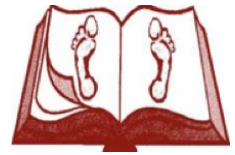




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"La News"

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A Note from the Director, Bob Swann:

Since the beginning of the year ministry work has been nonstop. Starting with the government as Jesus put it in: **Mark 12:17 And Jesus answering said unto them, Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's. And they marvelled at him.**" I finally sent out all the IRS forms required by our government for our 501(c) status and I am glad it's over for this year after many hours of work. We got an email from the IRS that they accepted, thank you Lord. That was all the rendering to Caesar now accomplished while we did not slack on rendering to God in accomplishing the daily routine of ministry work. Witnessing to the lost, teaching the Word of God, pastoral counseling to several Haitian pastors in Gonaives, Ouanaminthe, and in the Dominican Republic, preparation of bible lessons that are used in teaching in three small church bible schools as well as used in discipling. To God be the Glory! **2 Timothy 2:2 "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."**

Update - Mission Compound & Grace Baptist Church: Letter from Pastor Tony Hyppolite:

Ouanaminthe on 03/21/2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I greet you in the precious name of our savior and Lord Jesus Christ. We have spent the months of January, February and March in turmoil because of the Bandits of Ouanaminthe who harass us non-stop by trying to steal our lands and our houses in the North East department of Haiti. We filed a complaint against them and then contracted a lawyer to fight for us against them, which we succeeded, as the Judge issued 19 arrest warrants against them (the bandits) and the police finally apprehended 11 of them. They were placed in jail until their judgment, but finally the Judgment took place after 2 postponements because we had no money to open the trial in court, however with your prayers and financial support we had received enough money to pay the lawyer what we owed him for his work in February and to move forward with the judgment. The lawyer then agreed to represent us at the floor of the civil court of Fort Liberte, to pay him after the judgment for his work in March. After 2 days of great persuasive for the Judge to condemn 7 of the criminals to be incarcerated for 2 years in prison for trying to steal property (the compound in Ouanaminthe and Dilaire) illegally, ransacking the property in Dilaire destroying walls and attempted murder when shooting into the compound. The judge released 4 of them because they were presumed innocent bystanders who were not involved with the gangsters. With this conviction of the 7 we won the judgment of the property of the compound (Grace Baptist Church). However, it's not over yet for the Dilaire property because we have not yet received the order from the Dean of the court which gives us right to the land. As for the costs of the trial the lawyer had asked for \$ 2500 usd after much argument with him, he accepted \$2000 usd. Please pray with us to obtain these funds to pay the lawyer. The police have arrested a twelfth bandit but the lawyer agreed to represent us on the same amount we have to pay him not charging any additional cost to us. Since the conviction of the gangsters, I received a lot of threats from their family and friends, and I can't afford to defend myself, the state of affairs in our government stated that we have now have the right to bear arms to protect ourselves against the gangs in the country. Haiti government sanctions that each of us to own their own weapons to defend ourselves. Weapons such as a 9mm pistol ranges from \$1700usd to \$2000usd. If we can purchase a weapon, it would be good to have for defending ourselves, when necessary, when the thieves attack. The Bible says in Proverbs 14 verses 34 "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." This country will never rise again because there has never been justice from its foundation until now, even now there is no justice. This country is condemned because of voodoo which causes evil to be everywhere. I believe, even in this 21st century no one can do anything for Haiti. Even though the international governments have tried everything but they will never be able to tame this people which is very unfortunate situation. The people are condemned to live in misery and filth until Jesus Christ returns, because only Jesus can save this country and I say all glory must be given to Jesus Christ our lord and Saviour.

Your brother in Jesus Christ, I love you all in Jesus Christ.

Pastor Tony Hyppolite.

Pray needs for this month:

1. Pastors, their families, their needs, their safety, their spiritual maturity, their faithfulness, for souls to be regenerated, for edification of the church members at Grace Baptist Church in Ouanaminthe, Berean Fundamental Baptist Church in Gonaives along with the other church affiliates, and the Haitian churches in the Dominican Republic
2. Christian Day Schools in some of the churches, orphans, and widows for their salvation and monthly support
3. Prayers for our supporters for their faithful prayers and financial support and for God to provide additional prayer and financial supporters for the work in Haiti and the Dominican Republic
4. **Lawyer fees needed for work accomplished in March for convictions and property settlement \$2000 with no further charges for his work even if he is needed for the ongoing case against the outstanding bandits**
5. Compound taxes for October 2022-2023 still need **\$1016** + three months interest; **\$300 interest = \$1316 still needed until the end of March when there will be an additional \$100 interest**
6. Tricycle for transportation and delivery of purified water **\$4380**
7. Two laptops (**\$608 each**) and **printers (\$408)** are needed for the ministry and bible school in Haiti
8. Apartment rent in Santiago for April is needed = **\$308 total**
9. Pray as I prepare bible lesson materials for the pastors in Haiti and Dominican Republic
10. For Pastor John to receive the bibles from Port-au-Prince book store that Pastor Marc Brashear purchased for him

Praises to our Lord for:

1. Lawyer was paid for his work in February
2. Court costs was paid to convict the 7 bandits
3. 11 arrests were made out of the 19 warrants in which 7 were convicted for 2 years in prison while 4 were released as innocent bystanders who were not involved in the land theft, destruction of property and attempted murder
4. The 12th bandit was apprehended by the police Monday 20th now there are only 7 bandits left to find by the police;
5. The judge ruled the property (compound and Grace Baptist Church) as legally acquired and owned and the judge and lawyer are still working towards the property in Dilaire west of Ouanaminthe