

The Bower Family

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(2018-December) Shekinah Baptist Church Calls a New Pastor

In 2008 we planted a church in Bassin Caiman, Dondon called Eglise Baptiste Shekinah. We helped with the construction of a church building for them in 2013. The church has been through some tough times with the loss of 2 pastors in the last couple of years. In December, the church and deacons called Pastor Frito Pierre as their pastor to lead them spiritually as they continue to struggle to serve God. Pastor Frito is a recent graduate of the full time seminary program.

(2018-December) Kid's Club Program

We have been working on developing a Kid's Club program that we call "Club de Vainqueurs (Conquerors Club)." We have been designing vests and uniforms, making verse lists for memorization, developing the program, and creating a series of buttons and prizes to help promote the program. As of now, we have three kid's clubs set up and functioning in Wallondry, Mathador, and Garde Biassou. Pray with us that these children's programs will help with evangelization and discipleship in the churches and communities where they are set up.



Tim helped teach a **Married Couples Seminar** hosted by Pastor Daniel Sidalmé at Manahaim Baptist Church in Mathador in November. He also taught a **class on the Pentateuch in the seminary** in October-November.

The Children's Christmas program is a fun time of the year as the church kids recite Bible verses, sing, and put on skits in front of the church. The amount of time and work that has to be poured into it cannot be measured. RoseAnne, Hannah, SarahAnne, and Mrs. Baker worked hard in preparation for the program, which ran during our Christmas revival from December 22-24.

An 80 year old lady named Katrine was hit by a motorcycle, broke her leg, and was hospitalized 10 years ago. While in the hospital, someone visited her and gave her the gospel. She accepted Christ as her Savior and when her leg healed she began attending our church regularly. But, her home life was upside down. Her husband was unsaved and she was one of three wives. For 10 years she faithfully attended church, but was unable to become a member. She continued praying for her husband, but as time past, the other two wives died. After 10 years of praying for her husband, he finally made a decision to accept Christ, and is now planning to get married. A work in progress for the past 10 years, Katrine is continuing to struggle spiritually. Please pray for her.

The **political unrest continues**. The only rest we are sure of will be future as we look forward to God's kingdom. But, here in Haiti, things have been wound tightly since this past spring. In June, there were riots all



over the country because of a sudden tax the government placed on gasoline which double the price of fuel at the pump. The prime minister lost his job as a result and the tax was removed, so riots stopped. The continued high cost of living and corruption surrounding the loss of billions of dollars in the Petro-Caraibe scandal caused an eruption of violence and rioting during the national holidays of 17 Oct and 18 Nov. While the rioting has subsided and life continues on, there is a political tension that carries with it a sense of uncertainty. Things are calm now, and we hope it will stay that way for the next several months as we plan to carry on with our construction plans and ministry activities. Pray that the Lord provides the political stability necessary for us to do work of the ministry.