

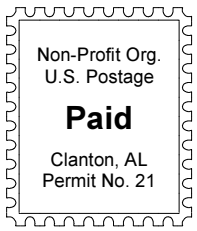


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HAITI: *The Land of Our Calling*

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Christmas Bags boxed and headed to Haiti

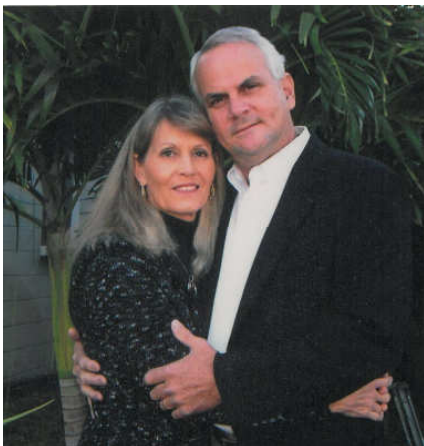
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New Batteries & Inverter

Recently we asked for help in acquiring a needed inverter and new batteries for our electrical generating needs. Your response was great, and we were able to get what we needed. Some of the batteries are shown on the left, and the super nice inverter, on the right.

Our compound in Milot is one of the few places in Haiti where schools and people enjoy the convenience and benefits of a reliable supply of electricity.

Thank you !



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- GSM:**
- ▶ providing the Christian Education and Discipleship of over 1500 Haitian children in 3 villages.
 - ▶ sending them out as missionaries to their own people.
 - ▶ changing a nation by changing hearts - one child at a time.

College Prep

Lamar Lyon posing with the equivalent of what would be called a college prep class in the U.S. It is called "Philo" in Haiti. They named their classroom after Lamar!



An Encouraging Sight

an elderly Haitian gentleman reads his Bible outside his home in Milot



Even Daily Routines

are an adventure in Haiti. In this case, buying gas. Note the polite attendant with the customary pistol grip pump shotgun. Bill is on his best behavior as he examines one of the attendant's shotgun shells.



“Go ye



Inviting People to Church

Bill leads a team of pastors through a village near Milot, inviting people to a Bible conference.

Talking Theology

with a local Haitian man. This can be more challenging than one might imagine. Many Haitians are very informed and will put you to the test concerning matters of faith.





Loading the Container

filling up, almost done. The container was loaded Oct 17-19 and, as we go to press, is at sea and on its way to Haiti.

The Gospel Presentation

children assembled last year in the chapel at Milot to hear the story of Christmas.



The Hope of Christmas

Our annual Christmas Ministry is going well. As you read this letter, the Christmas bags are at sea, making their way to Milot. They should be in Haiti by the middle of November. Please pray for a safe journey for our container. We had great help this year, with 39 organizations helping us, ranging from churches, SS classes, to retirement homes, special needs groups, Christian schools, and even a Christian Pharmacists group from South Carolina. We have over 2600 bags and will be able to minister to all of our schools, and then be able to go to at least 4 schools beyond our GSM schools. What a blessing. There is a great team of 14 people going down Dec 1-8 to share your gifts and the gospel with the Haitian people.



The Good News of Christmas

reaches Savane Carree. Last year a group of children assembled in the schoolyard as Bill Younger shares the story of Christmas.

The Shepherd's Care Project

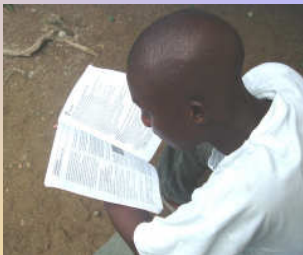
We are continuing forward with our 5 year 5 phase plan for a permanent medical facility at Savane Carree. The phases and progress are indicated below:

- COMPLETE** Phase 1: \$ 25,000 - survey land - secure existing titles - purchase adjacent properties
- Phase 2: \$ 35,000 - build additional walls to secure all GSM land
- Phase 3: \$ 85,000 - do a site plan - drill well - build mission house - acquire generator
- Phase 4: \$ 100,000 - build a small clinic & surgical center - develop outpatient care
- Phase 5: \$ 150,000 - build hospital - develop inpatient care

We are beginning Phase 2. At present we have \$5,345.00 of the \$35,000.00 need to complete Phase 2.

Milot High School Scholarships

A new school year is now in full swing, and some of our high school students are again in need of scholarships. Please do not redirect your regular giving - as the basic ministry needs of GSM



must be maintained first if we are to remain in Haiti - but if you want to give over and above your regular giving, you might consider our Scholarship Fund. Just make a note on your check.

Teams Needed

We need a couple of good paint teams to come down in February or March (*dates flexible*) to help us get our chapels in Bicaire and Milot painted. They both have good roofs now, but the job won't be finished until they have a nice coat of paint. There is also some work to do on the schools at both campuses. Call Lamar at 334-365-5219 or 334-301-4764 if you can help.

Prayer Needed

- for the **Christmas Container**, a safe and timely delivery
- we will have **Medical Teams** in Haiti Nov 1-8 and Nov 15- 22. Pray for their safe travel, good health, and a blessed ministry.
- for our **Christmas** Team. They will be sharing "The Hope of Christmas", distributing the Christmas Bags and sharing the gospel, Dec 1-8. Pray for their safe travel, good health, and a blessed ministry.
- for **Bill & Sandy**. Haiti is a difficult and demanding country. Please keep Bill & Sandy in your constant prayers.
- for strong **Financial Support**.

Treasures in Heaven

“Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

- Matthew 6:20-21

The words of our Savior and Master - Jesus Christ - spoken to us in the imperative - it is not a suggestion - the imperative indicates a command. To not obey is sin. Note that prior to these verses, verse 19 records a similar command - to stop doing something they had been doing - that is - laying up treasures on earth. Likewise, to persist in the former pattern of life - laying up treasures on earth - is sin.

Recently, Steve Jobs, the brilliant billionaire and founder of the Apple Computer Corporation died at the age of 56. For all the wealth and brilliance he possessed, he could take none of it with him into eternity. None of it. He left it all behind. Every penny. I do not know his personal relationship with Christ, but I do know it would have been possible to send it all ahead - had he obeyed the command of the Son of God.

The next time you make a purchase, consider the investment. Would it have been better to send that treasure ahead? What would excite you more - to invest in the Master's work - or invest that same money into the domain of moths, rust, even thieves? Which activity should excite us more? His command should be our joy!

There may be many ways to lay up treasures in heaven. In Matthew 19:21 Jesus indicates to one wealthy young man that by giving of his wealth to the poor and following Christ, he would have *treasure in heaven*.

Given that poverty is one important criteria to our Master, we must note that Haiti is the poorest country in the western hemisphere - and one of the poorest in the world. And this destitute country is literally on the doorstep of the richest country in the world. The contrast and picture may remind us of the story in Luke 16:19ff concerning the rich man and Lazarus.

One of the most exciting ways we can think of to lay up treasure in heaven is through your support and participation in the work of Good Shepherd Ministries. GSM must be one of the most efficient, effective, and frugal ministries in existence. We are a small ministry doing a big work. And, we are an enduring work. GSM has been in Haiti for 35 years. We need your regular, faithful, and generous support.

Did you know that when you support GSM, you are not only providing for the Christian education of over 1500 children - but are also providing nearly 100 jobs for the Haitian people who staff our facilities? We cannot pay our workers much - we wish we could give them raises - but it is work - and for the Kingdom.

Did you know that it has become very expensive to maintain the Lord's work in Haiti? Food prices are skyrocketing. Gasoline is nearly \$6.00 per gallon USD! We provide electricity to run lights, sewing machines, computers, and printers for our three Christian schools on our Milot campus. With the prices of fuel so high in Haiti, we are struggling to keep our generator supplied with diesel fuel! Food prices likewise have rocketed.

The Haitians are in a daily struggle for survival. They can scarcely feed their families. More than ever the Haitian people need the good news and hope that is only in Christ Jesus.

Consider the story in Luke 21:1-4 of the widow's mite. This story teaches us that it is not what we give that matters - but what we have left.

We challenge you to think about where you put your money - to think about where your heart is - to consider what you have left - to do the math - to lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven - and rejoice. GSM is a great place for that. As the costs of ministering in Haiti have climbed, we challenge you to increase your participation and support of the work. There is much we want to accomplish.

We are grateful for your support. It is your work. We could not be in Haiti if it were not for your partnership.

May God richly multiply His blessings unto you.

Pray for us - Pray for Haiti.