



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

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Dear Sponsors and Friends,

VICTORY IN JESUS!

Hurricane Dean passed through here briefly on the morning of August 19th. We in Dariol suffered little from this storm, but the higher elevations seemed to have bore the brunt of high winds and rain. Roofs were taken off, trees uprooted, and crops ruined. A hard blow to these mainly agricultural communities. There was no loss of life that I know of. One of the school we help—Cavalier—was rather ripped up (see "blog" on web-site) and Gospel Growers will try to assist getting things back in shape so the kids can start school on time.

Apart from Dean a different sort of tempest struck us at Dariol on July 9th. Three of the young men from Dariol Church who assist me with different mission needs—Chiler Germitus, Eriel Felisma and his brother, Jean Robert Felisma were on their way to Cayes on what should have been a routine trip. What actually happened on that day proved to be a nightmare for us all.

The boys got off the bus at Fond des Negres as it was only 2 am and planned to overnight at a friend's house until morning when they planned to catch the Cayes bus. While they were walking the dark streets to their destination they encountered a police patrol. This patrol took them for bandits and following that tried and true method of "shoot first, ask questions later", they shot Jean Robert outright 4 times and brutalized Chiler and Eriel before cuffing them. The police soon realized their mistake when looking through their pockets. Rather than face sanctions for killing an innocent man and false arrest they decided to create a series of false evidence so as to create the impression that these boys were big-time bandits. They didn't realize they were messing with God's children!

When the news got to Dariol I immediately contacted as many people as possible to get our Prayer Defense rolling. Soon the police were regretting their actions. When the Dariol pastor attempted to intercede they arrested him, and when Carlos tried, they arrested him also.

The police continued their attempt to justify their actions even to taking staged pictures of the corpse with house-breaking tools in his hands, and pictures of Eriel and Chilet holding weapons and tools. When the boys refused, they were beaten until they agreed to do it. As you can see things were grim! We were up against a corrupt system and only GOD could help through the prayers - -your prayers!

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The Lord let me to contact some officials and Gospel Growers helped provide legal defense funds for the boys. Seventeen days later and after having been transferred to three different jails to try to make them disappear, the boys were finally brought before a judge and released. As of today the body of Jean Robert still hasn't been released to his family. No compensation was given to the boys, their funds had been confiscated and "vanished" in police hands, and no apparent action taken against the offending officers. Considering what we were up against we consider that it was Divine Intervention through your prayers that carried the day.

Pray for the boys health and recovery. Pray for a change in the Haitian Judicial System as there are no doubt other innocent people in like situations in these prisons. Those who are too poor to get lawyers or have no one to speak for them languish in horrible prison conditions. A good note—the boys preached and prayed to fellow prisoners and some converted and some who had backslid promised to return to God!! Thanks to you all who prayed !!!

For a second time the ladies of WMU at First Baptist Church in Smithville, Texas sent a variety of clothes which were sewn with love and care. There were different styles and colors. The people of Sauvage Church were the ones who benefited from these wonderful gifts and as you can imagine were very happy! Thank you very much ladies!

Susan Moore of Sonshine Bible and Gift Store in Lake Jackson, Texas has arranged to send us another 20 French Thompson Chain Reference Study Bibles for some of the participants in our Rural Church Workers Bible Seminar Program. These special Study Bibles will enable these men and women to serve their congregations more effectively. Bless you and Thanks, Susan!

Also on our web-site you will find pictures of the new addition to the school buildings at Dariol that are finally finished Thanks to the sponsorship of Mr. and Mrs. Tony See of Mt. Holly, New Jersey. This addition will help accommodate a lot more students at this school.

School starts soon and we hope all our kids sponsors will renew their help again. Anyone wishing to sponsor a school child please contact me.

GOD BLESS, Sam

I now have a new personal address in Haiti that delivers to me each week in Cayes. Now I don't have to go to Port au Prince where so much of the violence is. Please make a note of this new address, but please, please, do not send money here! Continue to send all checks and donations to our Smithville Office..... Thanks, Sam

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