



## Mission Bon Berger Milot, de Haiti

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*God is faithful and so are His people!*

### Biclaire Restructuring and other Projects

In our last newsletter, we described some of our projects and needs. Since that time, the Lord with His people have graciously supplied almost all of those needs. Several of the projects are already underway. Here is a summary of things ...

- **Security Wall at Biclaire:** has been fully funded! Bill is working things out with the Haitian contractor, and work should begin within days.
- **Driveway at Biclaire:** has been fully funded! Work should begin in a matter of days.
- **Front Gate at Biclaire:** has been fully funded and will be built after the security wall is completed.
- **Chapel Building for Biclaire:** the building has been funded. The contract to manufacture the metal building has been let. It will be built and delivered to the Alabama GSM offices in September, then loaded onto the container with the Christmas bags and shipped in October. We are not sure when the team will be able to go down to raise the building.
- **Medical Equipment and Furnishings for the Savane Carre Medical Clinic:** have been funded and will load onto the Christmas container in October.
- **Savane Carree Bathroom for the High School and Medical Clinic:** has been funded AND completed!

*This is all wonderful and a huge encouragement to Bill & Sandy.  
We thank you and the Lord for your faithfulness!*

We still have a couple of needs ...

- **new battery banks** for our solar arrays in Milot and Savane Carree (buy in Haiti) ..... \$ 8,000
- **Savane Carree Mission House furnishings** (new stainless steel Samsung washer & dryer) ..... \$ 1,850

If you can help, contact Lamar at 334-301-4764 or [gsm1974@att.net](mailto:gsm1974@att.net)

### Conditions in Haiti

The Coronavirus has affected Haiti to a degree. The borders were closed for a period of time but have re-opened for now. Otherwise it has not had a catastrophic effect. Reports say that the Haitian people have by and large forgotten the pandemic. Whether it is true or not, the Haitians are saying, *"the pandemic is over"*. Only time will tell what will happen in the long term. There have been a couple of effects on GSM. One is that mission teams from the U.S. are not terribly enthusiastic about international travel at present. Another is that, due to the severe decrease in air travel, American Airlines has discontinued service into Cap Haitien. At present there is no commercial air service into Cap Haitien. However, Missionary Flights International is still flying to Cap from Ft. Pierce, FL.

We don't know if the pandemic is related to this problem, but diesel fuel is in severely short supply. And since all of our vehicles and generators use diesel, this is a problem for us.

Please keep all of these things in your prayers.

## Bill & Sandy

Bill & Sandy are in Haiti as of the mailing of this letter. They will be coming out August 13 for R&R, the GSM Board meeting, and to take care of personal things. They plan to return to Haiti September 15.

## Life in Haiti

The following is a story of what life is like in Haiti: For many years, manifestations (*the Haitian word for what we would call in the U.S. demonstrations, protests, and riots*) in Cap Haitien have invariably occupied and blocked the important bridge you can see in the picture below. This paralyzes the city of Cap Haitien. When



the authorities come to arrest the instigators and open the bridge, the people escape and disappear into the maze of buildings in the outlined areas. The government decided that the best way to cure the problem would be to destroy all of the homes and businesses in the outlined areas. So, as unbelievable as it may sound, they bulldozed everything to the ground. All of the homes and businesses were destroyed without compensation. All is lost. The thousands of people are now homeless. Many now live in the hills above the city of Milot, home of our main compound about 10 miles south of this bridge. And now certain political agitators are successfully encouraging these dispersed people to come down from the hills at night to raid and harass the city of Milot. We don't know why. This is how things go in Haiti. Pray for Bill and Sandy and our work in Milot. Christ is the only hope for Haiti, and America.

## **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 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.

Contact us at any time ...

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