

Note From the Director..... Shake & Shine



A Bitter Taste of the Salt

Jesus said, *“Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.”* Matthew 5:13

In ancient days, salt was the most common preservative known. Fishermen used it to preserve their catch, spreading the salt between layers of fish, as a seal to ward off decay from harmful bacteria. During the frontier times in America, our forefathers depended on salted meat for their trek across the continent.

In addition to acting as a preservative, salt adds flavor. It adds bite to our food. However, it can lose that bite and become tasteless. As Christ-preserving agents in a decaying world, we must retain our “saltiness” and shake the salt around.

A Closer Look at the Light

Jesus said, *“Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.”* Matthew 5:14

In a spiritual sense, part of this world is like the coal mines I remember from my youth in West Virginia. The darkness is so impenetrable that you can't see your hand in front of your face. There is not just a loss of vision, but a loss of direction. The only remedy for such loss of vision and disorientation is light. Light has one primary function, and that is to dispel the darkness. It is comforting to know that there is no darkness that Christ's powerful light cannot dispel. The torch that came into the world at the Incarnation, and which has been handed down through generations of believers, cannot be hidden.



Jesus said in Matthew 5:15, *“Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.”* This light is indiscriminate in its benefits, but just as it is the nature of light to shine, so it should be with us.



All for Jesus our Lord,

Jodelin's Story...

Jodelin is one of the young men that helps us with local transportation, giving us a ride on the back of a Honda motorcycle, to go places in Ouanaminthe. I was able to share the gospel with many Haitians during our trip. Mornings and evenings, I was able to spend time sharing the gospel and scripture to reason with my audiences. Jodelin came to Tony (Haitian administrator) and I to tell us, “After hearing the gospel, God showed me that Jesus took my sin and gave me His righteousness. By God's grace, through His faith, I believe Jesus paid my sin debt and now I am His son by God' power. I want to serve God and live for Him in church.” We later had a visit from Jodelin's parents, who seemed to be very pleased with the new direction in their son's life.



La Mission Missionary Updates:

Don & Christine Ames have been helping with a major renovation project at Source of Light Int'l headquarters in Madison, GA. The completed first floor was dedicated in September. Second floor renovations are in the planning stage. Don helped build a staff cottage for Tech Serve Int'l in Arkansas and traveled to Haiti to do electrical work at an orphanage. Please pray for safety as they travel, and for wisdom in replacing their 1997 Toyota which has over 206,000 miles. More about the Ames ministry can be found online at www.Ames4Him.com.

The **Clementi Family** moved to Haiti October 7th. They are getting settled in their rented house. Glen is studying Creole, the common Haitian language, and Debbie home schools their four children. Pray for their 1999 Suburban to be released from Customs in a timely manner (usually an 8-day process.) The Clementi's can be visited online by going to their website, www.islandmission.com. They will be working with us as we establish new churches and with the orphanage.



The **Gambel Family** is no longer serving with La Mission. Following much prayer, they felt the Lord leading them to serve with Word of Life Fellowship in Schroon Lake, NY.

The **Swann Family**:



Bob, Silvane & André

Our next trip will be December 13th to 22nd. We will be accompanied by my son André & his friend Logan Schrack. Silvane will stay behind to hold down the fort and pray for us. Lord willing, we will have daily bible studies each morning and evening, and preach in a local Baptist church again. Please continue to pray with us for the support we need to minister to the lost and edify



Haiti Mission House & Orphanage



Our recent trip to Haiti was exciting! The mission house and property are looking great. The picture to the right shows the wall being built around the rented mission house. The lower right picture shows blocks being built on the mission property which will be used for additional construction. Also, we are pleased to have a functioning well on the property (see picture on left.)



We are in the process of getting the rented Mission House set up with beds, furniture, appliances and necessities for the orphans and administration. There are currently four orphan boys living here. We would like to take two more boys, but we can not do that at this time. It costs about \$350.00 monthly to provide the food and necessities for the Director, workers, and children at the Mission House. Tony is the Director, and there are three other workers; a cook, housekeeper and security guard.



Other orphans in the area come for meals, love, care, and various activities (see photo at left.) Please pray for the needed bunk beds for the orphan boys which cost about \$300.00 each including the mattress and delivery.

Also, please pray for the Mapou Christian day school now in progress near Gonaives. There are around 60 students attending this year under the direction of Joel Hyppolite.



Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial sacrifices which enable us to minister in the Caribbean for our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus!