



Mission Bon Berger *Savane Carree, de Haiti*

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Update on Bill & Sandy

Sandy is scheduled for her first “immunotherapy” treatment Tuesday January 31. If things go well, Bill will make a short trip back into Haiti on Thursday February 2 and come back out the next week. Sandy is scheduled for 12 immunotherapy sessions - one a month for one year. If things settle in well with all of that, they are planning to go back into Haiti for the long term, and have Sandy come out once a month for the treatment. So continue keeping Bill and Sandy in your prayers as they seek the Lord’s guidance and grace in all things. Meanwhile, until Bill and Sandy can get back to Haiti, Christian and Gourneau are continuing to do a great job managing things. Please keep them in your constant prayers as they remain under great pressure.

The State of the Ministry

Even though Haiti remains in a situation of great difficulty, our schools are in session and doing well, and our facilities all remain safe and secure. Pray God’s continued protection and grace for our 175 Haitian workers and our facilities.



Our Diahatsu Delta Truck

Sixteen years ago (*when this picture was taken*) some people graciously went together and bought a brand new Diahatsu Delta truck for the ministry. It has truly been a blessing, and an amazing truck. However, someone has jokingly said that 16 years of service in Haiti equals 100 years in the U.S. In this case, there is much truth in jest. Our faithful truck has basically finished her course and it is time to replace it. Repairs and breakdowns have made it both expensive, and unsafe to use given the socio-political crisis. When we bought the truck in 2006 it was \$34,000.

Today the same truck is available for \$50,000 delivered. Port-au-Prince has one in stock, but we are requiring that the dealer deliver it to us in Milot because of the danger of overland travel.

The need is now. If you want to help, or buy the truck for us, call or email Lamar right away.



Bill & Sandy’s 25th Anniversary

Our banquet celebrating Bill & Sandy’s 25 years of ministry in Haiti was a great time of fellowship, thanksgiving, and prayer.

Bill also took the opportunity to recognize Lamar & Glenda Lyon for their 15 years of service with GSM.



Our Annual Christmas Ministry

“The Hope of Christmas”

We want to give you an update on the status of our *“Hope of Christmas”* ministry for 2022.

You are probably aware that Haiti is in the most difficult spot it has ever been in. At least that is what the Haitian people are telling us. The government is basically non-existent and the gangs are controlling nearly everything. But we must note that the gang influence is much more influential in the south than it is where we are in the north. God has blessed us in that the GSM ministries and properties remain unmolested and fully operational.

The immediate effect is that the shipment of our bumper crop of gifts was put on hold in October because of the situation in Haiti. All of the shipping companies discontinued service to Haiti in October, and we were unable to secure a container bound for Haiti. Since that time all of the Christmas bags have been in a safe, dry, climate controlled, pest free environment.

But now, thanks to the tireless efforts of our shipping broker, we have found a shipper and a way to get our container to Haiti. We found a shipper out of Savannah, GA that will make the drop for us. In fact, our container was loaded, and shipped out of our Thorsby, AL warehouse on Thursday January 12. It went by semi-truck to Atlanta, and then by rail to dockside Savannah. At press time our container is in Savannah and the ship is scheduled for departure on Thursday January 26. We are not exactly sure when it will reach Cap Haitian. We think it will make some stops before reaching CAP. It may take two weeks.

Now here is what is needed ... PRAYER! Please be in fervent prayer that just as God did at the Red Sea, He will part the waters and conduct our container safely through this process, through customs, and onto our compound in Haiti.

And here is another important thing ... Because the ports have been closed and supplies cut off, inflation has skyrocketed and there is a food shortage in Haiti. So it is all the more timely and needed that these Christmas Bags, all of which contain rice and beans, will find their way into the homes of more than 2000 Haitian families. They are needed more now than at any time in the history of GSM.

ALSO, because we have been able to do it, Bill and Sandy purposed to give each of our 175 Haitian workers a 50 lb. bag of rice. So, we did indeed load 175 50 lb. bags of rice onto the container, along with the Christmas bags. All told, this year's container will be providing over 8 tons of direct food relief to a very needful people.

Now pray that God will part the waters. And pray for Christian Lavaux, as he shepherds everything through the numerous processes.

Thank you for being a part, and making all of this possible.



LOADING THE CONTAINER: a bumper crop of Christmas gifts!
Also we loaded several pallets of rice, and 27 new solar panels!



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 175 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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