



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

Gospel Growers Newsletter

December 2011-January 2012

Gospel Growers, Inc.
P. O. Box 92814
Southlake, TX 76092

Attention:
James & Veronica
Guerrero

817 251 4625

Board of Directors

Veronica Rice Guerrero

James Guerrero

Mark Miles

Cheryl Read

Advisors
Angie Brannan

Bruce Wharram

Webmaster:
Don Petersen

Web-site:

Sam's blog:
www.gospelgrowers.org

Sam's email :
samrice @
gospelgrowers.org

Contact Veronica or James:
gospelgrowersinc@aol.com

We hope this Christmas was a blessed one and that 2012 will be a joy-filled year for all of you! Let everyone of us be mindful of the Lord's many blessings! In Haiti the blessings are for the most part spiritual. There continues to be a quickening of the Holy Spirit in many hearts, and Haiti is moving slowly but surely out of the darkness and into the light.

This wonderful change has occurred in Haiti largely because of the many Christian organizations, of which we are but one. Over the years, people from the US, Canada, and Grand Cayman have chosen to be partners with Gospel Growers in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with the Haitian people.

At present, I am assisting 12 Christian schools, as this seems the most reasonable way to carry out child evangelism. Many of you have been very essential in carrying out this plan to introduce Haitian kids to Jesus Christ. Each sponsor contributes \$20/month towards their child's education. We are so thankful to all those who are making a great difference in Haiti's future. If you or your church would be interested in participating in this part of our ministry, please let us know.

Our Christian Radio Station, Semence FM, has doubled the area to which our broadcasting signal reaches. This has made it possible for thousands more potential listeners to have the opportunity to hear about JESUS. Those who are already Christians are encouraged and blessed by the messages in the beautiful Haitian Christian music, which ministers to their hearts and spirits.

The Dariol clinic has been of great service to the community over this past year due to the cholera epidemic. Unfortunately, this problem returns whenever there is a large amount of rain. There have been several deaths in our immediate area and others in the vicinity. However, this has proved to be a stimulus in drawing the suffering to Jesus.

The four churches we planted throughout the Dariol area are all trying to raise cement block walls in order to have more security. We can certainly use some assistance in this building effort. The price of a sack of cement in our area is more than \$10 US a bag. This makes it very hard for Haitians to reconstruct their country after the Earthquake of 2010. It is very discouraging to them as this seems so very hard to achieve.



Christmas Feast 2011

Unemployment is around 60%. It did not rain often during the Fall which means the crops which should be ready now are not appearing in abundance. There is a looming threat of hunger in 2012 as people are forced to buy food from other areas since the homegrown crops are so few. To address this problem, we would like to have feeding programs in the 12 schools we help, but that would require additional funds for this to be done.

In January, we are going to purchase Sunday School materials for the new year. Normally we provide these journals to about 60 churches around the Southwest area. The cost of one journal is \$2.00 and each church requires 8 books. The added resources are a great help to the pastors in educating their congregations in the Word of God.

In February, we are going to hold our Annual Youth Retreat for a large number of the teenagers during the Mardi Gras period. This is a great way to remove youth from the worldly activities during Mardi Gras and gather them together to discuss and study Christian topics. Other programs are offered to equip them spiritually, as well. Your prayers are requested to assure a successful retreat. The budget for this 3 day program would be \$1500.

GG Update: Billy Proske who has been a member of the board since the start of GGI is retiring. We thank Billy for all of his efforts and dedication put forth during his time with us. The Lord will surely bless him. Angie Brannan, who has worked tirelessly for Gospel Growers, moves into the advisor-at-large role with Bruce Wharram remaining as an advisor to Gospel Growers.

At the same time we would like to welcome new board member, Cheryl Read. She is a member of Gateway Church in Southlake and has agreed to work with us for the advancement of the Gospel in Haiti.

Continuing on the board are my sister, Veronica and her husband, James Guerriero and Mark Miles. Please pray for all of us as we seek to carry out the Lord's will in regard to evangelizing Haiti.

Gospel Growers and I hope that our mission partners will be abundantly blessed in this coming year 2012. It is our prayer that God will make it possible for you to continue this endeavor for Christ to the Haitian people.

Blessings,
Sam

Note: as we were preparing this quarter's newsletter, we got word from Haiti that the mission's truck is in need of major repairs. We had already decided at our annual meeting to set up a fund to defray some of the cost replacement once the current one goes—it seems this was a good decision! If you are led to contribute to this new fund, please mark it as "truck fund".

*Sam's address to receive letters or packages is: Sam Rice c/o AGAPE flights, CAY-19432, 100 Airport Ave., Venice, Florida 34285. (Agape Flights delivers to missionaries in the field). Something to keep in mind, Sam's cost at that end is about \$1.75 per pound.

*Also, any **checks or donations** should to be sent to: Gospel Growers, P.O. 92814, Southlake, Texas 76092. Sam has an account here that he can access from Haiti or from anywhere in the world