to pay our Haitian staff and workers through these crises, and our financial needs remain the same.

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

Bill's sister Karen passed away last week in Florida due to ongoing C.O.P.D. complications. But due to the closed borders, it seems as if he will be unable to return home for her funeral.

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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