



Mission Bon Berger Milot, de Haiti

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JULY NEWSLETTER

“My God shall supply all your need”

- Philippians 4:19

Sometimes things have been a little tight here at GSM as of late, but it has certainly been exciting and wonderful to watch how God provides for His people today, even as He did when this scripture was written in Paul’s day. And like Paul, we also give thanks to you and to our Lord for how He supplies our needs here at GSM. God has certainly answered prayer in the last few months. His blessings overflow. Thank you for praying, and thank you for your continued participation in the Lord’s work here in the needy country of Haiti. We have much to tell you about in this quarter’s newsletter ...

“Exciting Things”

We hardly know where to start but here goes ...

New Church Roof at Milot: we are thankful for the people of Elkton Road Baptist Church in Athens, AL, for coming down in March and installing a brand new metal roof on the church facility at Milot. It was a BIG job. Some wood had to be replaced. The roof was steep. But it was a wonderful group of men. They worked late on the very last day they were there in order to complete the work! The church was very appreciative.





Medical Team: in May we were able to field yet another medical team to minister to the physical, as well as spiritual needs of the people of Haiti. Thanks to Dr. Lynette Graff for once again providing the leadership for the team. And thanks to First Baptist Church of Indialantic Florida for sending a great group of nurses and lay people to help make the effort a success. Around 700 men, women, and children were ministered to during the week. The team ministered in Biclair and Milot.

Summer Missionary Intern at Milot: a 22 year old young lady, Lauren LeGrand, went in with the medical team on May 20th, and is spending the summer in Haiti with Bill & Sandy. Beyond helping with the daily needs of the ministry, and being a part of all the teams that are there during the summer, one of the most exciting things Lauren is doing is her Girl's Discipleship Group. Three days a week Lauren has from 15-20 young girls come in to Mission Bon Berger at 9am for a time of Bible teaching. A nice Haitian lady named Fi-Fi is translating. This ministry is good because Lauren is able to build strong relationships with these young ladies over the course of the summer. I know that the young Haitian girls will never forget Lauren, and God will have made a permanent impact on everyone's lives.



New School Roof at Biclair: and thanks to Harbor City Baptist Church for sending a team of seven, and Concord Baptist Church of Clanton, AL, for sending job foreman/engineer Charles Wilhite, to work on the school roof at Biclair. The old roof was too flat, and the children got wet when it rained. This team came in, re-engineered the structure and framing for more fall, and installed new metal. This was a big job. And being in June, they were up on top of a very hot tin roof. Wow!

New School Roof at Milot: another group came later in June and replaced the metal roof on our elementary school in Milot. John Allfrey and Johnny Parker came from Elkton Road Baptist Church in Athens AL. And David Baldwin and Doug Hodges came from White Hall Baptist Church in Richmond, KY. Thanks to these two churches for supporting these men in this undertaking. The roof is very high, so it was a little frightening at times. And once again, being in June, they were working on hot metal all week. We know it is difficult to do metal roofs in the summer, but that is when our children are out of school. It is the only time we can do it. So thanks fellas for doing what had to be done.



New Generator: most of you know about our old 1957 generator. It was over 50 years old. It was deafening loud. It was always giving trouble. We could hardly find replacement parts. Bill was the only person who could make it work. And it has been on its' last leg for about 3 years now. Well, through the miracle of God's provision and the faithfulness of a handful of God's people, we have a brand new 40kw diesel generator. It just quietly hums. It could probably light the whole town of Milot it is so strong. And it is simple to operate. We are so thankful.

Bath House Facility at Milot: what a need and what a miracle. To be candid, we just have not had the sanitary facilities we need for the children at Milot. Bill & Sandy have had a dream for new facilities for some time. So in March, Clayton Bennett (Harbor City Baptist Church), an engineer from Melbourne, came to Milot and drew some plans for us. Now God has provided. In late June, Thom Wayne had planned to come all the way from California to carry out the construction of the project. He had raised a some money, but only about 10% of what we were going to need. We could do nothing more. But by faith, he came anyway. Literally while Thom was in the air, we received a phone call from an individual in Alabama who did not even know about the project. To make a long story short, by the end of the phone call we had all the funds we needed to go forward and complete the bath house. It was so exciting to e-mail Bill with the message, "*build the bath house!*". It is amazing and wonderful to see how God orchestrates his faithful servants from all across the world to accomplish His purposes. Wow! The bath house has ten private stalls, each containing a shower and toilet. And it was ready just in time for the 400 adults and children who came and spent the week at Bon Berger for the annual Bible Camp. We give thanks.



Keswick Bible Conference: three churches, six, evangelist, three days! We had another wonderful Keswick week in early July. Thank you to Don Graham (Don Graham Revival Ministries, Clanton, AL) for leading this effort, and to the rest of the preachers who shared God's Word with our Haitian brothers and sisters in Christ: John Harris (Chandler Springs Baptist Church, Talladega, AL), Shad Smith (Pell City, AL), Toney Wales (Elkton Road Baptist Church, Athens, AL), Glenn Bonds (Providence Baptist Church, Clanton, AL), and Dr. Larry Draper (Sound the Trumpet Ministries, Rome, GA). Hundreds attended the services at Grand Riviere, Grand Pre, and Milot. The messages centered, in this order, around the problem of *Sin*, the need for *Sanctification*, the necessity of *Surrender*, the necessity of living a *Spirit-filled* life, and then the living of a life of *Service* for Jesus Christ. And thanks to faithful Ron Smith for translating, not just during the preaching, but for every need that would arise during the week.



Bible Camp: and as we write this newsletter, the Children's Bible Camp is drawing to another close this year. Thanks to Louis Jean and his people from the Christian Fellowship Church in Ashburn, VA for leading this event. And also Dan Davis and his team from Calvary Fellowship in Arden, NC. Hundreds of children live on the compound at Mission Bon Berger the whole week. What a week! Dan has written a testimony about this year's Bible Camp. You will find it a little farther on in this newsletter.



Ongoing Daily Bible Study and Worship Time: and don't forget the ongoing daily Morning Bible Study and Worship time that Bill leads every day. As those of you who have been to Milot know, it is a richly rewarding experience. The staff at Mission Bon Berger, and some people from the community come at 7 am every morning to start the day with Bible Study and Worship. We are reading through the entire Bible together. Each day we read a chapter, followed by teaching, discussion, application, singing, and prayer.

“A Bible Camp Testimony”



The annual Children’s Bible Camp was held during the week of July 14-18. It was yet another great year for the children and the two teams that came to serve, teach, and love on them. There were 350 children representing 28 different churches and organizations from throughout northern Haiti that attended the week long bible camp.

Each day started at 5:30 a.m. with a time of praise and worship. Visiting teams from the U.S. performed skits teaching the children about the parable of the Good Samaritan and the story of Jesus and the women at the well. It was wonderful to see all the children be so energetic and excited to start each day at such an early hour. The days were filled with times of study and times of fun and games. The

children taught us Haitian games and new words in Creole. In the evenings, they would often take turns coming to the stage, to share with everyone about what they had learned that day. Some would quote scripture with such passion and confidence, while others would pray with astonishing conviction and authority, bringing to mind the story of Jesus in the temple at 12 years old. Every night the children would watch a different movie about Jesus Christ, from the “Jesus” film to “Heaven’s Gate Hell’s Flames” Most nights we could still hear the children singing in the church as we went to bed. The camp usually didn’t settle until after 10:00 each night.

It was a true blessing to get to interact with the children throughout the day. We formed many friendships with the children and we wanted to take them home with us.

It was sad to see the week come to an end but exciting to know that as the children left us on Friday there were 187 of them that had professed Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. One of the most moving times of the week is on the last day of the camp when the entire camp walks through the town of Milot to visit the ruins of a historical palace. The children sing God’s praises all the way to the castle. It is a wonderful sight to behold and a joy to hear as they shine their spiritual lights through town and all the people stop to listen and watch.



We send a special thanks to the hard working team members that came to serve the children of Haiti;

From Christian Fellowship Church in Ashburn Virginia – Louis Jean, Serena, James, Ann, Naya and Steve.
From Calvary Fellowship in Asheville, North Carolina – Dan, Tim, Emily and Tasha.

As always, Bill and Sandy made our stay a time that we will cherish and remember. We send a huge THANK YOU to them!! We love them and look forward to our return!!

Serena and Dan

“Upcoming Things to Pray for”

Feeding Center at Milot: of our 3 GSM schools, at this time we are only feeding the children at our school in Savanne Carre. Some of you may wonder why we are not feeding the children at our other two schools. The answer is that we simply do not have the resources to do it at this point in time. However, our goal is to one day be able to feed the children one meal a day at all three of our schools. The good news is that before this year is out, we believe we will be feeding the children at Milot! Several things have been needed for this to happen: special ovens & fuel tanks to equip the facility; a new roof on the building we plan to use; some remodeling; and utensils to equip the program. Thankfully, Collins Chapel Baptist Church (Clanton, AL), with some help from Calvary Fellowship (Arden, NC), has provided the funds for the ovens & fuel tanks, and we have already been able to purchase them. Collins Chapel has also begun some savings with GSM to buy the utensils we will need. Some men from Crawford Baptist Church (Crawford, GA) and Elkton Road Baptist Church (Athens, AL) are coming in September to install a new metal roof on the facility. So things are really looking good. We are trusting God for the ability to have the food we need once the facilities are ready. We hope to be feeding hundreds of children each day at Milot before this year is out. This is very exciting!

Solar Well Pump at Milot: due to an unexpected gift, we are planning to activate a well at Milot that is not working at this time. This well will have three important purposes. First, it will be equipped with a solar powered well pump, thus providing back-up in the event of power or pump failure in our primary water supply system. Second, it will supplement our daily water supply, thus reducing some portion of the electrical demands and expense of running the generator to power the primary pump. Third, it will be the primary source for the flushing and shower needs of our new bath house facility. It will keep the cistern full that provides the flush for the bath house. Wonderful! Pray that things go as planned for the activation of this well in September.

November Medical Team: pray that God would call medical and lay people to provide a strong staff for our November Medical Mission. And pray also that God will provide a doctor for this team.

Christmas Bag Ministry: our initial letter to the churches for the annual Christmas Bag Ministry will be going out soon. Watch for that, and be praying that we have another great year.

“Other Things to Pray For”

- that God would continue to call people out to supply the **teams** we need for various ministries and projects.
- that God would continue to move people and that God would abundantly supply the **financial needs** of GSM.
- that God would continue to bless and strengthen the daily morning **Bible Study** that Bill & Sandy lead.
- that God would inspire and strengthen **Bill & Sandy** in the course of their daily service. Haiti is a very difficult country and there are constant crises and problems that Bill & Sandy have to deal with and minister to. Pray for discernment, wisdom, and physical and spiritual protection and strength.
- Bill & Sandy are in the process of **adopting** a young 11 year old orphan girl who has been around Mission Bon Berger for quite some time now. She has not had a stable or permanent home. Her name is Amy.
- **Cleante** is a 34 year old wife and mother of 4 children who lives in the Biclaire area. She has a very advanced infection or cancer of some kind that is eating her face away. Pray for GSM, Cleante, and her family as we seek God’s help for her. Pray that God would grant a miracle of healing.
- our **Christian schools** remain the core of what we do. Everything flows into & out of this work and the great host of relationships & activities this offers. Pray for our teachers & principals. We are thankful for their faithfulness. We want them to grow in their ownership of the missionary vision of GSM.

- changing hearts - changing children - changing a nation – one child at a time -

“Bulletin Board”

1) **UPDATE INFORMATION** - as always, help us keep our newsletter mailing list current. If you don't want to receive our newsletter anymore, or need to update your address, e-mail, telephone, or are getting multiple copies, please call 334-365-5219 or e-mail gsm@lwol.com . Thanks!

2) **DO YOU NEED A SPEAKER FOR YOUR CHURCH OR GROUP ?** - Lamar Lyon, our Director of U.S. Operations will be glad to come and share a nice multi-media presentation about the country of Haiti and the work of GSM. Call or e-mail to set a date: gsm@lwol.com office 334-365-5219 cell 334-301-4764

3) **SUPPORT** – we are continually thankful for those God is leading to support His work among the Haitian people. Your faithfulness keeps the wonderful work of GSM going. May God richly bless you as your generous support blesses the Lord and His people in Haiti.

“Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.” – Math 26:40

4) **TENTH ANNIVERSARY !** - Bill & Sandy will be celebrating 10 years of service with Good Shepherd Ministries in August. This is a very meaningful occasion for them. If you would like to remember them in some special way, please do so by sending a card or gift to our Melbourne office. Be sure and write a note calling attention to your purpose. We will present any cards and gifts to Bill & Sandy the weekend of August 8th. They will be home for a board meeting. Note that Bill nor Sandy know that I (*Lamar*) have slipped this into this newsletter prior to printing. Sssshhhh. It is a surprise!

So until next time, thank you for your continued prayer and support ...

In Christ's glorious service,


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