

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

A Special Note from Gospel Growers

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At the Crossroad

"Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it." Isaiah 30:21

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In many ways we've reached a crossroad. We've reached the crossroad as a nation and as the Church.

There are very important matters before us at this moment, but this is nothing new. There have been many times when mankind has come to this same crossroad and had to decide which way to turn. The path of history is littered by the many nations and individuals who became disoriented in their direction and fell by the wayside in the wilderness. God's Word must always remain the spiritual and moral compass that guides us.

Gospel Growers is at a crossroad, as well. Financial help has decreased...do we continue to advance, stand still, or retreat? So much has been accomplished to advance the Gospel here in Haiti during the 30 years that I have been privileged to work here. By God's grace, we have founded 5 clinics in different areas of Haiti and thousands have been treated and healed. We have been able to personally help many needy people during moments of crisis and despair. Hundreds of children have been educated and evangelized through our Child Sponsorship program. Some have gone on to learn trades and professions. Some are now parents with children of their own. What a blessing it has been to be allowed to impact the lives of these suffering people. Haiti remains the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere today. What a joy it is to know that God is using Gospel Growers to bring relief to a portion of this population.

Gospel Growers has founded 5 churches here and they are thriving. Many Pastors who were lacking Biblical training have received instruction and resources to carry out their ministries on a higher spiritual level. Sunday school materials, Bibles, hymnals and study guides have been distributed and are doing much to advance the spiritual maturity of the churches with whom we have partnered.

The crossroad before us and many other Christian organizations is where many will have to decide their direction. Giving to missions is down considerably, but at Gospel Growers we still desire to carry out Jesus' Great Commission. However, we are at a point where we must decide whether to advance or retreat. We are hoping for a renewal of commitment on the part of many who have helped us in the past. I remain convinced of the necessity of missions and of reaching out to those who have yet to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our Radio Station is about to celebrate its 10th year of existence. This is no small event considering that we have to provide our own electricity with a generator and that our volunteer staff has had no monetary remuneration. Through its broadcasts we have been able to increase our ability to evangelize by many miles. The Christian music and messages are a comfort and encouragement to its listeners.

Where there are few roads, thousands throughout the mountains and valleys are being reached with the Gospel. Our equipment has sometimes needed to be replaced or repaired, which of course, involves expense. Funds are needed to continue these vital ministries that are so appreciated and needed.

I have made myself available to churches while in the states in order to maintain and if possible, increase our support base. This has been difficult as funds for transportation are few and we cannot spend money on public relations as huge organizations. Some churches have provided us with airfare or the means to visit them, for which we are grateful!

I've noted in the quarterly newsletter that I have a blog: www.gospelgrowers.org. This has been created in order to keep people up to date with mission news. Please visit this site if you would like to learn more about Gospel Growers.

Also, I want to thank the ladies of "Sam's Club" who represent our interests in their area of Texas. We thank God for all of the Churches and individuals who have continued partnering with us in this ministry. You have been in our prayers!

Over the years my role has changed and now I am in a more supervisory and coordinating position. As Paul discipled Timothy, I have been enabling young Haitian men and women to realize their God given talents. They are becoming indigenous missionaries, aiding their own people through our programs. What a blessing seeing them come forward and mature. BUT funds are needed to recompense them for their time and efforts. If they do not have the means to support themselves, they will have to leave the area and seek employment elsewhere. We have been able to provide 8 houses for these young ministers who are working for the Lord—Praise God! They are now married and raising children who are learning to serve the Lord.

We thank all those who have helped us in the past. Your spiritual dividends are growing in heaven! For those who consistently support us, words cannot express the gratitude felt by me and the Haitian people for your decision to continue to be partners with us in this work. We cannot continue if the funds do not come in. So much depends on your help. Please speak a word for us with your friends, family and churches, because at this time we need all the help that we can get.

Because of our current situation, I will be coming back to the United States in July. Please phone the Texas headquarters (Veronica or Jim Guerriero at 817-251-4625) if you would like to arrange for me to come to speak to your church or group. May the Lord Jesus bless and prosper you all as we await His return when our work shall be reviewed and rewarded.

Blessings, Sam

"Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen" Ephesians 3:20