

The Bower Family

April - June 2015

missionaries to **Haiti**

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(2015-April) Joshua Bower Graduates

Josh was able to finish his classes early and complete his senior year this month. He will be flying to Florida to work in preparation for going to Pensacola Christian College. Gospel Baptist Church and School has allowed him to walk with their graduates and participate in their graduation commencement services. We are thankful for their willingness to include Joshua and encourage him as he warps from a third world culture and climate here in Haiti and begins to seek out God's will for his life in this foreign country of the United States. Pray for Josh, as even a simple question "what's your nationality" is complex. "I'm a Haitian/Canadian /American whose current citizenship is in heaven?"



(2015-May) Harvest Revival at Maranatha Baptist Church

We celebrated our 12th anniversary on Sunday May 10th. We held a week of revival services in preparation, and enjoyed the preaching of Pastor Edris from Eglise Baptiste de l'Espoir in Cap Haitian. We praise the Lord for the 7 people that came to Christ during this week of special services. Faith Baptist Church pastored by Markeliot Fanfan held their Harvest Revival from 29 April-3 May. Calvary Baptist Church pastored by Eliphene Belizaire and Guillot Francois held their Harvest Revival from 11-17 May.

Shekinah Baptist Church pastored by Frisnel Pierre held their Harvest Revival from 10-14 May.

Eben'Ezer Baptist Church pastored by Hector Couloute will be holding special services 21 June.

Mahaneim Baptist Church pastored by Daniel Sidalmé and Jasmin Pierre will be holding their Harvest Revival from 13-19 July.

(2015-June) Recent Political Violence Leads to a Near Attack on Campus.

Our first term here in Haiti, from 1999-2003 was a time of violence. Our lives were exposed to danger on a near daily basis, and we saw our share of death. At the end of our first furlough we were reluctant to go back, but the call of God burned in our hearts and compelled us to return. The political climate stabilized soon after, ushering in nearly 8 years of relative peace. We took advantage of this time of stability, training pastors and building churches. But, a new wave of political upheaval has appeared on the horizon. For us, it's reminiscent of times past, and times we want to keep forgotten. Sunday, May 31st, a group of over 50 young men congregated in front of our campus gate and threatened to come in and remove the whites. It's been a while since we've heard racial slurs and political harangue escalate to this level of violence. So, we called the UDMO, a special branch of the police that deals with riots, and they came and dispersed the crowd peaceably (thankfully, no one was killed). But, as soon as the UDMO left, the crowd regathered, making more noise than before. We are living with this tension now, although we have not been threatened since. There does not seem to be any respite in the near future, as the political tension is building up in preparation for the local senatorial elections scheduled for August 9th and the presidential elections scheduled for October 25th. Pray for us that the ministry of the local church is not hindered.

(2015-June) Pastor Rodelin Phanet Plants a Church in Dubout, Limonade

Pastor Rodelin Phanet, one of our seminary professors here at Maranatha Theological Seminary, has been burdened to implant a church near the new internationally funded university between Cap Haitian and Ouanaminthe, Haiti. He chose a location near Limonade, just over a mile from the new university campus. We were able to help Pastor Rodelin rent a building and purchase some bench materials and chairs so that he can start meeting with the new converts in that area. It is exciting that on several occasions we have been able to take the seminary students to this area to do evangelism. They are helping their seminary professor start a new church plant. What a great way for them to gain practical experience!

