



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

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Dear Sponsors and Friends,

*".....let down your nets..... don't be afraid, from now on you will be fishing for people!"
Luke 5: 1 - 11*

The primary function of any missionary organization is evangelism— getting out the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Just as a fisherman uses many kinds of lures and bait, the missionary makes use of different ways to present the Gospel. The Word can be spoken, written, or physically manifested through actions and service. Gospel Growers seeks to make use of as many means as possible to reach as many people as possible.

The shift of an area from paganism to Christianity is greatly aided by the use of Christian schools. The children are the future and reaching them is the key to changing the spiritual demographics of any country over time. Thus far, Gospel Growers has been able to give budgetary assistance to twelve such schools. This is made possible through the goodwill of Christians in the U.S. and Grand Cayman who agree to sponsor a school-child for \$20 per month. This program has been functioning since 1996 and hundreds of kids have benefited both educationally and spiritually. A very positive result has been that the churches which run the schools now have teenagers who are able to participate in the life of the church as members, Sunday school teachers, and evangelists. The new church we started at Sauvage is a perfect example of this. Many of the kids who grew up through the sponsorship program are now able to witness and evangelize. There have been 100 converts with eleven recently baptized, and twelve couples (living together) who are waiting to soon be married so that they can be baptized also. It's having a huge spiritual impact on the area.

The Medical Clinic is providing a Christian witness and social service at the same time as well. It's a great venue for evangelizing and helping the sick just as Jesus did. As we are so far from the nearest medical center and transportation is difficult, this remains a very essential service to the Dariol area. The most common cases are malnutrition, cardio vascular and gastrointestinal problems.

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The Rural Church Worker Program has distributed Sunday school materials again this past January to over 150 churches, both independent and denominationally oriented. Thompson Chain References have been presented to 80 church leaders. Our goal is 150. This program allows for a Bible study and fellowship amongst the different Christian leaders of the Cote de Fer area.

The Radio Station is going strong, serving the people of four different provinces in South Haiti with preaching, teaching, news, and great Christian music. We have applied to the government and have been told that in order to get official government recognition, we need to upgrade from 110 watt to 220 watt transmitter. This will involve an expenditure of around \$3,000, but until then we can go ahead and continue to function as before.

I finally got hooked up to the local internet with my new laptop which had been presented to me by Trinity Baptist Church in Smithville, TX. This took awhile and called for much patience. Thanks to Don Petersen, Gospel Growers now has a website! From time to time I've been able to add to a "blog" so as to let you all know what's going on and even show a few pictures. Please check it out at www.gospelgrowers.org.

It's wonderful and challenging thinking of new ways to present the Gospel and serve Christ by serving others. Your financial assistance is vital to enable Gospel Growers to continue the work here in the poorest country of the western hemisphere.....Haiti.

Thank you for your sacrificial giving and for making all these spiritual victories possible. Your prayers are absolutely essential.

GOD IS DOING GREAT THINGS !!! PRAISE THE LORD !!!

Sincerely, Sam Rice

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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