



Mission Bon Berger *Milot, de Haiti*

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I Thank My God

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now." – Philippians 1:3-5

In these verses, the apostle Paul is sharing his appreciation for his Christian brothers and sisters in the church at Philippi. The nature of this appreciation is understood by the word *"fellowship"* in verse 5. The word *"fellowship"* in this verse is from the familiar Greek word *"koinonia"*. In Strong's concordance the first two definitions of this word are *"partnership"* and *"participation"*. So Paul is thanking the church at Philippi for their partnership, or their participation in the missionary work of Paul from the very beginning of his missionary journeys. Through their support, they were co-laborers with Paul in the great missionary work. Without their partnership, or *koinonia*, Paul would have been unable to carry on the missionary work of Christ. And so it is at Mission Bon Berger. We are so thankful for your partnership, *your koinonia*, in the work of our Lord Jesus Christ here in Haiti. Like Paul, without you, we could not be here. Indeed this is your work, and we do thank God for each and every one of you who remain a part of the good work of our Lord here in Haiti. Being inspired by the Holy Spirit, Paul continues his thoughts on this matter in chapter 4 verses 10 – 23. I trust you will be personally blessed as you study these verses and apply them to your own life. Thanking you, in Christ.

And now about that great work ...

A Word from the Field

"Our Weapons are Mighty"

In the middle of February we hosted a group of doctors and nurses at our clinic in Savanne Carree. One night while I was walking back up to the mission house with some of the group who had gone down to check on a patient, a nurse remarked at the close proximity to our house of the witch doctor's ceremonial grounds. She said she was amazed we lived so close but in relative peace and without any visible problems. Later I was invited to share a devotion with the group and I brought up her observation. I knew what she meant, and it did appear physically there was no fighting going on between us. However, I reminded them that our battle was spiritual. I shared that we could live as close as we did with no real fear. But for him it was a different situation. I relayed to them a report I had gotten about a witch doctor one time. It was a situation where a Christian was sharing the gospel with a witch doctor. The Christian made the statement that he was talking specifically about the creator God so the witch doctor would understand clearly which God he was talking about. The witch doctor very quickly responded, "I know exactly who you are talking about. Don't you know that my god, Satan, has to go to your God to get permission before I can do anything to you"! I then shared with the group there is nothing more dangerous to a witch doctor than a praying Christian. Through God, the Christian has the power to render powerless anything the witch doctor does. I shared how one night as the witch doctor was leading a ritual, we began to pray against him. It was a clear night and at a very late hour. All of a sudden the wind began to blow with a frightening force and without notice the rain began to fall in torrents. I think you can guess that the ritual came to an abrupt end.

- Bill Younger

The Work of GSM

Your support is the means by which GSM is able to provide Christian Education to over 1500 children in grades 1-12, support our Haitian staff of over 130 workers, support our American missionaries, continue the medical care we give our staff and students, and continue sharing the Gospel in a multitude of wonderful ways. Contact us at any time ...

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Bill & Sandy's 20th Anniversary

At our annual Florida banquet January 6 we concluded our recognition and celebration of Bill and Sandy's 20th Anniversary of ministry in Haiti. In the accompanying picture, Bill is seen sharing his testimony about all that this 20 years has meant to him and Sandy.

Thank you to everyone who enabled us to honor them by paying off their home mortgage, adding a bit to their retirement, and blessing them with a cash gift.

And continue praying faithfully for Bill and Sandy and GSM as they continue their ministry in Haiti. Perhaps in 10 years we can celebrate their 30th year of ministry. Pray that they enjoy many more years of blessed and fruitful service to the Lord ... as many as the Lord may grant !



The Hope of Christmas

This year was exceptional. The quality of ministry was high. And thanks to the strong support you provided, we were able to extend this ministry well beyond our schools into many other schools in the surrounding area. In a worship setting, over 3000 children received gifts and heard a clear presentation of Christ's birth and His gospel. Your gifts communicated to the children that they are loved and remembered by God, and His people back in the U.S.. Thanks again to Harbor City Baptist Church in Melbourne, FL and Shelley Mitchell for overseeing the processing and loading of this years gifts. Here are a few pictures that tell the story ...



Kyle Giddens shares the Good News with some of the literally thousands who heard the story of Christmas ▼



▲ Children gathered for worship and the preaching of the Good News !



▲ Lifepoint Church of Palm Bay, FL sent a huge crew to help load the container. Thanks!

When Bill found out one of the team members could weld, he put him to work ! ▼



Good Shepherd / FaithCare Medical Clinic

Feb 10-17 we enjoyed another partnership with the FaithCare medical group. Twenty of their group came, performing several surgeries and ministering to the people in the Savane Carre region. We don't have a full report and pictures at this time but will provide one at a later date.