

HAITIANS FOR HIS KINGDOM

DECEMBER/JANUARY 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

4th Annual Grow and Serve Readathon

In December we were SUPER Busy! The Lerisse children completed their 4th Grow and Serve Readathon. God moved two



families and a Christian school to join us this year and he blessed our efforts

enabling us to raise \$5200 that went to providing clothes and shoes for children in 5 Haitian churches. We had an excellent Christmas banquet with wonderful singing, awesome skits, powerful preaching and rejoicing in the Lord. The theme for the banquet was "Jesus is coming again; are you ready?" The night began with singing about the birth of Jesus and skits about His departure and soon return at a time we know not. Our Sissy baked 50 loaves of banana bread to give as gifts to the visitors. It truly was a night to remember. Thank you to

everyone who sponsored our children: rewarding their efforts and blessing the Haitian children.



2017



We finished the year with 54 souls coming to Christ for salvation and 14 being baptized. Our people gave \$750 for worldwide missions. We are thankful for every partner who supports us through prayers and giving.

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In January we celebrated our 8 year church anniversary. Brother Mark Bosje with FBMI brought a group to help us. We had 300 in attendance with 14 souls coming to Christ and 2 following the Lord



in baptism. Also during January we are making plans to begin a Sunday school program in the church. For 8 years we have just had one main service because when we first began the church we saw that because the people were illiterate they could never remember/recall basic truths they learned during Sunday school and church. So we slowed way down, went to one service and began to really take the time necessary for the people to learn. Now 8 years later, they have grown in grace, learned to read, and are ready for the opportunity to teach classes and learn more. Please help us cover our Sunday school program in prayer that God would give the people understanding and the entrance of His Word would give light.

Also this year, more than ever we are in serious need of church transportation. We are reaching into other communities and presently we are renting taxis for every service. We will need to raise \$20,000 to purchase what we need. Please help us pray for this project. Thank you to Pastor Don Tinsley in LA and Ms. Reva Conger in Indiana who have already given toward this project.

In the Saint Marc church they are in the middle of a building expansion. Finally being able to replace the roof from Hurricane Matthew, they are also adding a balcony to accommodate growth. They are presently in need of \$3000 more to complete the project.

In our family, Beloved is awfully busy with all that she does. She is busy with homeschooling and supervising the 6 children, plus managing the home, teaching an ESL class on Saturdays as an avenue to teach godly character, she is a Sunday school teacher and Junior church leader. I use her a lot to help me with correspondence and planning. Right now we are praying for a godly, ministry minded lady who could be an on sight teacher for our children. Beloved would

still be very involved in their education, but the prep work, the supervising and such would fall to the teacher. Help us pray about this need and that God would raise up more qualified, spirit-filled, ministry minded, God-called laborers to help with the work here.

Additionally, my assistant along with another young man in our church will be branching out to a neighboring community to start a church plant. At present they will begin having a Thursday night Bible study in this community and on Sundays will bus those people to our church in Cruse. However, as the Spirit moves bringing souls in that area to Christ, we hope to establish an independent Baptist Church in that area. Please pray that God would lead them, fill them, and use them in His great work.



Finally, thank you all so much for the Christmas cards and generous Christmas gifts that our family received. Instead of buying gifts, we used our Christmas money to take a much needed family vacation. The children had a wonderful time and we made many wonderful memories. Beloved and I were also able to get away for three days to celebrate our anniversary. Thank you, thank you, thank you for partnering with us, praying for us, believing in us, supporting us and encouraging us! We are indebted to you, but God will give the recompense!

Looking for His return,

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

On the Island of Hispaniola

