



HAITIANS FOR HIS KINGDOM

THE LERISSE FAMILY

MISSIONARIES ON THE ISLAND OF HISPANIOLA



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Dear Friends and Faithful Supporters,

In our minds we know that we are not promised tomorrow, we believe that our lives are as a vapor and as the flower that fadeth, so do our lives. And yet, when one among us graduates from this life unto the next, it is never easy to accept. We sorrow not as those that have no hope, but we do sorrow. Two long time members of our church fell asleep in Jesus during these months, and we sorrow while seeing the hand of God working all things together for good.

Alta was a founding member of the church here. She and her mother, from the very beginning have been faithful. She sang in several singing groups and was faithful in her place among the local body of believers. She was an attentive mother and though her husband did not recognize it in her life, after her death he proclaimed through tears that he did not realize the treasure he had in her. Her care for her family, her attentiveness, her diligence in caring for their home, appearance and physical needs were at last recognized when because of her death all those things were no longer cared for. Since her death, her husband who had scorned the work of the Lord and the people of the Lord, has now repented and become a faithful part of the body of Christ.



Mr. Louie had been sick for quite a while. At first suffering from a terrible bout of amoebas, heathen friends and family blamed his infirmities on witchcraft. While suffering with pain, continued weakness, and digression of health with no answers or remedies, Louie had to fight a spiritual battle: Would he believe that his sickness was of a devilish nature and so resort to the voodoo house as so many Haitians do when afflicted with a sickness that doctors cannot diagnose? Or would he trust God, and choose rather to die in faith with Christ than run after healing at the voodoo house? With so many of his family yet unconverted, the temptation and noise was strong in his ears to run to what was familiar to the flesh: voodoo and superstitions. But the grace of Jesus Christ was sufficient and Louie declared his salvation through faith in Jesus Christ over and over. As Louie slowly digressed, he saw the goodness of God in his life: Dominicans and Haitians would drop off food for his family, would slip money into hands, and would care for his needs and for his young family. Louie did not need to beg, because God was with him. Finally, Louie fell asleep in Jesus, trusting the Lord, thankful for heaven and at peace with his God.

I praise the Lord for His love for the Haitian people. He was not and is not willing that any should perish. And for that reason, He preserved my life as a young boy growing up in poverty in Haiti, He raised me up, prepared me, called me, gave me grace to answer the call, has preserved me, and empowered me to preach the gospel. Because of His great love for them, when their appointed time came, they were ready to meet their Maker!

Buildings are being built, families are being established, young people are continuing their education, jobs are being provided; but the great work of God on the Island of Hispaniola is the saving of souls and adding them to the body of Christ our Lord. Thank you for partnering with us to that end! Thank you, Supporters, for continuing to pray and give toward our construction project. We are in the home stretch and are grateful to God for stirring so many to be willing and obedient in supporting this project. We are not home yet, so please continue to lift us and this project up in prayer.

Looking unto Jesus from the Island of Hispaniola,

Biz Lerisse



