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Re: Ministry Update from Haiti Field Directors Avenel and Myrlene Clersaint

It has been a while since I could not give a full report. Things were very hectic in the country and also in my personal life. I feel the pressure but I do not want to give up because God has given to us a great responsibility to work in his kingdom. I consider that to be a privilege even when it is sometimes tough. The economical situation of the country and my personal economical situation have a consequence on the churches.



Personal news – New Addition!

My family is doing fine. Ralph is going to be in his 6th grade, Angie is going to start her 1st grade and the new baby is Wendy Alexandra Clersaint born on June 6th. Myrlene is fine after her the baby birth. Pray for us please.

Church news – Now 6 churches!



The *central church is ok* and is still growing, not as fast as the past years, but we have had a growth of 70 people and 35 baptized this year. We celebrated this year our third anniversary and that was great. Groups and choirs came from Tabarre Christian church to help us with the celebration. Also we had two ordinations: Jocelyn Decimus and Canez Francois have become the two new deacons of the church. They are all doing a fine job there. Rodney Decamp is going to graduate this May 2005 at Christianville College with a bachelor's degree in Theology.

My goal was to support him with a salary of A least 200 hundred dollars to start and to find a team or a church in the States that would sponsor him a house for his family. I do not have any result yet. Will God provide, I am still hoping.



The second church of Mirebalais is *Latheme Christian church*. Remember that we started this church one year ago and is working very well. We have a committee that is taking care of that church. It has grown so far to 75 people. Last year I bought a portion of land for them and they are ready for construction right now. Brother Sadrac is the coordinator between the central church and the Latheme church. We have communion every month together at the central church. For the rest of the time they meet at Latheme.

The third church of Mirebalais is Meille Christian church. It is at the south of the village of Mirebalais. Brother Soulouque is in charge of coordinating the activities between the mother church and the Meille Christian Church. I purchased a peace of land with an old building, I need to break this building and erect a brand new building. The one that exists now is in very bad shape.



Tabarre Christian church is our fourth church. The story of this church is marvelous. Tabarre is nearby the airport of Port-au-Prince. It has grown so far to 700 attendants and still growing very fast. We have the project of construction and in fact it is under construction so far by faith. We received a check from First church of Christ for Tabarre and we do what we can to accommodate the new wave of people that are coming every week. We are going to have to start a second service

on Sunday mornings. Sunday September 5th we are going to have 27 people who are going to be baptized. Glory to God. Pastor Louinor Benjamin is my associate at Tabarre. I want to have a support for him and would like to start him with 250 dollars.



The fifth church is at its start point six months ago and is doing well. **The church is in Lazil** south west of Port-au-Prince at about 59 miles. We are up so far to 40 people and the youth group is on fire. I went to Lazil four Sundays ago and did not find anybody to meet with. What happened? The whole church went to mission to Anse a Veau where we are starting our sixth!! church. That was a very visible sign that this church is a dynamic one so far. That is why I invited the youth group of 21 people (12 to 18 years old) to come to Christianville for a summer camp. IT took place from August 20th to 23rd. It was a good time and we went to church at Tabarre Christian Church on Sunday 23rd of August to have our communion. WE had games, prayers, Seminars, Bible studies and socialization. Glory to God for this young people who went back home on fire to evangelize the world around them. We purchased a very big peace of Land at Lazil and we are ready for something big. I do not have the money but I am still having some big dreams to grow the kingdom of God.

The sixth church is in **Anse a Veau**, another area south west of Port-au-prince at about 70 miles. There again I purchased a peace of land and started a building with a check I received for a one time gift from a church of Oklahoma. Ready for God to make the extraordinary things he is doing through me.

The schools – grown to 3 schools

The school of the church of Mirebalais Christian Church is still functioning with the sponsorship of some people. I want to thank them for their faithful effort. However we have 200 hundred students at Mirebalais Christian church and I have only around 20 sponsors. (the sponsorship of a child is 15 dollars a month). I am working with the goal of having a school in every church that I plant. I am not complaining, God is faithful and He never promised that things would be easy. That is why I know He will provide for the ministry. Tabarre Christian Church has a school of 120 students. Latheme Christian school has 60 students So far I am trying to find some money just for the teachers. I have given to them all my support so far, but this coming year I do not know what to decide in this matter because of the lost of my major support. Either I will close the door of those schools or I find some partners to help me with the burdensome work.

Vacation Bible schools

This year we have had vacation bible school in four of the six churches. WE have serve 350 children total. I have had a great team from Christianville college who went with me to those places. The children had several activities: craft, one hot meal a day, conference, games, bible studies, computer learning. Talking about computer, I thank Chuck Catanese for his search of computer gifts. We have six more computers donated by the **Toyota Manufacturing division in Florence, Ky**. Praise God. I will use them in the school system and will have a continual computer class for kids and young people in the churches. We can use many more!

Leadership training -The ministry of Christianville College



Thank you to Christianville college that allow us to have a center of learning for our future associates. This year we have 2 guys who goes to school there. Two are pursuing a degree in theology and four in Education science. Christianville College support them with half of their tuition and I have to pay the other half of the tuition. The tuition cost is 900 dollars and Christianville College allow us to pay 450 for each of them and for the whole year. Only two of them have a sponsor: Rodney Decamp (senior, Will graduate May 2005) is sponsored by Chuck and Lana

Catanese. Sainsaint Vilsaint is a junior (will graduate May 2006) is sponsored by Cissy and Randy Van Huss. The four other guys are waiting for sponsors with patience. Please help us find sponsors for them and God will bless you. Thank you to The Catanese and to the Van Huss families. The names of the other guys are :1) Franztes Derisme, Jeanson Janvier, Lenick Lehaut, Cener Jean-Baptiste.

Financial Report

Since I came back from Cincinnati I have never been able to go raise support in the States. I have some friends in North Carolina and in Cincinnati and Richmond who are helping me to get some supports. But things are not well at all financially. An idea of the level of my regular monthly support:

Fairmont Christian church (regular support) since 1999 Richmond Va.	400 \$/mo
Taylor Mill Church of Christ (Ky) since 2000	200 \$/mo
Highview Christian church (Cincinnati). Since 2003	100 \$/mo

There have also been some who have made very special one-time gifts. Thanks so much to **Bob Williams and Steve and Cathy Strickler**. As you can make the remark, my support is reduced to only 700 \$ since April 2004. When I came back from Cincinnati in 1999 my goal was to be a full time church planter. I give the priority to that so far, but I am working full time at Christianville as a teacher for lack of fund to support the church planting effort. Christianville gives me a house and they pay the tuition of school of my kids. I have put 100% all the support I have received in the church plant effort and I have had nothing for myself. Now with the **loss** of one major church support of \$1000 per month, I do not know what to decide. The idea is that I have a choice between staying in Haiti to work hard in order to coordinate the work or to go to the States often to raise support. It is humanly impossible to do all of that at the same time. That is why I need new partners in this great ministry. I need your prayers.

Ministry Needs

- I still want to fix my truck because I have to work with all the churches and without transportation is not easy. It will take \$2000 to fix this truck which is very old. Would be best to get a newer one. I want either a truck from the States or I can buy one here in Haiti. Life is tough but God is good. Call or email Chuck Catanese on how to donate a truck if you have one
- Sponsors for at least 250 kids (15 dollars a month)
- Construction of the school of Mirebalais
- Construction expansion of the church of Tabarre (we have already started)
- Construction of a house on the campus of Mirebalais for our associate Rodney Decamp and a sponsor starting him with at least 150 a month.
- Construction of a basketball field at our campus of Mirebalais.

God Bless you all, Avenel and Myrlene Clersaint

A brief message from Dan

I remember as a young boy of just 13 years of age, being asked if I would like to go to Haiti. I believe that my positive response had more to do with getting away from home and going on an adventure than it did with having a Christian servant's heart. After I returned from that first trip, I wasn't sure that I would ever go again. In fact I had counted down the days until I could return home with a prayer that went something like this: "Lord, if you get me out of here, I will never come back again."

Well since that summer in 1978, I have returned to Haiti a few times, 25 to be exact. I have often wondered what it is that gets me going back every time. I think there are three good answers. I call these my reasons to support mission work in Haiti.

First, I am involved in mission work in Haiti out of a sense of obligation. The primary obligation I feel is to my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He saved me to serve Him, and I need to tell of that good news to everyone I meet. But another aspect of this obligation is my duty to my fellow man. Scripture tells us that to whom much is given, much will be expected. I have been blessed so abundantly through the Lord, that I dare not keep it all to myself.

Second, I am involved in mission work in Haiti out of a sense of opportunity. I don't know why but the windows of opportunity to travel to Haiti and be involved in this work have come regularly and abundantly. I have never had the massive amount of opportunity that I have had in Haiti, although other areas seem alluring, for some reason God keeps placing the opportunities in Haiti in front of me. I have adopted the following formula through the years: Opportunity plus ability equals calling. When God places in front of us an opportunity to do something that He has given us the ability to accomplish, I believe He is calling us to do this task. Maybe, there is something in your life that you could point to, an opportunity that you have the ability to fulfill. Perhaps God is calling you to do that?

Finally, I am involved in mission work in Haiti out of a sense of compassion. Even though I would have denied the possibility of this in that first trip I took in 1978, I have absolutely grown to love the Haitian people. I think God has brought me to this love and I am thankful. I believe Avenel is like a brother to me (I am actually an only child), and I would even venture to say, mom maybe even likes him best :-). I don't see dark skinned people in an impoverished, horrid setting any longer, I see brothers and sisters in Christ, or lost dying people who need to know the love of Jesus. I see them through the eyes that reflect the compassion of Jesus. And the truth is, I am happy to have grown in this way.

I often look back on the last 25 years or so with disbelief. I can't believe they have gone by so quickly, but I also have trouble believing that God could bring me so far in my feelings and my faith. But He has, and I am grateful. Furthermore, I look forward to where He wants to grow me next.

Dan Roberts, Logic Ministries President

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