

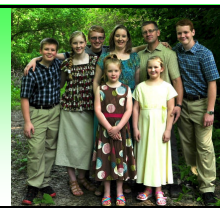
The Bower Family

October - December 2015

missionaries to

Haiti

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(2015-November) Witch Doctor Saved

When we moved to Wallondry on the south side of St Raphael in 2003, there was a witchdoctor working not more than a few hundred meters on the far side of our campus wall. Every night we would hear the voodoo drums as he called his clients (pitit fèy) to come and worship. The thin flickering light coming from the candles in the temple would pierce the darkness and could be seen from our upstairs rooms. After a couple of years, the gospel began to have an effect on the area, and Emilio the witchdoctor had to move further from the gospel and out of our line of sight, so that he could continue with the demon worship. But we still could hear the regular beating of the drums when he would meet with the voodoo worshippers. We visited him multiple times and tried to give him the gospel and encourage him to get saved, but to no avail. However, this past August, he gave his life to Jesus and turned his back on Satan and the family's demons. He was sickly and he knew he didn't have long to live. Even though he was "saved as by fire", we were glad for a real decision that has impacted the lives of his extended family he has since left behind. When he accepted Christ, he not only made a personal decision, but a choice that led the family away from voodoo, making it easier for the rest of the family to break away as well. We buried Brother Emilio last week. He has passed on, leaving behind the misery and suffering this world carries. My joy will be made perfect when I stand next to him at the feet of Jesus.

(2015-November) Anthrax Scare

A young girl who is in the children's program in the campus church and enrolled in the campus elementary school has come down with anthrax. The Haitians call it "Charcoal", because the boil like lesion takes on a charcoal like scab after a while. Anthrax, is not common, but it does show up from time to time. While not life threatening if treated quickly, anthrax can become dangerous if left untreated. The girl had been to several doctors before it was diagnosed. The lesion had grown to a 4 inch circle when the charcoal like scab appeared. She was taken to a nearby hospital where they performed a skin graft, and is on antibiotics as she recovers. Please pray for a full recovery.



(2015-November) Land Purchase In Ouanaminthe

Pastor Yves Anselme, a close associate of the ministry we have here in Haiti, has been partner in prayer with our seminary graduates and pastors. He also has been an active participant in several of our church plants and continues to help during holiday programs and activities. His most recent involvement was in the Mathador church plant. He led a group of over 20 church members to Mathador from Ouanaminthe to assist in personal evangelism. They went door to door during several days, sleeping on the church benches in the evening. Many souls were saved that week and both church congregations were encouraged. Pastor Yves has lost the lease on the land he has been using for a simple lean-to church structure in Ouanaminthe. We are hoping to assist him in purchasing land before the end of 2015. Pray that we are able to know God's direction.

(2015-December) Pastor Rodelin Phanet's Church Plant in Dubout Growing.

Pastor Rodelin Phanet, one of our seminary professors, started a church near the new university outside of Cap Haitian in July 2015. We helped buy some 1 X 12 rough cut boards to make church benches several months ago. He has been working hard at visitation and evangelism since then. We just had to buy some more lumber, because he has filled the benches! We praise the Lord for his hard work, and continue to pray for his fervor in the ministry.

