



## *Mission Bon Berger* *Savane Carree, de Haiti*

July 2022

### **Sandy Younger's Surgery !**

Bill & Sandy were scheduled to return to Haiti May 17. But Sandy had a nagging cough that had persisted for several months. So, before they returned, they felt it best to check it out. What they discovered was a cancerous mass down low in her right lung. So on June 24 surgeons removed around 30% of her right lung. The surgeon gave Bill a very encouraging report that everything went very good, the mass was cleanly contained, and Sandy is in very good health. He expects that she will recover well. On June 29 she was discharged from the hospital and is now recovering at home in Melbourne. She is feeling good and recovering well. A decision will be made later as to whether or not there should be any chemo therapy.

They have not set a time for their return to Haiti. Time will tell on that. But as soon as she is able, Bill & Sandy are eager to get back to Haiti.

Please keep them in your prayers for a continued speedy recovery. Sandy is a hard person to keep down, so pray that she doesn't overdo it. Also, pray for the Haitian leadership while Bill and Sandy are away. They have stepped up and are doing a great job in Bill & Sandy's absence. Christian Lavaux (*administration*), Gourneau Norceur (*education*), and Dr. Shelove Augustin (*medical*) are the primary leadership.

### **The State of the Ministry**

GSM is doing well. In spite of the uncertainty and instability of the country, the work is going smoothly and running at 100%.

Bill has been working for the last couple of years to develop the Haitian leadership and sense of responsibility. Hopefully the name of Christian Lavaux has become familiar to you. He is over the general administration of the ministry and has been a part of GSM since the 1970's. Keep him in your constant prayers as he continues to be a tremendous blessing in the work. Gourneau Norceur likewise has become instrumental as he leads our educational program. He is a blessing to the work. Make his name familiar in your prayers. And pray for Dr. Shelove Augustin. She is relatively new to GSM, and we pray that she will continue to grow in her leadership of our medical work.

Our weekly chapel services for our schools continues to be a fruitful blessing. Our Haitian chaplains continue to do a wonderful job. Make these men familiar in your prayers too. All are alumni of our GSM schools. Maxie Michele is at Milot. Jean Claude Blaise is at Biclair. And Gourneau Norceur is at Savane Carre.

The country continues to be in a fragile condition. Pray God's mercies and help for Haiti. We do not travel as freely or feel as safe as we did a couple of years ago. Because of this a lot of the team work we want to do has been delayed. We have run a couple of teams this year, but things are just not as favorable for that as in years past. Pray for Haiti

# Violette Lavaux

Violette Lavaux is not a name you will be familiar with. But she is the wife of Christian Lavaux, our fine administrator in Haiti. For about a year, Violette has been afflicted by terrible headaches and strange irregularities in her head. They have been unable to find help, relief, or a diagnosis in Haiti. Last month he and his wife came to the U.S. and then with Bill up to Dothan, AL. Once there, Dr. John Searcy took charge. Dr. Searcy is a member of GSM's board of directors. He had made prior arrangements for every need: lodging, neurosurgeon, CAT scans, medical facilities, and everything and everyone else that might be needed. All of the medical people and facilities involved donated their time and expertise. We are so thankful to them. They quickly found the problem. They described it as "*inter cranial hypertension*". Basically too much pressure in the skull.

The condition is very treatable via prescription medication. The medicine is expected to clear things up. The doctors don't expect that she will have to stay on the medication for the rest of her life, but only long enough to clear up the condition. In fact Christian and Violette are already back in Haiti, and she is responding well to the medication and improving.

We are thankful to Dr. Searcy and the multitude of skilled professionals that helped Violette. May God richly bless and honor their kindness. And please keep Violette in your prayers.



◀ Christian and his wife take in their temporary home at Dr. Searcy's daughter's home.

a doctor begins the first of many steps in diagnosing Violette's condition ▶



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