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Advisory Director Bruce Wharram Dear Sponsors and Friends,

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My last letter has no doubt left you all wondering what will happen next to that Sam Rice, whose life is increasingly resembling the series "The Perils of Pauline". However, I will end your suspense now by bringing to your minds the Bible verse I mentioned in my last letter... Romans 8:28 "And we know that all things work for the good of those who love God and who are called according to His purpose". By my own experience I can truly affirm this by a resounding AMEN!! All my news this time is GOOD news!

I just got back from a visit to Dariol. The gang leader of the group that was making things difficult for me has been "done-in" by the Haitian police and the gang members have scattered "like chaff in the wind". (see Psalm 1:4) I am again in Dariol now as I write this letter... God is Able!

The new Pastor at Dariol looks to be a blessing for the Church. Pray for him and his family. His name is Raymond Vernet. He has a wife and 2 small children—a boy and a girl.

Radio Semence, the Christian Radio Station we support, just celebrated it's 3rd year of service to the community proving that no matter how few your resources God can use them to accomplish great things for His glory! A Thanksgiving Service was held to commemorate the occasion and hundreds attended. It's our hope to break ground at the beginning of 2006 to start construction on a small building to house the radio equipment. Please pray for this.

Brother Obriant Ilnea has returned to continue the Pastoral Bible Seminars after having been on leave due to having contracted Typhoid fever. Pray for this faithful servant of God and his family. Thirty French Thompson Chain Reference Bibles were given to some of those attending the Seminars. We actually needed 150 in order to give each church leader a Bible. We hope in the future to be able to get the remaining 120. Each Bible costs about \$50. Many thanks to Susan Moore of the Sonshine Bible and Book Store of Lake Jackson, Texas who was able to get these French Bibles from Canada. During the presentation ceremony some of the leaders had tears in their eyes as they witnessed how much they had wanted such a Bible to help them for years.

The clinic at Dariol is still closed, but plans are being made to see if it can be re-opened by the end of this year. The clinic funds had been stolen when thieves robbed us in May.

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While in Cayes a group of Christians and I have started a new church in the house that I am renting. This suburb of Cayes had no churches, so we felt led to start one. After a month's time we have over 100 people coming to services. Unfortunately over half have to sit on the porch or in the front yard because of the lack of room to accommodate them all inside. We are praying for help to purchase some land nearby in order to build a church. Land is very expensive in this fast growing community. Cayes is the third largest city in Haiti. Pray for this.

Also while in Cayes, the Lord led me to Jocelin Jean Charles, alias Carlos, an ex-policeman, who has an orphanage and who also works with the "street kids" in this city. He has a great rapport with the boys who range from 10 years to 20 years old. Many of them have lived in the streets for years. They wash cars, run errands, or beg in order to survive, and sleep on porches, under cars, or in abandoned buildings. Their dream is to either go to school or to learn a trade. No one has ever considered their plight before Carlos came along. Carlos and his friends give the kids some education in civics, sex, literacy, environment, and more importantly they tell about Jesus Christ. A local school allows them to meet in their building after hours. We want to raise funds to help get these kids educated and off the streets. Many are orphans or abandoned children. Please pray about this.

The children school sponsorship program is getting ready for another year of school and hopefully the support will be there again. In order to be fair and give some of the other schools a chance, I've switched some around so some of the sponsors will have new children to help. The need is so great and sponsors not so easy to find. Please pray for this.

Sometimes I feel there just isn't enough of me to go around, but the Lord also comes through by raising up people to help in these ministries. The Lord want us to make ourselves and our resources available to Him, and He does the rest.

Thank you for supporting and praying for Gospel Growers. We're a small organization with a large vision of doing great things with the Lord's help.

Sincerely thankful, Sam

A quote from Hudson Taylor, Missionary to China

"Many circumstances connected with my own early life and service presented this aspect of work vividly to me. As I think of some of them, I am reminded of how much the cause of missions is indebted to many who are never themselves permitted to see the mission field. Many, it my be, who are unable to give largely of their substance and who will be not a little surprised in the Great Day to see how much work has been advanced by their love, their sympathy, and their prayers."