

February 1, 2023

Haiti www.lamissioninc.com "La News"



Missionary Bob Swann

rswann51@gmail.com

## A Note from Director, Bob Swann:

1 Corinthians 1:9 "God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord." I was recently hospitalizes and diagnosed with a-fib (where my heart rate was fluctuating around 133-BPM) and at the same time with pneumonia in my right lung. It was quite difficult to breath although I did not have much coughing nor did I feel bad as most were in the emergency room which I stayed overnight until a room came available. I was able to talk with the doctors and nurses about Jesus from time to time. Some listened to be nice and others were somewhat knowledgeable of the God of Scripture. We covet your prayers in the matters of ministry in Haiti as a country without a government in chaos with corruption on the rise towards anyone with land in every conceivable possibility to come in to destroy with their corruption. Peter said these types of people who are still in bondage in 2 Peter 2:19 "While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage." Note: on the second page of this letter is more recent information sent to me by Pastor Tony that evil Judges and lawyers along with local thieves that are trying to take over the compound property where Pastor Tony lives along with the ministries where Grace Baptist Church operates its worship and Bible School teaching. These same thieves in cooperation with evil corrupt judges and lawyers paid by thieves have already begun selling lots on the private property I purchased in a town west of Ouanaminthe called Dilaire. They are now coming after the compound and church property so they can take it over. We need your prayers and also help financially to pay our lawyer to file papers against these criminals who are now coming after the ministry of Christ. We need \$1280 immediately to pay lawyer for his work and to process the paper work in court.

## **Update - Mission Compound & Grace Baptist Church: Letter from Pastor Tony Hyppolite:** Ouanaminthe on 01/29/2023 Dear Brothers and Sisters.

We salute you in the precious name of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. This week we had serious difficulty with the bandits of Ouanaminthe, they attacked us in various ways, they entered a land that we have in Dilaire which is a small town west of Ouanaminthe. They have invaded it and separated it into lots, in addition they threatened me directly by telling me that if I come on the property, they will kill me. They have hired corrupt judges and corrupt lawyers who help them in their efforts in making false documents of possession of the land. They sent me a summons saying that the land where I live and where the Grace Baptist Church is located belongs to them also and that I have to buy it back from them. This summons was sent to me through their corrupt lawyers to present myself within 3 clear days to the Public Prosecutor's Office of the Civil Court at Fort-Liberte, to respond to this summons. I found myself obliged to contact a lawyer to defend by counter-summons the domain of Grace Baptist Church and compound property. I already took out a loan of \$440usd for the first phase of defense and now the lawyer is asking me for another part of \$840usd to go to trial and we will need financial help in the future to keep the trial going and case open. Because every time they take us to court, we must give them a response by summons at the same time. I lack the means to do the trials in court. With your prayers I will also need financial help to win the victory until the government of Haiti becomes a normal country again. So, during this time I solicit your prayer to find funds to finance this spiritual trial that is upon us. We must pray that God will see fit to battle for us to save the heritage of Grace Baptist Church and the space where we live and minister.

Receive our most sincere greetings. Your Brother in Christ. Pastor Tony Hyppolite.

## **Pray needs for this month:**

- 1. Pastors, families, needs, safety, spiritual maturity, faithfulness, souls regenerated, edification of members of GBC & BFBC
- 2. Day school, orphans, and widows' salvation and monthly support
- 3. Supporters for their prayers and faithful support and for additional prayer and financial supporters for the work in Haiti
- 4. Compound taxes for October 2022-2023 still need \$2000 + \$100 interest + \$80 bank fee = \$2180 for February
- 5. Lawyer fees needed for work and filing in court to keep the compound from being stolen is up to \$1280
- 6. Tricycle for transportation and delivery of purified water \$4300 + \$80 bank fees = \$4380
- 7. BFBC in Gonaives needs a laptop and printer and a printer is needed for GBC in Ouanaminthe
- 8. Pastor Tony's and his wife Natacha need spencer's so they can visit the USA along with their daughters who are sponsored
- 9. Apartment rent in Santiago for Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> & Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> & also Feb, 10th + \$8 fee = \$908 total
- 10. Pray as I prepare bible lesson materials for the pastors in Haiti
- 11. BFBC For Pastor John to receive the bibles from Port-au-Prince book store

## Praises to our Lord for:

- 1. Tony's two daughters (Monica and Nedjyna) are still waiting on their paperwork to visit the USA
- 2. We submitted the paper work (1-134A-form 13 pages long) for Silvane's sister Eliane Etienne On Saturday 28th of January

Report from Pastor Tony Tuesday January 31st: Around 7:30 pm 3 bandits shot into the compound more than thirty rounds. Thank the Lord no one was hurt. I plan to try and cross the border tomorrow Thursday the 2nd February if the Lord will provide something for me to travel for if I stay it may mean my demise by these gangsters. Praise God they arrested one of the 3 gangsters who shot into the compound today (the 1st of February). My neighbour Philomé who lives across the street from the church identified him. He came back through the area and Herivaux arrested him after beating him he called the police. This gangster is now in prison at Fort-Liberty. The reason bandits came by shooting into the compound because they were angry that our lawyer filed the first petition papers in court at Fort-Liberty to summons them in court (this is the \$440 that Tony borrowed last week to save the compound property to pay our lawyer first court filing). We are obligated to continue to fight against these ungodly crooks but it will be a slow process until the country gets back to a legal functioning government. Our lawyer is hard at work filing documents to prove our land was acquired legally. He is researching on his part going back through land owners' history. Please pray that we can pay the lawyer what we owe him for now (\$1280) for all his hard work soon as possible or we may lose case in court.