

BAPTIST HAITI MISSION

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

In Haiti known as Mission Baptiste Conservatrice d'Haiti.



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These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. Deut 6:6-7



President's Invitation



Dear Friends of Baptist Haiti Mission, I write to you during an exciting time in the life of Baptist Haiti Mission! The Lord has and continues to bless our efforts as we minister to the people of Haiti with the Gospel of his Son. One of the most

tangible ways we see the Lord working through BHM is our Child Sponsorship Program. It is through this program that we provide a Christian education to Haitian children and at the same time lay the foundation for the future economic development of Haiti. Ultimately, the intent of child sponsorship is to teach children to read God's Word for themselves as a means to personal salvation and the formation of a biblical worldview.

The Child Sponsorship Program formally originated around the year 1982. Baptist Haiti Mission also began partnering with the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) in 2007 and utilizes their resources for teacher training and support.

At the time BHM was founded, the literacy rate in Haiti was a dismal 2% for adults -- only 2 out of every 100 people could read! According to the CIA World Factbook,

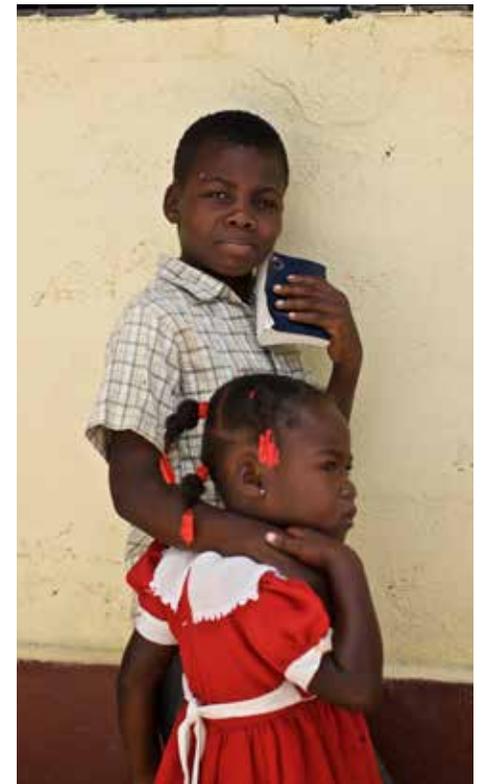
the new literacy rate in Haiti as of 2017 is near 60%. Our prayer is that the children in our schools will grow into economic, agricultural, political, medical, and theological leaders in Haiti to the glory of God. Can you imagine if the future leaders of Haiti were driven by a passion for Christ and not by the bondage of Voodoo? All of this begins with the foundation of a good Christian education.

I invite you to partner with us in prayer and encourage you to read through this newsletter and learn more about what the Lord is doing in Haiti through Baptist Haiti Mission.

Thankful for you in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Dalrymple'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Jeff Dalrymple
President of Baptist Haiti Mission



Why Pray?



As a child, my father led us in what we called “family altar” each night before we went to bed. We would spend time in our family room reading a Bible story, a character story, or some exciting adventure story with a biblical principle.

After we finished our storytime, we would drop to our knees as a family and pray together there by the sofas.

As a 5-year-old kid, our family prayer time seemed like it took ages each night before we went to bed, especially when my favorite Colorado Rockies games were on the radio. We had a system of prayer as a family—my dad would lead us in prayer, then the four of us children would pray from the oldest to the youngest (I am the youngest) and my mom would close out our prayer time. For whatever reason, my mom seemed to pray for three hours! Now, she probably only prayed for two minutes or so, but as a child I remember thinking, “Wow, mom! Why do you always have to take so long to pray?” My mom would always seem to take longer because she would pray for specific things. She would pray for specific people in our church and their specific needs; she would pray for specific neighbors and friends’ salvation. She would also pray for the specific needs of us children. She would pray for my dad. She prayed specific prayers to God about

specific needs, and she prayed with all her heart. As a five-year-old child, I was bored out of my mind, but I was learning from the life example of my mom and dad. Prayer was a vital component of our family DNA and, as I look back at that time, God used that family prayer time to teach me the importance of prayer.

So, as a 32-year-old youth pastor, husband, soon to be father of two, and Development Director of Baptist Haiti Mission, what role does prayer play in my life now? Prayer is everything to me! As I work through how to grow Baptist Haiti Mission and its impact on this world for Christ, I find myself constantly falling to my knees. One verse that keeps coming to mind is Psalm 127:1—“Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.” There is nothing of eternal value in this life that I can accomplish apart from God’s grace. God must do the work in His way and in His timing if Baptist Haiti Mission is to continue to make an eternal impact in Haiti. D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones once stated, “Prayer is beyond any question the highest activity of the human soul. Man is at his greatest and highest when upon his knees he comes face to face with God.” Mary Slessor, missionary to Nigeria, once said, “Prayer is the greatest power God has put into our hands for service.” God has commanded us to seek Him in prayer and to ask Him for help. What an awesome privilege to come before the throne of the Almighty God and ask Him for help!

As I sit and work in my American office, what can I do for Haiti and Baptist Haiti Mission? I have not been called to go to Haiti, but I am eager to see Haiti reached with the Gospel. What can I do? I cannot even breathe without God’s consent, nor my heart beat without God’s command. My eyes cannot see, my ears cannot hear, my feet cannot walk without God’s intervention. Who am I to think that I can move the heart of an unregenerate man to hear the sweet words of the Savior and be saved? Who am I to think that I can adequately reach the children of Haiti with education and the gospel message unless God equips me? Who am I to think that I can raise funds needed for a hospital or a translation project? I am sitting in Louisville, Kentucky, and the needs are due south in Haiti! But God has given me such a great tool that overcomes the problem of distance from Haiti—prayer. As a child of the King of kings, I can ask Him who is omnipresent and omnipotent to do the work.

The greatest work that I can do for Haiti is to go before the throne of God on my knees and plead for Him to do a mighty work in Haiti. God must do the work in Haiti, and I must seek His face and obey His leading if anything is to be accomplished in Haiti for the glory of God.



Aaron Scott
Director of Development

Teaching is Kingdom Work

By Colton Manley



Junior Miracle is the 5th-grade teacher at Fort Jacques School in BHM's child sponsorship program. He is a tall man, towering around 6'4", and while being severely cross-eyed, he always has a beaming smile.

I visited him and his class in May with three college students from The Master's University in California. The first thing that struck me about Junior was his presence in the classroom. He spoke clearly and calmly, in a manner that demonstrated care for his students and their understanding. "Some students would like to sing for you guys," he said as he proceeded to call upon a number of volunteers to sing in front of the class.

"I have a class of artists," Junior whispered to me with a sense of pride as he motioned towards his class. "There are 42 students in my classroom, and a lot of them really love God, and they all love to sing worship songs that I have taught them. These students are blessed to be in school. There are a lot of parents that would love to send their children to school, but they do not have the means to do it. Even for some of the students in my class things are really difficult for them."



After hearing a number of songs from the class, Junior asked if we had questions for the students. "What do you want to do when you grow up?" one of the college students asked the class. "I want to be a nurse," said a student. "I want to be a judge," said another. A smaller boy raised his hand and stood up "Mwen vle adore Bondye... I want to worship God." Junior chuckled. "That's great," he said, "and we can do that anywhere we are. Remember it is our job always to lift Jesus higher."

Later on, I pulled Junior aside to ask him more about himself. "I love teaching!" he explained to me. "I have been doing it for 14 years now. It is very important for the formation of the children and their faith, and I appreciate the opportunities that I have to lead them in devotions, and instruct them in things that are biblical." It was evident that there was something very meaningful to him about his vocation.

Our visit ended with questions from the class. "Where are you from?" one of them inquired. "California... Hawaii... Japan," the college students answered. At the mention of Japan, a young girl pulled out a geography book as other students crowded around to see the world map. "Do they worship God in Japan in the same way that they worship God in Haiti?" It was evident

that the class was full of students eager to learn about new things and new places.

After we had answered their questions, Junior thanked us for visiting and asked one of the college students to pray for the class. As we walked back to our vehicle, I thanked God for Junior and his ministry in that 5th-grade class. It is people like Junior who are investing in the next generation of Haiti, and it is the aim of BHM's child sponsorship program to provide children with the opportunity to go to school and learn under teachers like Junior. If you would like to sponsor a child or learn more about what BHM is doing to improve education in Haiti, please visit our website at www.bhm.org



A Tribute to Darlene Winn

By Devin Norton and Darlene Winn



She walked into Mountain Maid, greeted by the employees with the familiar call of “Bonjou, Madame Winn,” and sat down on the stool next to my desk.

I should have given her my seat. Here in front of me sat a woman who has seen donkey trails made into paved roads; spent countless nights in uncomfortable beds with no access to electricity or plumbing for the sake of training hundreds of local church leaders in children’s ministry; been a part of a school system which has seen the literacy rate among the population rise above 60%; and seen the introduction of modern conveniences like cell phones, the internet, and grocery stores.

But as always, she humbly and graciously sat in the lowest seat, with years of compassion and wisdom shining through her eyes.

Lovingly referred to as “The Aged One” among BHM’s current missionaries, Darlene is always upbeat and spunky, ready to give and take friendly banter, and in the next

breath offer wise counsel. As her time in Haiti comes to a close, I sat down with her in an attempt to mine a few gems from the mountain of godly wisdom she has gained over the last 38 years as a missionary in Haiti. As you will see in her responses, God has refined her through fire and love, and given her a perspective of the world through the lens of His Holy Spirit.

Q. Have there been any times/situations where you have seen God move extraordinarily?

A. *“There was one time we had a situation in Hinche (a town a few hours north of PAP). We had lost the key to the school food depot because one of the children was probably playing with it and dropped it. So we had no way to access the food. About that time, a group of people sent by a disgruntled person in the community came to steal the school food. There were enough of them to overrun us easily and take everything, but we did not have the key to open it. They went to the neighbor and tried to get him in on it. He said, ‘No. Any time I even have a headache they give me a Tylenol and a glass of water.’ Meanwhile, we called back up to the mission*

on the radio, we did not have cell phones back then, and Wallace called the police. It was a while before the police arrived, but for some reason, the group that had come to steal the food just milled around outside. There were plenty of them, enough to break into the depot without the key, and it is not like the neighbor was actively trying to stop them. It was really strange. They just seemed confused and frozen. The police came and dispersed them, and when they left, we found the key to the food depot right there next to the gate.”

Q. How has God used your time in Haiti to shape your view of the world?

A. *“Well, I have always worked with children. It holds true no matter where you are that every child needs Christ. When children grow up and become adults of their community they can make a positive impact, not only socially, but spiritually. Another thing I have learned here is life is brief. So, those positive impacts on eternity are the most important aspect.”*

Q. What advice/counsel would you give someone considering long-term foreign missions?

A. *“It is important to know that God wants you to be willing, but just because you are willing does not mean that it is God’s call for you. If you do feel that you are called, go visit the country with whoever you may be called (husband, wife, family, etc.) and make sure it is a calling and not simply an emotion.”*

Q. What has been your biggest challenge in missions?

A. *“There are a lot of challenges in missions, because it depends on the day! Especially at my age with all this computer stuff. The biggest challenge can be that culture gets in the way of right Christian living, what God might want from us, and for us, and of us.*



I would like to see the Haitian Christian take a stand for what is right and true regardless of what others will think or do now or in the future. This might mean that they can be the decision maker when they should be and say no to something that should not be done. This also might mean that wrongdoing [something as simple as stealing] can be directly addressed when and as it should be.

“Let’s see - another challenge would be, at my age, going out and doing all these trainings and spending the night in a not-so-comfortable bed, having rats running through the room, and having to get up and go outside in the dark to an outhouse with no electricity. It is not the most fun.”

“For those first few years, the language was a big challenge. It is something that is so important - to learn the language - and you have to do it to be able to do ministry, but that does not make it any easier!”

Q. What is your favorite question to be asked as a missionary?

A. *“I always think it is neat whenever someone, especially a young person, asks, ‘How can I know God is calling me to missions?’ because that means He is working on them to either go or send. Like I said before, it is not every Christian’s call to go, but*

it is every Christian’s call to either go or send. When people ask that question, they are open to where God is leading them.”

Q. How has your time in Haiti affected the way you view the American church?

A. *As a Christian from the outside looking in because I do not attend American church except as a visitor when I go to the States, this is what I observe. The church in America seems to get sidetracked from time to time by the latest “catch phrase” or latest “bandwagon” they get on. I see the American Christian doing things because it makes them feel good about themselves. Yet, salvation is by faith and trusting in Jesus as Savior from sin by grace that gives us eternal life. Salvation is the beginning, a starting point, of a journey where we continue to have to make choices in life about what God calls us to do. We do not always choose the best, and sometimes we get*

carried away by everyone else, forgetting with Whom life begins and ends.

Q. How would you sum up your experience as a missionary in one sentence?

A. *“One sentence!? Whoa, that’s a doozy. I may have to get back with you on that one.”*

Please pray for Darlene as she transitions back to the United States this summer. She has been faithful in ministry where she is for the past 38 years. Pray that she continues to find a way to minister to those around her with the same love and wisdom she has always shown to the people of Haiti.

At the end of our conversation, she did get back to me about the sentence...

“I guess we can use Psalm 118:23 for that one sentence. If there’s a sentence that sums it all up, it sure couldn’t be mine.” Psalm 118:23 This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.



A Life Changed

By Joshua Reichard



I had the joy of interviewing Daniel Jean-Louis who was born and raised in Haiti.

Blessed at a young age, Daniel had the opportunity to be a part of our child sponsorship program. Through this program, God used Baptist Haiti Mission and Daniel's supporters to change Daniel's life forever. I am always encouraged to talk to individuals influenced by the Child Sponsorship Program (CSP). Daniel is now a Liberty graduate where he also received his Honorary Doctorate. Daniel is married to Ketia, and God has blessed them with two children, Brianne (4) and Meyer (4). Daniel is now the owner of

Trinity Lodge in Haiti, the initiator of 100 K Jobs Haiti Coalition, CEO of Bridge Capital, and co-author of From Aid to Trade.

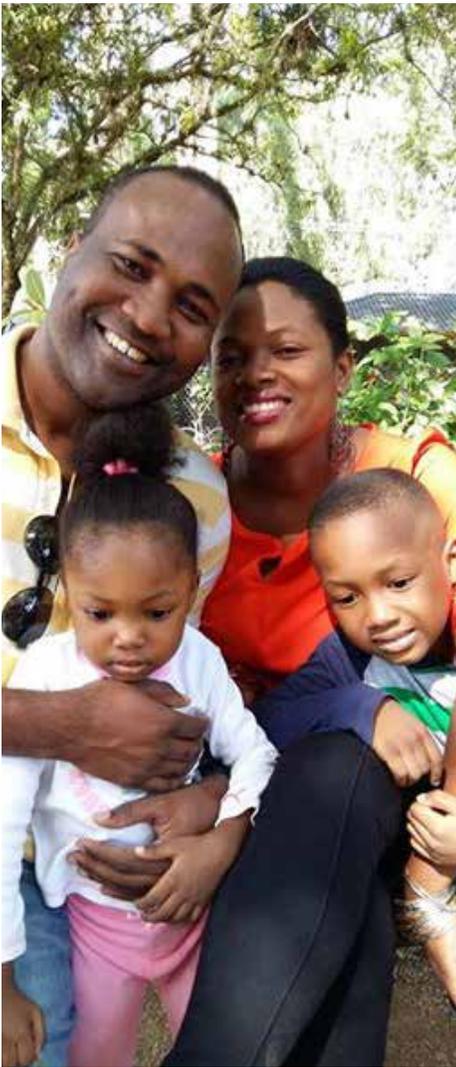
Here is what he had to say about being sponsored as a child.

I am not sure how I was placed in the CSP, it must have been through God's grace. When I was young, I can remember writing letters and coloring pictures to the family who supported me. However, I never was able to meet the family that supported me. I wish I could remember their names so that I could say thank you to them. Either way, it is a joy to know someone cared about me enough to help me receive a Christian education.

One thing I enjoyed about the program, was the opportunity it provided for me and my sponsor to communicate. If you sponsor a child, I would encourage you to write to them as often as you can. It truly is a blessing to receive letters as a child. It helped me understand that there were real people out there who cared for me and took time out of their schedule to let me know they loved me and cared for me.

Q. Did the CSP introduce you to God?

A. Yes and no. My father was a pastor in Haiti and he was the one who led me to the Lord. But CSP encouraged me in my faith and helped me in my sanctification. The program helped me to understand spiritual community. It taught me that community is critical for living a godly life. Community is



what builds the church; community is what brings believers together on Sunday.

Q. Did you enjoy being a sponsored child?

A. Yes! It is a life changing experience to know someone on the other side of the world cares for you. When I was too old for the program, I was sad because I could not receive that love anymore, though the experience did help me see how much Christ loves me, as the one who made me and knew me before I was born. The CSP taught me care, love, communication, how to relate, and how to trust. Things that will always influence the way I live life and do business.

If I could say one thing to those considering sponsoring a child, I would say it is one of the greatest gifts that a child will ever receive.

Education and community are fundamental in a child's life, and without this program, most children will receive neither of those things. Haitian parents, most of the time are unable to provide good education for their child due to lack of resources. When you sponsor a child, you are helping train individuals in Haiti to become better citizens of tomorrow.

BHM is a large community with faithfulness built into its core. One of the reasons I continue to support them and encourage other people to do the same is for that very reason. The steady supply of staffing and resources help build the eco-system to help disciple the children of Haiti. BHM does all of this and more. But what is most notable about them is their stand for the Gospel. It is only by God's grace that BHM can help change the lives of countless children.

Q. Can you tell me about your experience going to Liberty University?

A. I was blessed by the Turnbull Learning Corporation program, which enabled me to leave Haiti for a time and receive an excellent education from Liberty University (The TLC was started by Dr. Falwell and Wallace Turnbull, and enables students in BHM churches and schools to go to Liberty, if accepted). Schooling there was hard. Liberty is a world class university in the most developed country in the world, versus Haiti, the least developed country in the world. Quite simply, I was not fully prepared. However, it was one of the greatest experiences in my whole life. I was able to have fun in the dorms while learning the American culture with American students. Liberty also set me up for success. It was a joy to see the knowledge, material, logistical planning, and many other things that Liberty had going for them.

Along with the challenges of college, I found it very hard to transition from a poverty-stricken land to one without lack. All I had known growing up was lack and this sense



of brokenness. When you grow up following a broken model, it is almost impossible to follow the correct model. Not because you do not want to but because the broken model is a self-replicating model that keep poverty-stricken people in poverty. I am grateful that BHM, Liberty, my supporters, and God helped me out of poverty to where I can now make a difference in Haiti.

Q. How do you help Haiti now?

A. I wrote a book, called *From Aid to Trade*, that helps people understand Haiti's market economy. As such, trade will cause it to grow as it does in the rest of the world. Poverty in Haiti is man-made and is unnecessary. My book provides a framework on how to change this around. Also, I still live in Haiti, and my businesses are in Haiti. Another way I am striving to give back to Haiti is by being involved in my local church in Coridon.

Lastly, I wanted to mention the Turnbulls' impact on me and Haiti. They are not just heroes in Haiti; they are legends. They have raised generations through education, church planting, and many other programs. They do not only impact people, they provide a correct model to follow, to inspire. I am a direct product of their influence, so are most people in Haiti.

Therefore, if you are thinking of sponsoring a child, do not hesitate. Act now.

What It Is Like to Sponsor a Child

By Kristil Dalrymple



Q. What drew your heart to be a child sponsor?

A. When Jeff started working with BHM, we were made aware of the sponsor program for the first time. After being made aware of the need, we wanted to get involved and help.

Q. What is your sponsor child's name and grade?

A. We sponsor a boy whose name is Dawensley Plaisir, he is finishing up first grade. We also sponsor Sterline Vilsaint; she recently finished first grade at the top of her class.

Q. What has been the biggest benefit?

A. There are certainly many benefits, but one that stands out to me as a parent is the opportunity to teach my children empathy and compassion for others in a less fortunate situation. It is a double blessing—caring for Haitian children's basic needs while also addressing my children's spiritual needs.

Q. What has been your mindset in the whole process?

A. Our mindset has been influenced by a desire to lead by example. We do not want to ask others to do something we are not willing to do. It has been good for us to make the commitment to sponsor children and share some of the many resources we have been given by the Lord to continue the Lord's work with the children in Haiti. Our family was reading through John this past year, and over and over again we saw Jesus caring for the sick and outcast: people's physical and spiritual needs. Ultimately, we want to extend the hands and feet of Jesus to these families in Haiti by way of their children!

Q. How has God used sponsoring a child in your life?

A. Like the Israelites, we are a forgetful family and often lose sight of the qualities God desires for us. It can be easy for our family to fall into the lifestyle of entitlement and materialism that surrounds us every day. God has used the sponsorship program to provide a tangible way to exhibit sacrificial

service while fostering gratitude for things we often take for granted. We see our Haitian children on the fridge every day - as we open the fridge doors to plenty of options of food, we are reminded that in Haiti that is not a common reality for many families. Those daily reminders are used by God to keep us thankful to Him and in prayer for others.

Q. Have you been able to interact with your child? If so, how?

A. We like to send over notes and gifts, but we have been able to fit in a few visits too. In August 2016, our son got to take his first trip to Haiti and meet our first sponsor child, Dawensley. Dawensley was pretty shy, but it was great for our son to have a personal connection to the face on the fridge. Then in March, I was able to visit Haiti for the first time and spend the afternoon with our little girl sponsor child, Sterline. Sterline is even cuter in person, and it was a wonderful experience to have conversations with her and her mother, with the help of a translator. We got to play together, push her on the swings, introduce her to ice cream, and give her some little gifts we brought.

Q. How have you seen your child benefit through the sponsorship?

A. We are so thankful to be able to help the children we sponsor receive a Christian education, including their books and uniforms. We also help train the teachers that are having that immediate impact on these children. Both of our sponsor children seem to be thriving and doing well in school. By reaching the children of Haiti, it is a powerful way to influence the next generation with the gospel while providing the skills and knowledge they need to be responsible adults. And honestly, taking care of the children is a line of influence into their homes - touching the adults too!

Q. What would you say to someone who is not sure sponsorship is important?

A. I guess that most people would not deny the importance or need of sponsorship, as much as they delay the decision or perhaps worry about the monthly financial commitment. We have all seen the emotional videos and seen the need for helping children around the world to have food, water, housing, and education. Emotions can be good motivators, but the “why” for me is answered in Matthew 25 when Jesus is teaching on the final judgment, in verses 34-40:

“Then, the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry,

and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, I was a stranger, and you welcomed me, I was naked, and you clothed me, I was sick, and you visited me, I was in prison, and you came to me.” The righteous then basically ask when did we do all that? Verse 40 explains, “Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.”

I desire to be busy about my Heavenly Father’s work. The righteous are called “blessed by the Father” for the work they did to the least of these. Even though Haiti is relatively close to the United States, they are still in desperate need of many of life’s basic needs. For \$30 a month, I can help answer that need for one child in Haiti. Not all of us are called to live full-time overseas, but all believers have

a mission to abide in Christ, the Vine, so our lives can bear fruit. Sometimes to bear fruit, I have to make myself uncomfortable for the Lord’s purposes. In these uncomfortable spots, I lean more on the Lord than on my strength. I get to flex those muscles of faith and see the Lord strengthen my faith and work in ways that I would have otherwise missed. Take an intentional look at your budget, see if there is a way to reallocate funds to make room for a sponsor child. Include your children in the decision and let them learn from your choice to sacrifice in order to help a child in need. If the Lord has abundantly blessed you with His resources to steward, then consider helping more than one!

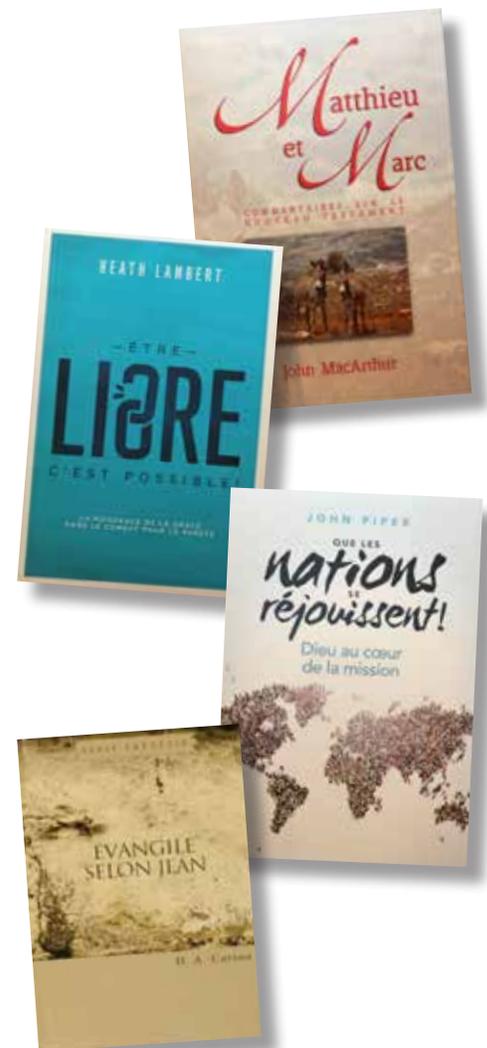
One Book at A Time

By Samuel Johnson

Baptist Haiti Mission is in the process of translating A. W. Pink’s book, Attributes of God, into Creole, establishing the biggest evangelical library in Haiti, and other exciting endeavors.

We have also provided other resources in French and Creole (the common language of the people). However, some may question why we are putting all this time and resources into providing material for the Haitian people. To answer this, we must go back to the foundation of why BHM exists in the first place. BHM exists to Glorify God by strengthening His church, proclaiming His gospel, equipping His saints, and demonstrating His love. Resources are a great way to pursue strengthening God’s church and equipping God’s saints. Regrettably, Haitians have access to very few gospel-centered resources. Therefore we want to provide

books that faithfully expound on the Scripture. We desire to provide them with the opportunity to feast on the wisdom of those who are impacting the church for the glory of God. By God’s grace, this will encourage the church in Haiti to stay strong, worship Christ more, equip church leaders to preach, and encourage the people towards discipleship. Baptist Haiti Mission is excited about the opportunity to bless the church in Haiti with these resources. Please pray that God will bless this effort and be glorified through it. Help support this endeavor by going to www.bhm.org/translation.html and donating today!



Atrel: Making Training Possible

By Kyrk and Deborah Baker



Spread throughout the Northwest peninsula of Haiti are more than 80 BHM-affiliated churches and schools. Many of the teachers in these rural areas do not have an advanced education.

We have encountered teachers that only have a 6th-grade education and were given the job of teacher because they had the most education of anyone in the area. The need for qualified, educated teachers is a real need in many areas of Haiti. Because of this need, the Mission has been involved in training teachers for many years, and we are now looking to expand our capacity for training in the Northwest.

Many of the teachers in the Northwest have never made the arduous journey to the Fermathe campus where the Master's Program is held. The reason why they do not take the journey to Fermathe is lack of time and lack of money -- it can take two to three days to make the trek, and the cost is

often prohibitive. How can these teachers have access to the training they desperately need to help improve their teaching?

Lay preachers in the Northwest will make the yearly trek to Fermathe for the annual church conference, but often it is not possible to make the trip for pastor training seminars that are held at other times of the year. There is great desire and need for more training, but it is not readily available where they live.

Seeing this great need, the mission decided to begin the development of a new campus in the Northwest where the training offered at Fermathe could be duplicated. The early discussions of this new development started in 2007 with the goal that we (Kyrk and Deborah) along with our five children would be on site in the summer of 2010.

God had other plans (think earthquake, January 12, 2010). As we look back on this time, it is amazing to see how God worked all things for His good and answered all of the questions and uncertainties we were facing if we had made the move in 2010. So in God's perfect time, we moved to the



Northwest in 2013 to begin construction of a training center where teachers and church leaders will receive training closer to home.

Progress has been slow, starting on a blank mountainside void of vegetation except for a few shrubs, but God has provided, and we have been able to build a home and a large storage building. Currently, we are finishing up the perimeter fence and working on the first dormitory. Lord willing, teacher training sessions will be able to take place next summer, and we will also be able to begin offering many more opportunities to the lay preachers and youth such as camps, conferences, and retreats.



God's Glue

By Sandy Turnbull

May 12, 2017 during Commencement weekend, Wallace and Eleanor Turnbull were granted honorary doctorate degrees from Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA. Also honored with a doctorate was an outstanding Haitian graduate of Liberty, Daniel Jean-Louis.

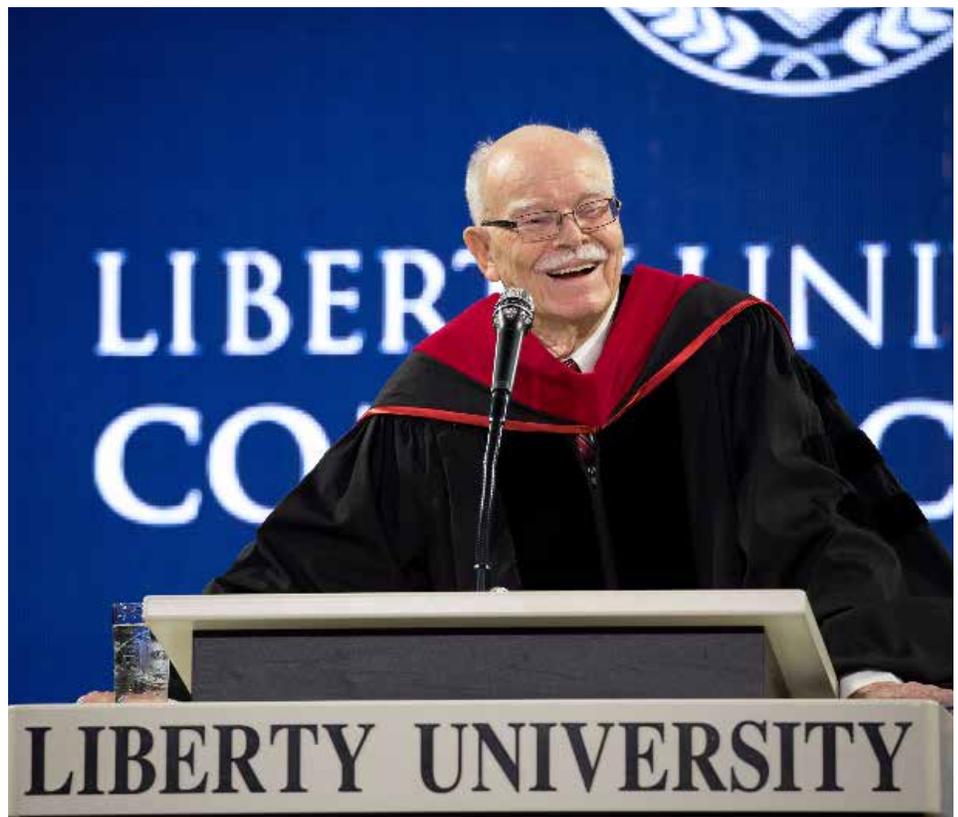
Family and friends were happy to be a part of the festivities. Everyone was showered with numerous acts of kindness and gracious Virginian hospitality. Wallace exclaimed that the whole weekend was like a happy birthday party!

During the Baccalaureate service, Wallace spoke to the students, faculty, and family; all crowded into the giant Vines Center: "When we give our heart and mind to Jesus, He, who is eternal, has a wonderful path for us. We will have terrible moments as we are fighting Satan, but Jesus will bring us through. "We are His pawns in a big chess game in which Jesus has already won."

This time at Liberty was but another chapter in the saga of over 50 years of partnership between the Turnbulls / BHM and the Falwells / Thomas Road Baptist Church / Liberty University.

A very brief history of this partnership:

- In the early 1960's, an evangelist named Jimmy Johnson visits the Turnbulls and their work in the high mountains of Haiti. He is accompanied by a young



man named Jerry Falwell, and his twin brother.

- Not long after, Jerry brings Art DeMoss and his family to visit the mission's work.
- 1971 - Jerry and friends start Liberty University.
- 1976 - Start of Liberty program called SMITE (Student Missionary Intern Training for Evangelism)
- 1983 - Art DeMoss underwrites the sending of Doug Achilles to Haiti as a missionary. Doug works closely with BHM.
- 1984 - TRBC steps in to help with school teachers and textbooks for the primary schools associated with the churches of the mission.
- 1999 - Dr. Falwell agrees to provide scholarships to Liberty for Haitian students.
- 2005 - Daniel Jean-Louis graduates from Liberty with a degree in business. He returns home to Haiti, opens a

couple of businesses, develops strategic partnerships, and sees ways to alleviate some of the challenges facing his country.

- 2015 - Daniel writes a book: "From Aid to Trade" that draws attention to the need to stop useless "giving" but rather develop long-term and lasting businesses and trade.
- 2017 - Dr. Jerry Falwell, Jr. becomes aware of the book and chooses to highlight Daniel and his accomplishments during Commencement.

Eleanor has often said: "This is but another example of God's glue." He sees ahead. He knows when to stick the right pieces together, at the right time.

We are grateful to God for what He has been able to accomplish through this partnership. Haitian young people continue to be educated and prepared for a lifetime of Christian service to their country, family, and church.

Let the Deaf Hear

By Melanie Dearing

About 20 years ago, a little boy came to a Baptist Mission preschool for the first time. Jacklin was very similar to the other children, yet different. His family wanted the best for him. They saw him for the smart little boy that he was, but he had gotten sick with a high fever and had become deaf.

The Child Sponsorship Program knew that the schools could not adequately educate Jacklin, but that did not mean that we could not be a part of his education. At that time, no one could have known how the Lord would use Jacklin to pave the way for others.



A visiting team involved with church partnership was making repairs to a school building in a rural area. A bright-eyed girl stood outside the gate smiling as she watched the children play in the schoolyard. She was not in a school uniform so I assumed her family could not afford the fees for school and that she did not attend. She carried a basket of chips to sell. I borrowed a few gourdes (the local currency) from a friend and asked the girl how much the chips cost. The girl did not say anything but



just shook her head and smiled sweetly at me handing me the chips. An interpreter standing by thought perhaps she did not understand my Creole, so he spoke to her again. The principal of the school told us the girl was mute. To which I asked, "Is she deaf too?" The answer was yes.

I spent the afternoon with Chama, quickly falling in love with her. I invited her into the schoolyard to thumb through some books and then showed her a few American Sign Language (ASL) signals that she quickly learned and mimicked back to me. Chama did not have a formal communication system and used made up signs to communicate with her family.

The Lord paved the way for Chama. He used Jacklin, who stopped by to visit to give us the information we needed on his school even though he was not attending at the time due to the fee being too expensive for his family. He used another little boy, the son of a street vendor, who was home on break from the same school Jacklin mentioned. The Lord used Nixon, a mission employee who knew Chama and her family and were able to lead us to her home and go along to help us communicate to the family the opportunity for Chama to go to school.

This ministry exploded in my heart! So many doors were opening for Chama to be able to go to school and maybe Jacklin could return as well. I have struggled with the Creole language since we arrived in Haiti, but now I see a people group that I can communicate with via ASL. Do you know that the deaf population remains the largest unreached people group? There are approximately 250-300 million deaf people in the world, and only 2% of them are Christians.

As I shared with family and friends about what the Lord was doing, He provided the funding for both Chama and Jacklin to go to school for one year. Because there are limited populations of deaf students





in given areas, most children must attend a residential school unless their families are able to move closer to the schools. Residential schools are even more expensive. They require upfront payment for lodging, food, the internet (because people who are deaf cannot just make a phone call on their cell phones), uniforms, books, teacher salaries, housekeeping salaries, toilet paper, toothpaste - all of the things you need for school and all of the things you need to take care of the entire population of a school on a daily basis. Since learning about Chama and Jacklin, other children who are in need have come to the mission. Below you can read about each child:

Chama: 12 years old, going into 3rd grade next year. Chama's education has been paid for 2017-18 school year.

Jacklin: in his early 20s. He has two years of tailor training left, and then he graduates.

Smid: 17 years old. He is going into the 3rd grade. His father is a pastor in the Central Plateau.

Washon: 8 years old. His father is a pastor in the Northwest.

Sandia: 14 years old. Sibling of Washon.

Dimitry: 13 years old. He is the nephew of a mission employee working in child sponsorship.

*Smid, Washon, and Sandia's fathers pastor churches that are six to eight hours away from the school. It is an additional expense for the family to have a child living in the dorms at the residential school so some families actually choose to live closer to the school and the fathers travel for work.

All of these children are in need of financial support to allow them to continue their education. If you are interested in supporting them, you can give on the website at www.bhm.org and give to "Special Projects"



Sponsorship Stats



There are **15 schools** currently in the program, and we are expanding to **18 next year**



There are **350 schools** associated with BHM



2,530 children are sponsored



970 children need sponsors

PUBLIC PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Pray** for wisdom for the leadership team at Mountain Maid that they would lead with love and joy for the glory of Christ.
- **Pray** for the beginning of a new school year for two missionary moms (Dearings & Bakers) and eight children as they juggle educating their families, hosting teams and guests and serving in ministries.
- **Pray** for the Minners are expecting their second child in September. Please pray for continued health for mom and baby, a full-term pregnancy and safe delivery.
- **Pray** for the people visiting Haiti this summer (including our Crossings teams); that God would use their travel and experiences to point others to Himself and away from themselves.
- **Pray** for Andy Lambert and his wife as they get settled in the mission. Ask God to help them as they learn the culture and Creole.
- **Ask** God to call new missionaries to BHM to fill the vital roles of Camp Director, Hospital Administrator, and Accountant.
- **Pray** that God will allow us to raise enough funds to purchase a Backhoe Loader and a Bobcat for the Atrél Project.
- **Pray** for the leaders at Camp Le Phare this summer, that God would grow and guide them as they influence the youth of Haiti.
- **Pray** for the youth that are coming to camp, that they would encounter God and grow in Him.
- **Pray** for the students at Summer Bible Institute.
- **Pray** for the people of Haiti that God would bless them and keep them and lead them in paths of righteousness.
- **Pray** for Language and cultural learning...always!



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