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Gospel Growers Newsletter

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Greetings to all in the name of our precious Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

I'm sure that are many out there, like me, who have been impatiently awaiting the arrival of Spring only to see Old Man Winter still hanging around.

Haiti, however, has been experiencing hot and mostly dry weather, which is not helping the majority of the population who are farmers. Many times the plants start to grow, but then the rain stops and the crops start to dry up and even die. As this is the main occupation of the island, it becomes a disaster for people already living on the edge of subsistence.

February was a very productive month where our outreach ministry is concerned. The Annual Youth Retreat, held during the four day Mardi Gras holiday period, yielded wonderful results. We gathered 150+ young people together from several churches in the Cote de Fer area. Speakers were chosen with care and traveled from as far away as Port au Prince. The youth were challenged in different aspects of their walk and witness. Eleven came to Christ and the good news continues! There was great participation as the kids brought up different points and questions which served to make everyone delve deeper into God's Word.

Evening Services were open to the general public, so everyone benefited from the messages, witnessing and wonderful Christian music. A Spirit filled band helped to draw some forward to give their lives to God through His son Jesus. The effect of those four days is still being felt even at this late date. In order to help these baby Christians grow, funds are needed for the purchase of Bibles so that they can be nurtured by God's Word.

We're happy to announce that we were finally able to obtain another transmitter for our Christian Radio Station, so thousands are again hearing about the "GOOD NEWS" through heart stirring sermons and Haitian Christian music. As there is no electricity in our area, we have to use a generator to produce power to run the station. Originally, we had five solar panels, but three were stolen. Also, funds are needed for the gas to run the generator. We would also like to purchase a few more solar panels. A new 2500 watt inverter is needed, as well. Your contributions will enable us to continue carrying out God's Great Commission to the Haitian people. We will be able to get the vital news out that God has provided a Savior from our sins and his name is JESUS.

The benefits of using radio are many as the sound can reach the top of any mountain and the depth of any valley...this is important in Haiti where there are few good roads. Help us to carry on this essential ministry. Unfortunately, due to damage from the last hurricane season some repairs are needed to the station itself.

As people are led to Christ they need to be spiritually nourished and disciplined. Therefore, it's important to put Bibles in the hands of those who are coming into the Church. Please consider helping us in this area!

The children are progressing through another school year thanks to those who help to sponsor them. The government doesn't have the means to provide education to meet the needs of all the children, so private schools must be used. These schools get no help from the government and parents can pay little. Our program helps to provide financial aid to pay their teachers and keep the schools open.

The schools then serve as a base for evangelization in their particular areas. Thus two crucial needs are met at one time. One by one, child by child, we are helping to change the demographics of Haiti over time and people are coming out of the darkness and into the light of the Gospel!

Soon the schools will be out for summer vacation and we would like to sponsor a Crusade in the Kote de Fer area. If this sounds like an outreach you would like to participate in, your donation can be designated as such.

The clinic is continuing to help the sick in the Dariol area and our staff is active in sharing God's Word with all those passing through the clinic. Funds are needed to provide medicines at low cost to these the poorest people of the Western Hemisphere. This ministry is beneficial to the entire community and a donation here will reach many!

Thanks to all who have been willing and able to continue partnering with us to serve the people of Haiti over the years. You, our contributors, are walking alongside us, enabling the work to continue in this ministry.

GOD BLESS YOU!

*Sam*

