



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

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Dear Sponsors and Friends,

There has often been a tendency for older members of the church to hesitate using young people to fill some of the leadership positions in the church. They may perhaps feel them to be too "green" or a little "radical". Paul's advice to young Timothy in 1 Timothy 4:12 was "Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity". It seems some older Christians were skeptical of Timothy's ability to lead, perhaps believing him to lack experience or maturity. Paul, however, was willing to allow Timothy to exercise his talents because he discerned the Holy Spirit working in this young man's life. I, too, have found the young people in Haitian Churches to be a great blessing because of their commitment, enthusiasm, and energy in serving the Lord.

I was pleasantly surprised when I discovered that David Exane, one of the young men helping in our children's sponsorship ministry, was also gifted in leading and teaching other young people. I was truly blessed as I watched him turn a church from spiritual decline to a new vibrant, pulsing fellowship, largely by organizing and motivating the kids and teenagers who up to that point had been barely tolerated. The entire Sunday School department was revamped and is now being staffed by enthusiastic young people. Most of the adults in our rural community are barely educated, so it only makes sense to utilize these young people. What a blessing it has proven to be. In fact, when the other churches in our area saw this church come alive, they asked David to help them set up a youth program in their churches as well. The result was the formation of an inter-church youth ministry called "Youth In Action". It is through the combined efforts of these kids that a new church has been planted in an area near Dariol called Sauvage. I was able to assist them to purchase a piece of land and a wooden structure, covered with tin, was constructed to provide a meeting place for the new converts as they came forward to receive Christ as Lord.

This has been a real privilege and a blessing to encourage these kids as they make use of the gifts and talents God has given them. Gospel Growers also funded a three day youth retreat/crusade which was held February 26, 27, & 28th in the Sauvage Church. Mornings and afternoons were given over to Bible studies and a variety of subjects relating to being a young Christian today. Evenings were used for evangelistic services open to the public and over 50 people came forward to receive Christ as Lord and Saviour. Praise the Lord! I plan to continue to work with "Youth In Action" and supply them Bibles, hymnals, and keyboards for their choirs.

Pastor Lovinel Guillaume and family are now leading the Dariol church. We are already experiencing the blessing of his leadership. Mrs. Guillaume is a nurse and is now helping to keep the clinic in Dariol open while I'm visiting in the states. Yes, the Dariol clinic is functioning again! Praise the Lord!

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Another reason for thanking God — Gospel Grower supporters have made it possible for us to rent a house in Cayes as a center for the street kids program. This is becoming a fantastic ministry!

My schedule while in the states will be as follows:

March 7th to April 4th: *Texas (sharing with 7 churches and many individual supporters)
I will be staying with Bob & Angie Brannan in Smithville and can be reached at (512) 237-5427 or by email: GospelGrowers@aol.com*

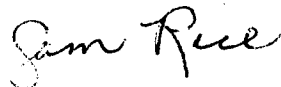
April 4th to April 13th: *Grand Cayman (Elmslie and other churches)*

April 13th to end of July: *I'll be with my family in Pittsburgh, PA and using it as my base to visit churches in Ohio, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and perhaps other places as opportunities permit. I can be reached there at my Mom's (412) 766-9162 or her email: emarier23@hotmail.com*

Do you know what—I'm already missing my Haitian Christian family! But I know time will pass quickly. Please pray that my time away from them will prove to be a blessing for them and the continuation of our Gospel Growers ministry.

Thank you for being generous and faithful partners in this ministry to these wonderful people in Haiti.

Sincerely,



Sam Rice

P.S.

As we have not had a raise in school tuitions for the past three years, it has become necessary to increase this cost from \$150/yr. to \$200/yr. effective with new sponsors for this year and for all sponsors next school year. You can still pay this monthly (\$20 for 10 months) or quarterly (\$50 four times a year) if you prefer. I hope that each of you will continue to pray for this ministry and may the Lord bless you for your faithfulness.

A note from the Board ...

Sam has a new address for packages going directly to Haiti

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for Sam's safety, please continue to mail all contributions to

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