



Mission Bon Berger

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The Work of GSM

Your support is the means by which GSM is able to provide Christian Education to over 1700 children in grades 1-12, support our Haitian staff of over 130 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. Contact us at any time ...

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Here is the latest news ...

The Political Crisis in Haiti

After having to cancel three of our work teams, Haiti is calm and back to normal at present. But there is a sense of uncertainty as to what the future may hold.

High School Construction Team

Due to political unrest, we have had to reschedule the erection of our high school building at Savane Carree to Oct 1, 2019. The concrete pad is already down and the building materials are on site. *Pray that the conditions in Haiti remain stable and that the team will be able to go down Oct. 1 and raise the building.*

Sandy

Sandy has been suffering with a hernia for some time now. She came home to Melbourne in February to have it taken care of. But that effort did not work, so she had the surgery redone in early April. After a brief recovery at home, Bill & Sandy plan to return to Haiti April 9. *Pray for Sandy to have a full recovery.*

May Medical Team

We have a strong medical team scheduled to go in on May 18. *Pray that the conditions in Haiti remain stable and that the team will be able to go in as planned May 18 and carry out that great ministry.*

Savane Carree Well

We have been working for some time now to get a new well drilled at Savane Carree. Our future plans for the work at Savane Carree (*medical work and high school*) will demand more water output than our current well can provide. The project has been difficult because under the thin layer of dirt there, the drillers run into a thick layer of solid rock. One driller gave up, most won't attempt it. But we have a Haitian driller on site now that has persisted. It has been a struggle, but he has finally gotten through the rock layer and can hopefully complete the work. *Pray that we can finish this well.*

Medical Clinic/Hospital Development at Savane Carree

We are continuing to work toward year-round medical care at our Savane Carree campus. Our strategy now is to begin with a clinic. It will have a U.S. based M.D. overseer. With communication being what it is today, this overseer can be virtually on site when needed. The onsite staff will be composed of well-qualified Haitian nationals that we know well, and most of whom are GSM alumni. *Pray for us as we continue seeking God's wisdom and leadership in bringing this ministry to fruition.*

Our New Website

With the help of a friend of the ministry, GSM has a new updated website. It is a clean, simple website with just the basic needed information. Have a look at www.gsmi-haiti.org.

Also, if you will look at the far right tab at the top of any page, you will see the “*gsm app*” tab. You can use this to download our “*app*” to your smartphone.

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A Word from the Field

Anyone paying attention to the world stage must admit things are changing. Some may say it is for the better. But I do not see that as being the case. I see evil expressing itself through men as never before. We as Christians know that the Word of God clearly tells us this will happen. But that same Word also tells us that God never changes. In that truth that we can experience tremendous peace, even when things are growing more dangerous every day. Our God never changes! He is still providing all that we need. He is still our shield and protector. And he is still granting us a peace that passeth understanding.

During the recent violent political protests in Haiti, we had an experience that proved that fact. We had been trapped at Savanne Carree for several days, unable to go anywhere because all major roads were blocked with rocks, burning tires, and armed men (*I know that this story will not help with our work team recruitment*). We decided we had to get out to get supplies. So I took one of our brave Haitian workers with me, Sonel, and headed out, hoping to get those supplies.

When we approached the first village, we came up against one of those road blocks I just described. We stopped some distance back from the blockade. While we sat there surveying the situation, we noticed that between us and them was a side road that could take us around that road block. It was blocked with only a few things. We decided to try and get through there. I began driving to that point and when we neared the side road Sonel jumped out to clear away the few objects blocking the way. Immediately two men broke from the blockade mob and began running toward us. One man threw a large bottle at Sonel but it fell short and broke all over the road. The other had a soft ball sized rock in his hand and began running straight at me in the truck. People in the village began to yell. I am not naturally a brave person, so you can imagine that my adrenaline was running high. But there was no inclination in me to retreat. I heard no voice and I saw no vision, there was just no inclination in me to retreat. As the man drew closer the crowd yelled more. When he was only perhaps 20 feet in front of the truck, threatening with his arm raised, rock in hand, face covered by a tee shirt, he stopped, turned, and slowly walked away. The crowd was suddenly quiet. Sonel had moved the obstructions, so he jumped back into the truck and we quickly left to find the needed supplies.

You may be thinking ... that's great, but what about when you have to go back through there on your way back to Savane Carree? Yes, we were a bit concerned as we returned. When we arrived back on the opposite side of the road block, we expected to turn on the same road we escaped on. But before we could turn, a few men manning the road block saw us coming. They motioned for us to keep moving, and opened a section of the roadblock for us so we could get through. Amazed, we made it home with the needed supplies.

God never changes. He is still providing, protecting and showing Himself strong to those who love Him. He will make a way.

*“ Rejoicing in hope,
patient in tribulation,
continuing instant in prayer.”*

- Romans 12:12

Paint Teams Needed

We have a constant need for paint teams on all 3 of our compounds. The best time is late June through July, when the children are out of school, so that classes are not disrupted. Call Lamar at 334-301-4764 if you need more information or want to help.