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gospelgrowers@aol.com (contact person is Wanda Cervenka) Dear Sponsors and Friends,

"Commit your ways to the LORD, trust in HIM, and HE shall bring it to pass..." Psalm 37:5

The uncertain times that can occur during an economic downturn can prove disconcerting to many. BUT, to those who continue to "trust by faith, not by sight" the present period the country is now undergoing can be a time of expectation and anticipation. As we commit our needs and necessities to the LORD, we must fix our spiritual eyes on HIM and await HIS intervention. GOD's word says that HE never changes. What HE has done in the past, HE is quite capable of doing in the present, and future. Personally, I must give witness that I have "tasted the LORD, and found HIM to be good!" and that "the LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble, HE cares for those who trust in HIM."

To those engaged in ministry where they must depend upon the generosity of others to continue the different ministries which GOD has entrusted to their care, it is an awesome moment as time and time again it is shown how our LORD provides in wondrous ways for HIS work to go on. It is the LORD, after all, who touches the hearts of HIS people so that resources confided into their care are poured forth assuring that the work of HIS Kingdom progresses onward. How humbling it is to see the "miracle of the loaves and fishes" repeated as the "widow's mite" is given again and again enabling ministries to continue despite dire predictions of economic prophets of gloom. Yes, GOD is not limited or hindered by recessions or shortages of any kind when HE has decided to do what HE wills.

Since returning to the States in April, I have had a wonderful time of refreshment and joy as I travel around meeting with family, friends, and supporters of Gospel Growers. Many have given sacrificially in the past and have shown a willingness to continue to do so in the present. Some of our faithful sponsors have been called home to be with the LORD, but others have come alongside so that the work of the ministry has been able to continue. What an encouragement and faith bolstering time it is to me as I am welcomed warmly at each place I visit.

May the LORD continue to richly bless all those who have so kindly shared their time, homes, and resources with us!!

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Truly the LORD is richly deserving of the titles JEHOVAH JIREH and our EBENEZER. To this very moment GOD has stood by us and provided what was needed. So it has been during my lifetime and especially during the years I have been stationed in Haiti. DO put your trust in the LORD—- commit your way to HIM. HE shall bring it to pass.

Praise GOD for:

- Gospel Growers Board members as they give of their time to ensure this work continues.
- All the people who remember us in their prayers and giving.
- That due to Sharon and William Walmsley of Grand Cayman, a newer and more powerful transmitter for the Radio Station can be bought.
- That due to the gifts of GOD's people, the Dariol Clinic continues to give medical care to the poor.
- That the Pastor's Bible Seminar Program will receive an additional 30 French Thompson Chain Reference Study Bibles to be distributed to worthy Pastors, thanks to Susan Moore of Sonshine Bible Book Store in Lake Jackson, TX.
- That the 11 Christian Schools we assist have successfully completed their scholastic year.
- For my visit with Pastor Louis Sully of East End United Church of Grand Cayman.
- For my warm welcomes in Pennsylvania, Texas, Indiana, and Grand Cayman.
- For my positive health reports.

May GOD bless you as you enjoy the summer vacation and look forward to the end of the year. I hope to return to Haiti in mid-August.

Together in Service to the LORD, Sam

Remember my new <u>personal</u> 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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