

SUMMER 2017

Haiti Dairy Program Now Moving Forward

GOD CLEARS THE REGULATORY OBSTACLES

For many in Haiti, getting enough nutrition is a struggle. Not only is this because of lack of money, but inadequate domestic food production makes food scarce or unreasonably expensive. To supplement, large amounts of dairy product must be imported to Haiti at great cost to this resource-strapped nation. Our brotherhood has an abundance of agricultural knowledge and talent plus a desire to “proclaim Christ and serve others.” This led to a group of farmers and dairy experts starting HarvestCall’s Haiti Dairy Program.

That was in 2012. Since then, some goals have been adjusted, and many lessons have been learned. But God continues to bless the program and there are exciting recent happenings.

Bro. Les and Sis. Christine Kaeb have been serving as missionaries in Les Cayes, Haiti, since Fall of 2015. Their desire was to establish a model farm on land that had been purchased previously. They would first start a dairy farm, then a dairy processing hub, and ultimately, market local dairy products. They did not know of the regulatory roadblocks that lay ahead of them. A necessary NIF (Quitus) Certificate, and subsequent building permits were required to make any “physical” progress. But waiting was to be their earthly schooling (*Zions Harp* 244) for the Lord set to work in the heart of Bro. Les and the farmers that surrounded him on the Torbeck Plain of Haiti.

Looking back on this time of waiting, Les can testify that the Lord knew better than he did, and better than the Haiti Dairy Committee. Instead of a physically viable dairy farm, what developed is a mutual love and respect between the Haitians and the Kaebes. Instead of bricks and mortar, a relationship was

built that allows for open



Les, Christine and Lana Kaeb



Examination of new calf, Ivory



Getting input from the local farmers



Making friends

conversations about God’s Word and how its principles apply to all of our daily activities. There are some Haitian believers and some non-believers, and all seem to have a hunger for more of His righteousness.

Construction Begins on Good Vision Farm

Recently, after months of delays, the necessary NIF certificate came through in answer to our Thanksgiving prayer in November 2016. This was followed by the mayor approving building permits on January 24, 2017. The very next day, foundation work on the shop/depot began, the footings were poured and construction began at this ministry location, now called Good Vision Farm (Fèm Bon Vizyon). As this

is written, this first building is nearing completion. The shop/depot will provide a home base for future projects, as well as a storage place for machinery.

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Teaching All Nations

FULFILLING THE GREAT COMMISSION

Matthew 28:19 – the great commission. Believers are instructed to go into all nations to teach the good news of Christ. This is the essence of HarvestCall's Child Sponsorship program, whose mission is "to provide a Christ-centered education for needy children."

Education Not Available

All children in the U.S. have a right to free public education, but education is considered a privilege in most third world countries. Poverty denies children the education that provides an opportunity for a better life, with this cycle repeating itself generation after generation. In addition, spiritual awareness and understanding are also lacking in these children.

Child Sponsorship Purpose

Our Child Sponsorship program currently serves ~1,700 sponsored students in five countries: Guatemala, Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico, and Zambia. This work is coordinated through local Christian organization partners in each of the countries. While the goal is to provide a valuable education that will help our students become more productive adults, our purpose is to present a spiritual opportunity for students to be exposed to the gospel message, and eventually, called to serve our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Christian School Standards

To enhance the level of spiritual teaching in the schools we sponsor, Child Sponsorship developed a set of education standards, including:

1.) sponsored schools should have

both academic and spiritual curriculum components, 2.) instruction should include daily spiritual teaching by Christian teachers in each classroom, and 3.) spiritual material must be age-appropriate.

Individual School Assessments

After developing these standards, Child Sponsorship endeavored to evaluate the level of spiritual teaching in the schools we serve. While we have confidence in our partners and are satisfied overall with the consistent delivery of the gospel message in most of the countries we serve, we observed a broader-than-desired spiritual curriculum discrepancy from school-to-school in Haiti. The findings revealed an inconsistent delivery of formal spiritual teaching, as well as a limited understanding of the gospel message among administrators and teachers. In addition, there was very little use or availability of spiritual textbooks or workbooks for the children to use as learning tools.



Haitian children are excited to receive their own illustrated Bible Story book.

New Haiti Spiritual Curriculum

Based on these assessments, the top priority for Child Sponsorship became the development of a more robust spiritual curriculum and the implementation of more effective administrator and faculty spiritual training, focused in Haiti, where ~70%+ of our resources are concentrated. Our two long-standing partners in Haiti, MEBSH and HCH, are engaged and support this plan to introduce an age-appropriate spiritual curriculum into their schools over the next few years, which will benefit ALL students (12,000+), not just the ~1,100 sponsored through HarvestCall.

Curriculum Materials Identified and Adopted

Bro. Mike and Sis. Susie Walder have identified and recommended spiritual materials from several different sources that are consistent with the doctrine and beliefs of the Apostolic Christian Church of America (ACCA).

First, they presented the ACCA Salvation Bible Study to over 150 MEBSH pastors after their annual meeting in December 2016, and then they started hosting Salvation Seminars for all administrators and teachers in MEBSH and HCH schools in early 2017.

Second, new spiritual materials are being procured for use during the 2017-2018 school year. The focus the first year will be on the primary grades, with new materials being delivered to one grade at a time per year. At maturity, the program will cover the following materials by grade:

• Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten

These grades will use the Creole 101 Favorite Stories from the Bible books with beautiful pictures to illustrate each Old and New Testament story.

Sharing the Ten Commandments, with help from Marie Lucie Jeune, Director of MEBSH Child Care.



Sis. Susie Walder and Adline Cameus, Director of HCH, review the new spiritual curriculum materials.

Presenting the new spiritual curriculum to HCH school administrators and faculty.





- Primary Grades 1-6**
 These grades will receive a Creole Bible workbook each year that covers 80 stories split between the Old and New Testaments. The workbooks contain beautiful illustrations, drawings, maps, and exercises, such as puzzles, multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank, etc.
- Secondary Grades 7-13**
 Each student will receive 4-5 French booklets per year on special Bible subjects or specific books of the Bible. The younger students will

study Jesus Christ, the books of John and Mark, and the importance of prayer, reading God's Word, and growth through the Holy Spirit. The older students will study the New Testament from Acts through II Timothy. In addition, Grade 8 students will study the ACCA Salvation Bible Study.



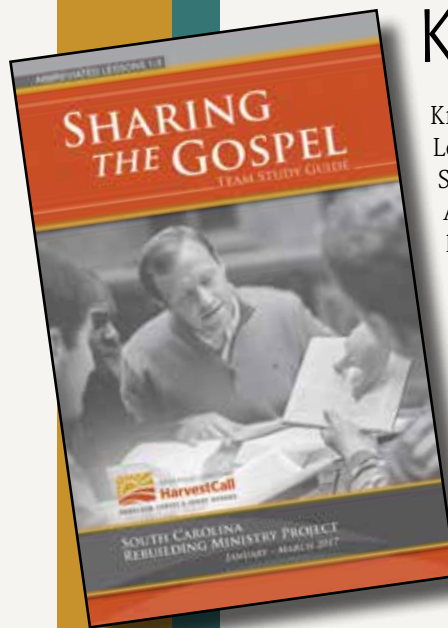
Presenting the Salvation Bible Study to MEBSh pastors and their wives.

Prayer Requests

HarvestCall Child Sponsorship is excited by the prospect of fulfilling the great commission through adoption of a more robust spiritual curriculum and faculty training in Haiti.

Please be prayerful:

1. Praise God that Child Sponsorship can help fulfill the great commission by more effectively delivering the gospel message in the schools that we serve.
2. Pray for receptive hearts and minds of both teachers and students.
3. Pray for resources to purchase the new materials (parents will be asked to pay a small fee, but the primary source of the ~\$50,000 annual need at program maturity will come from HarvestCall).



Know It, Love It,

Know _____?
 Love _____?
 Share _____?

All of us can fill in these blanks with causes that we are enthused about. In this case, fill in the words "the Gospel" – Know the Gospel, Love the Gospel, Share the Gospel. This was the theme for the South Carolina Work Teams as they rebuilt damaged homes and learned more about sharing the gospel earlier this year.

What is "the gospel"? A HarvestCall definition

explains it as *the good news of how we can be reconciled to God by grace through faith in Jesus and be transformed in heart and mind by the power of the Holy Spirit.*



Using music to open hearts

For those of us who have experienced this and are His children, someone shared the gospel message with us. Jesus now invites us to "come follow him and he will make us fishers of men." To do this, we each need to know and love the gospel.



Studying the Word together

Share It

Update

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Opportunities to Serve at Home & Abroad

Know It, Love It, Share It

Reawakening our Evangelical Heritage

Sharing the gospel is in our DNA as Apostolic Christians. Do you know that at one time, our denomination was known as Evangelical Baptists? Samuel Froelich and his followers planted 110 churches throughout Europe over 35 years in at least seven countries. In the US, Benedict Weyeneth and his followers were also zealous, planting 36 churches in 11 states over a 35 year period.

Through the work of the Holy Spirit in our leaders and brotherhood since that time, our church is re-awakening to its evangelical heritage. Take a look at our AC Church Pillar #1 – to present the gospel message of salvation to the lost and HarvestCall’s mission-to equip and mobilize brethren to proclaim the gospel, disciple and nurture believers, and demonstrate the love of Christ with deeds of compassion.

Sharing the Gospel in South Carolina

Let’s look at an example of how our brethren are actively knowing, loving and sharing the gospel today. A HarvestCall team put together a study called, “Sharing the Gospel,” which was piloted during our winter work mission. After an introduction to the study on Sunday evening, the South Carolina Work Teams spent approximately a half hour during three morning devotional times to learn more about the gospel – what is it?, how to speak it, and positioning ourselves to approach the lost. Each lesson started with scriptural references followed by a video with key concepts, personal reflection and challenge application activities along with singing a hymn. To reinforce the

Know it

- G God’s Holiness
- O Our Brokenness
- S Christ’s Sacrifice
- P Our Profession

Love it

- E =
- L Life

lessons, participants had questions that they discussed during the 30-minute drive to and from the worksite.

The long-term HarvestCall team coordinators said it was so exciting to see God at work in hearts. Comments were heard, “We wanted to roll down the windows during our discussion questions and let the gospel pour out on everyone”. Over a noon hour, one group reported that they *intentionally* spoke the gospel to each other. Another person said he found himself *intentionally* looking for someone to give a “blessing bag” so they could share the gospel. (Blessing bags contained bookmarks with scripture verses, non-perishable food items, a gospel outline, etc.) Throughout the three month project, approximately 600 people were exposed to the Sharing the Gospel study lessons. We trust they have continued to take these messages back to their families, churches and into their communities.

The HarvestCall team is currently developing a more extensive training tool for evangelism, including five more lessons (in addition to the three lessons shared in South Carolina). These additional topics include:

- spheres of influence / potential hostile audiences
- practical communication
- freedom from inhibitors (including fear of rejection)
- developing a culture of sharing the gospel
- the rewards of being faithful in sharing the gospel

If you would like to learn more about the study, please contact Bro. Chad Leman cleman78@gmail.com or e-mail cec@harvestcall.org. The HarvestCall team requests your prayers as they continue this important work.



For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. Matthew 18:20

Building Church Facilities in Ukraine

Day is drawing to a close. Their regular work completed, most return home. However, some gather together to volunteer their time to construct a new house of worship in Ciahor, Ukraine. This church facility was funded and built in the same manner as other new facilities in Dimka and Ostrita, Ukraine.

These new buildings are important to growing Nazarene churches as many of the congregations in Ukraine have been blessed with a considerable number of young families and many children. Prior to the new facilities, the congregations generally met in homes where the facilities were no longer able to meet

their needs. As an example, in the church at Magala, Ukraine, between 125 and 150 meet in a house-church with a single outhouse being the only available restroom.

Currently, two church projects have been approved in Ukraine by the European committee of HarvestCall, one in Corovia, and the other in Magala. HarvestCall generally provides the funds to purchase the materials, and the brethren and friends of the churches provide the manpower to construct the facilities. This joint effort allows economical construction. A building for a congregation of 200-300 costs approximately \$500,000. The joy a new facility brings to these brethren is sometimes beyond words.

Members of HarvestCall's European Committee had the opportunity to witness firsthand the thankfulness of these dear brethren for their new facilities. Some time back, various committee members were sitting in the newly completed Dimka church. At the close of Sunday services, the elder brother gave a brief talk to the church, explaining who the visitors were and the role of the church in America in providing the funds to help them build this new

church. After his talk, each committee member stood at the front of the church and the entire congregation came forward to greet them. What expressions of pure joy were seen in the eyes of each of these dear brethren.

It is really thought provoking to try to fully understand their deep appreciation for their new houses of worship. What causes this great joy? Is it because of what they experienced during two world wars and then under communist leadership that did not permit them to gather together and great numbers of them perished or were dispersed from their homelands? Is it simple thankfulness for a faith in God's goodness and His ability to provide for their needs when they cannot completely provide for themselves? Regardless of the reason, these brethren are truly grateful to have a more fitting place to worship.

Great thankfulness is expressed to each of you for helping to make these new facilities possible. Funds will be needed over the next couple of years to build the new facilities in Magala and Corovia. In addition to providing any financial support, please pray that these Nazarene believers can continue to reflect Jesus' light to their world where economic and political turmoil have become commonplace, and that the children in Ukraine will hear and respond to the message of salvation that is preached in these buildings.



This outhouse is the only restroom facility for the 130 members and friends that gather in the current house-church at Magala, Ukraine.

Members of the European committee examine the deed to the land of the location for the new Corovia, Ukraine church



Brethren and friends coming together in the evening to build the Ciahor, Ukraine church



The completed Ciahor, Ukraine church



Haiti Dairy Program

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Adjacent to the depot is a cement pad for a generator. Even now, a container full of farming and irrigation equipment sits in Bluffton awaiting final approval before being shipped to Haiti. After months of waiting, there are now so many things to do that it's hard to know what to do next! Future tasks include establishing housing for dairy animals, constructing a missionary home and guest quarters, and ultimately building a processing center for the dairy hub.

Recently, two brothers who have been travelling to Haiti for many years, visited the farm. They marveled at the interaction they observed between Les and the local Haitian community. One brother said he was really "encouraged to see what the program can blossom into" with the esteem that is valued on both sides.



Nearing completion on shop-depot

of rain and much devastation. In the next four months, only three inches of rain were measured. In March, nine more inches were gratefully received and the "greening" up was noticed almost immediately. The inconsistency of precipitation is a huge challenge. Irrigation equipment has been purchased and its

implementation will be upcoming. Working within the community to do this successfully will require wisdom and prayer.

Growing Crops for Livestock.

When establishing a farm with livestock, providing a consistent feed source for animals is essential. This includes growing corn, forages like brachiaria and other drought resistant grasses, and other alternative feed sources.

Additional Missionary(ies).

Now that the initial regulatory burden seems to be lifted, there is a lot of work to do. We are praying that the Lord will move in the heart of an individual or couple to come to Haiti to help proclaim Christ, to serve on the farm,



The Sower and the Stony Ground

When Les started planting corn in rows instead of hills, the Haitians watched and wondered. When he used a rototiller, he discovered that sometimes the Haitian way is simpler, as the rocks that never gave the Haitian hoes a problem had to be repeatedly knocked out of the tiller tines. This did, however, lend an opportunity to discuss together the parable of the sower and the stony ground (Mark 4).



and teach others. Some of the skills needed are in agronomy (fertilizer, soils, suitable crops), irrigation plan development, dairy herd health and animal care. For additional information, visit harvestcall.org or contact the Dairy Program Committee Chairman, Dewayne Dill at dewayne.dill@gmail.com or 612-819-0036.

Financial Support and Prayers. There are significant financial needs to keep this program viable. If the Lord has worked in your heart to support this program, contributions made online or sent to HarvestCall should be designated to Haiti Dairy Program. And especially, your prayers for this program to fulfill the will of God are sincerely appreciated, for His name's sake.

STAY CONNECTED | Prayer support is needed in every part of HarvestCall work. Here are two ways to learn about projects, how to be involved and how to pray specifically.

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