



*Supporting the Haitian ministries of Sam Rice, R.N.*

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*Dear Sponsors and Friends,*

*Jocelin Jean Charles (alias Carlos) has a vision. During the 1990's, like so many other idealistic young men, Carlos joined the new Haitian police force in order to support the young democracy there. After a few years, Carlos & others were disgusted with the widespread corruption & left the force. One of the things Carlos took with him was the memory of the hundreds of poor street kids he encountered during his duties as a patrol officer. Many of these kids were orphans or simply abandoned & were forced into prostitution, begging, stealing, or being exploited as virtual slaves. Carlos felt burdened to do something to help them. He gathered some like-minded friends around him & they started an organization to try to remedy the kids situation. This group is called F.O.S.E.D. (Foyer Splendeur de les Enfants Demunis) - to aid underprivileged children. They had little resources but they were able to rent an old house outside of Cayes where they lodged 25 poor children ranging in ages from 6 to 18 years. It was all they could do to provide some food, a bit of education, along with love & their Christian faith. It was a small start, but it was something. Carlos tried to connect with World Vision, Care, and Compassion, without success. He still wasn't discouraged....God would open a door somewhere!*

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*In May, 2005, you may remember that I was ambushed by a gang of thieves near Dariol & had to take refuge in Cayes. While recuperating there I learned that Romans 8:28 is wonderfully true. There I was, discouraged & upset as I had to be away from Dariol. What was the Lord doing? One day soon after this, I was listening to the Christian Radio Station in Cayes & heard an interview being done between a journalist & Carlos, during which he talked about his orphanage & his vision to help the street kids. At that moment I felt a burden was placed on my heart to help this man & his kids. I was able to contact Carlos through the Radio Station & a meeting was arranged. I'll never forget that first encounter with him & his committee of idealistic, earnest young people who wanted to help the street children. Carlos is a very intelligent, efficient man. I was soon impressed by the organization they had set up — all they needed were resources to succeed. It so happened that the rent on the house for the orphanage was due, so I was able to relocate them to a better house in Cayes where the kids wouldn't be so cramped. How excited they were when they got a couple of soccer balls & candy!*

*The next thing Carlos did was to arrange a meeting on the unfinished upper floor of a government school in the town where I could meet some of the street kids. This was a truly memorable event! For 2 hours I listened to these children & young people relate their experiences in the streets & the problems they encountered just trying to survive from day to day. It's impossible to explain the feelings I experienced as they explained that they slept under porches, parked cars, or on tables in the market place at night; how they were cursed, chased or beaten; of how they washed cars, did chores, or begged in order to get food each day. These were the poorest of the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere! They shared their dreams of being able to go to school or to learn a trade. It was impossible to hear them & not want to help! I shared my faith with them from John 3:16 & Jeremiah 29:11-12, assuring them that God loved them & He has a plan for each one of them through Jesus Christ.*

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Since that meeting, Gospel Growers has helped Carlos put his vision into operation. A month was spent instructing the kids on a variety of subjects—civics, the law, fitting into society, the environment, sexual responsibility & especially about Jesus. Through a generous donation from the Merci Foundation of Grand Cayman, we were able to start the second phase—those kids who never went to school were placed in literacy classes, those who had some experience with formal education were reintegrated into the government schools, some of the older kids are learning mechanics or driving skills so as to be able to join the public transportation system. In all, about 50+ kids & young people are receiving help—it's a start! We hope that if the program is a success, Carlos will be able to attract aid from larger organizations or the government. Our big problem is food! Since the kids can't be on the streets hustling as they did, hunger could cause them to leave the program. Thanks to Perry Brown of Samaritan's International, they are getting \$550/month to help in the purchase of food. Anyone wishing to help more, can do so through Gospel Growers by indicating their support for the "Street Kids Program". We praise the Lord for this wonderful project. I'd like to rent a house for the street kids to use as a center/dormitory where they meet/sleep/eat. It would provide a measure of security for them & give them a greater sense of being part of a family. Would you help? It would be about \$2,500 to rent a house for a year.

Other activities: Church Planting — a church close to Dariol is evangelizing a difficult area about 3 hours away. One of their young men felt led to go as a missionary & live among these people who had accepted the Lord but had no one to lead them. This young man's name is Chrisner. I was so impressed by his selfless willingness to leave his area with next to nothing to live on, that I decided to give half of my tithe every month towards his expenses. George & Joyce Rodgers of Harmony, Pa. donated the funds which bought the tin to cover the roof of the small structure where this church meets. George & Joyce also helped cover roofs of 2 other churches just founded in the area here. Would you like to be a church planter also. \$300 can purchase tin, nails, & wood to put up a structure that a new group of believers can meet under. What a great investment with blessings resulting! A new church is being planned in Sauvage, an area about 30 minutes away from Dariol.

Thanks to the generosity of James Kern of Florida, in December we are starting the construction on a building to house Radio Semence, which has been operating out of a tiny tin covered structure for 3 years. A prayer come true! This will provide greater security for our equipment.

We will be distributing Sunday School journals this December for 2006. This provides sound Biblical teaching for hundreds of Christians.

What a wonderful way to finish the year & to start the next. Thank you so very much for your prayers, support & encouragement. Only God will be able to repay you for your generosity & kindness. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year — May the Lord continue to bless you all!

Sincerely,  
Sam Rice

A note from the Board ...

Please continue to send all donations & correspondence for Sam to:

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But, if you have packages, please mail them directly to:

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Dates for Sam's 2006 trip home  
In Texas from March 7th thru April 4th  
Flying to Cayman's for about a week  
Then to home in Pittsburg until mid-July