



## *Mission Bon Berger* *Milot, de Haiti*

October 2020

### **Dr. Shelove Augustin, M.D.**

GSM is planning to add Dr. Shelove Augustin, M.D. to our Haitian staff in the next few months. Our plans are for Dr. Augustin to be the house doctor in our soon to open medical clinic at Savane Carree. She was born and raised in the nearby village of Terrier Rouge. Her mother was Ellilianne Augustin. Ellilianne was our wonderful principal at the Savane Carree Elementary school for 20 years until her recent passing.

Dr. Augustin completed her medical studies and residency in the Dominican Republic. She then worked for 2 years with the Haitian government to complete the requirements for her full certification. She is currently working 3 days a week at the Bethesda Health Center in Grande Basin, Haiti. Dr. Augustin accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at the age of 18, is very active in the First Baptist Church of Terrier Rouge, 30 years old, and engaged to be married. A date has not been set yet. Her fiancé is an engineer. Please keep Dr. Augustin and GSM in your prayers as we all move forward in faith during this exciting time.



### **A Word from the Field** **The Indescribable Faithfulness of God**

It is difficult to assess the conditions in Haiti. The political situation seems to be calm, but the undercurrents suggest that the persistent adversity will soon result in more protests. The COVID 19 situation doesn't seem to be of much concern to most Haitians. There is little if any testing going on, so it is impossible to know how many people are infected. Also, for the most part, people here do not go to the hospital when they are sick, so no one really knows what sickness they have or why someone may have died. Overall, the number of deaths we are seeing does not seem to be any higher than normal. In the beginning of the pandemic, precautions were being taken. But now there are none. The only way to describe our situation is that we feel like we are flying blind. For Sandy and me, it is leading us to a greater dependency on God because as we continue in our daily activities we have to do so with greater faith.

Over the last few months, I have heard many different adjectives used to describe the times in which we are living. Some say unprecedented, others say unparalleled, and still others say unpredictable. These words are efforts to try and understand the exceedingly difficult times in which we are living. Recently I heard of another ministry that is experiencing tremendous financial problems. We are concerned for them and pray for them. But thankfully, that has not been the case for GSM. During these times it is wonderful that GSM can use these same words. Things have been unprecedented, unparalleled, and unpredictable for us. But in a positive sense! If it seems we are boasting, please know it is only in Christ who sustains us. The financial support has truly been unprecedented. It has always been there, but in the past, perhaps not as quickly as we would have liked. Now it seems to be there even in advance. The continual battles we face have resulted in unparalleled victories beyond what we were hoping. God is always faithful to His people, and that gives us great confidence as He consistently shows Himself to be transcendent over earthly circumstances. Thank you for being the instruments God uses to continue the work He is doing through GSM here in Haiti.

- Bill & Sandy Younger

### **The Hope of Christmas 2020**

In view of the pandemic, the church support for our annual **"Hope of Christmas"** ministry has been truly miraculous. We received plenty of bags for all of our school children, and enough to once again extend this ministry to others beyond our GSM schools. As this newsletter is being composed, the container with all the gifts, mission supplies, and prefabricated 40'x60' metal chapel building for Biclaire is in Miami. It should be on the ship and leave port Fri., Oct. 23rd. And we already have a great team and evangelist set to go down Dec 1 to fulfill the ministry.

AS ALWAYS, PLEASE HELP US PRAY THIS WORK THROUGH TO COMPLETION IN EVERY WAY.



# Biclaire

## Development & Restructuring - Update

- gravel driveway on unimproved land .... COMPLETED !
- chapel building for the school ..... ON THE CONTAINER SHIP TO HAITI AT PRESS TIME !
- new west side front gate ..... COMPLETED !
- 636' security wall ..... COMPLETED !



▲ the new gate at the western entrance

### Biclaire Restructuring Plan



▼ looking west across the new development, with the new security wall, driveway, and front entrance gate in view. The new chapel will be placed near the camera and to the left .



## Critical Needs - Update

*if you can help, contact Lamar at 334-301-4764 or gsm1974@att.net*

- bathroom for the Savane Carree high school teachers & medical clinic .... PAID FOR AND COMPLETED !
- medical equipment & furnishings for the Savane Carree Clinic ..... PAID FOR AND ON THE CONTAINER SHIP TO HAITI !
- Savane Carree Mission House washer & dryer..... PAID FOR AND ON THE CONTAINER SHIP TO HAITI !
- new battery banks for our solar arrays in Milot & Savane Carree ..... \$ 8,500 needed (*will buy in Haiti*)
- computers and monitors (7) for the new Savane Carree High School ..... \$ 2,100 needed

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## 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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