

The Bower Family

April - June 2016

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(2016-May) Harvest festival and a Week of Revival Services.

Every year, each of our churches hold an annual Harvest Festival, which is preceded by a week of revival services. It is during the Harvest Festival, people traditionally bring in tithes and offerings from their garden as a symbolic measure to show their obedience in giving tithes to the Lord. Normally, as the service starts, the children's choir marches in with their typical offerings of onions, beets, okra, carrots, and potatoes. This year, in our church, one of the boys marched in with a goat, and another little boy carried in a chicken. Many of the little kids also stood up in front of the church and recited poems. This year's Harvest Festival has been especially exciting, because twenty-two people were baptized. During the revival services we had special speakers. Pastor Edris from Cap Haitian spoke Monday through Thursday. Missionary Jessie Garcia, with Baptist World Missions, spoke Friday Night. Senator Dieupe Cheriben, a pastor from Jacmel, was our keynote speaker for Sunday morning. It was exciting to see the church packed with over 600 people for the Sunday morning service.



(2016-April) Work Team.

The day after Easter a work team from the States arrived to help with the ministry. Two churches came together to make one large team. We want to thank all the team members from Colonial Hills Baptist church in Indianapolis, Indiana and the team members from Gospel Baptist Church in Bonita Springs, Florida. Altogether there were twenty two members that came. The team painted and rewired the electricity in seven churches, they built a church roof in Cap Haitian, painted three schools and five parsonages. The amount of work that was accomplished in one week was amazing, we will be talking about that for a long time. We were especially happy to have some of the rooms in our own house painted, and in the Bakers were extremely surprised to have had their apartment renovated while they were in the US for Mrs. Bakers surgery.

