

HAITIANS FOR HIS KINGDOM

APRIL/MAY 2018



Biz	10/19/76
Erica	11/01/77
Biz, Jr. (BJ)	08/28/02
Ismaellit (Sissy)	11/20/05
Jacqueline	04/28/08
Steven	01/13/10
Joseph (Joey)	12/18/11
David	10/23/13
Anniversary	12/23/00

THE LERISSE FAMILY - MISSIONARIES ON THE ISLAND OF HISPANIOLA

"It seems like the older we get, the greater the temptation becomes to rest on past laurels; to be content with what has already been done. But as I read the Apostle Paul's testimony of forgetting those things which are behind and pressing toward the mark, I am reminded that there is still much work to be done for the Kingdom of God and so we press on."

What has already been done



In May the **Saint Marc church** celebrated their **13th year anniversary**. My wife and smallest two boys accompanied me on that trip and we were blessed by the work of the Lord there continuing forward.

In the DR, Beloved hosted her **first ladies conference** and the theme was on **Abounding Love**. It was a lovely banquet and very well attended with ladies coming from

four different Haitian churches in the DR. During the planning and decorating for the conference, I allowed our four youngest children who had worked so hard helping in the preparation to swim in the reservoir at the church. I put bleach in the water as it is from a public source and the kids thought it was a perfect ending to a hard working day. However, the Clorox did not adequately clean the water and for **several weeks now we have been dealing with salmonella, e.coli, giardia, parasites, and amoeba infestations**. The children have suffered severe sickness and we would appreciate your prayers for our family as we get through this. Additionally, My precious Beloved is

not well. She has had many tests, and no one has been able to diagnose her illness. **Your prayers for her are coveted**.



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Situation in Haiti

The situation is so desperate in Haiti right now, that the people are leaving the country by the droves going to Brazil, Chili, Argentina and Turkey. When the Haitians will be traveling to a South American country they can do so on a Dominican Visa and they fly out of Santo

Domingo. Recently two Haitian young ladies on their way to Argentina stayed in our guest house for two days awaiting their date of departure. I preached the gospel to them and they had many many questions about salvation through faith alone in the finished work of Christ. They

were very intelligent ladies one a Catholic and one with a Pentacostal background. In the end both girls very excitedly believed on the Lord Jesus alone for the salvation of their souls.

What Needs to be Done

The biggest activity for the summer is camp for our young people. In the States in April, May and June youth groups are busy fundraising for camp and other church activities. The young people bake, sell spirit cards, candy bars, etc. The kids do car washes and spaghetti dinner sales. Here, because of the poverty level, these kinds of fundraisers are not possible, but the need for our young people to work to pay their own way is still there. Since March, Beloved has been working with the teen girls to sell pencils, rubber band bracelets and hairbows in the schools, and 5 cents at a time for

three months they were able to raise \$250 toward the down payment for camp. We have a summer work program whereby we provide work and character training for our young people and they earn the \$75 that they need to pay for camp. The problem that we have is that we need sponsors. As we provide the work and training, we need sponsors to pay the young people for the work that they do. We have 75 young people needing to work to earn \$200 for the summer. This \$200 would cover their camp cost, it would provide for all their needs to begin school in August

and give them a nominal amount of spending money. The young people are eager to work, and we are willing to teach and train, would you be eager and willing to invest?

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Your prayers for our family are coveted as we press toward the mark. Please remember our children and my Beloved in prayer for their complete recovery. And please prayerfully consider sponsoring our summer character building work program for our young people.

God is always only Good!

Biz, Beloved, BJ, Sissy, Jacqueline, Steven, Joey, David Lerrisse

Serving on the Island of Hispaniola

