

January 2010 Spotlight on Haiti

"I am the Lord; I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will rescue you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments." (Exodus 6:6 NKJV)

I had intended to be in Haiti during Christmas this year. Pastor Brucey Delma of Ti Goave, Haiti had invited me to preach in a crusade that would begin on December 20th and conclude on December 31st. Being in Haiti during Christmas was a dream come true for me. I really wanted to be in Haiti during Christmas; Curtis Dalby and I were making plans to go. The airlines unintentionally ended our planning. I couldn't justify, in my own mind, paying more than one thousand dollars for one round-trip airline ticket to Haiti. That price is almost double the normal ticket costs to fly there and back. So, my dream will be put on hold for another time. The crusade went on and it was very successful.

Curtis and I are making plans to go to Haiti sometime in January to explore the possibility of developing a construction company devoted entirely to mission projects, especially to the construction of church/school buildings. The vision is to someday create a construction team that will be composed of Haitian men, trained in modern building techniques, whose labors will support the work of the church.

Our efforts to build the church/school building at Gallette Chambon have been very rewarding. We looked forward each year to completing the next building stage, and now only the finishing touches are required to complete this building. The building is currently occupied, children are being educated and people are being saved. We have been blessed beyond measure in this process. The last four years have been pure joy.

It is difficult to stand and bask in the satisfaction of a job well done when there is so much work to do. In our short tenure in Haiti we have already seen many places with established churches/schools where the buildings are sub-standard. New buildings are desperately needed to bolster efforts to educate and minister. Pastors and church communities need our help. Wouldn't it be wonderful to be able to build four church/school buildings in one year as opposed to building one church/school building in four years? The job at Gallette Chambon is almost done, but we have learned that we could be much more efficient with a better plan.

We believe that God has implanted this vision in our hearts for a reason. We have seen first-hand through the construction of this one building what God can do through willing hearts. This one task seemed so big for our little church when we first started, but God has demonstrated His faithfulness. He has grown our faith and He has expanded our mission vision for the future. So, we will move forward seeking His leadership to direct our service.

Christmas is over and a new year has been ushered in. Now is the time to begin planning for our mission trip in March. The date has already been set, March 1-8, 2010. Once again, we will return to Gallette Chambon to put the finishing touches on the church/school building and to build the kitchen so that the children can have a meal on each school day. We must build church furniture, altar, a pulpit and benches. Other ministry opportunities are being identified and plans are being laid for our visit in March. From now until then, we will need to raise funds to pay for all of the supplies needed to complete our mission. Don't you want to join us in this work in Haiti? Pray about your place in this effort. Make plans to go with us to Haiti in March.

Let me hear from you at Haitimission@inwoodbaptist.com. It is always exciting to exchange thoughts and ideas with people who love God and the people of Haiti.

Remember, to stand in the SONshine, Terry

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Church Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 9-2

Sunday Schedule:

9:00 Sunday School Fellowship
9:30 Sunday School Assembly
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
5-7 Children/Youth Activities

Prayer Time:

Mondays @ 1:00

Wednesday Schedule:

7:00 Prayer/Bible Study
8:15 Choir Practice

Monthly Events:

2nd Sunday—Communion @ The Oaks at 10:00
3rd Tuesday—Silverbells at 11:30
3rd Friday—Birthday Party @ The Oaks at 2:30
4th Sunday—Worship @ The Oaks at 10:00
5th Sunday—Worship @ The Oaks at 10:00

Recipe For A Happy New Year

Take twelve whole months,
Clean them thoroughly of all bitterness, hate, and jealousy,
Make them just as fresh and clean as possible.

Now cut each month into twenty-eight, thirty, or
thirty-one different parts,
but don't make up the whole batch at once.
Prepare it one day at a time out of these ingredients.

Mix well into each day one part of faith,
one part of patience, one part of courage,
and one part of work.

Add to each day one part of hope,
faithfulness, generosity, and kindness.

Blend with one part prayer,
one part meditation, and one good deed.
Season the whole with a dash of good spirits,
a sprinkle of fun, a pinch of play,
and a cupful of good humor.

Pour all of this into a vessel of love.
Cook thoroughly over radiant joy,
garnish with a smile,
and serve with quietness, unselfishness,
and cheerfulness.

You're bound to have a happy new year.

Author unknown



Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:4-7)



Children's Corner

Hi Kids and Adults,

We will be having a Family Game Night on January 30, 2010. Come everyone to enjoy an evening of board games for all ages. We will serve hot dogs and chip for everyone to enjoy. This is fellowship time to get to know the members of Inwood Baptist church and to have a special time with your own family members.

Please put this on your calendar and plan to join us.

See you in Sunday School.

God Bless you.

Children's Ministry

BAPTIST MEN

I would like to thank everyone for your participation and efforts in supporting the Baptist Men in 2009. I look forward to working and serving with everyone in the new year. Everyone is invited to attend our meetings and participate, especially those that haven't been in awhile. Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, January 9 at 8:30. Our meetings will be held quarterly on the second Saturday of the month. Come and enjoy good food and fellowship! We especially need everyone to attend this month's meeting as we will be discussing projects and plans for the 2010 year. We will also be making plans for Baptist Men's Day which will be on Sunday, January 31.

In His Service,
Danny Alford

"...just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Matthew 20:28

SILVERBELLS

The Silverbells would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year! We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas and that 2010 will start off with a bang.

For all who were able to attend the December meeting, we really enjoyed the Morris Family Singers. They did a great job of entertaining us and sharing the Christmas message and spirit.

Our January meeting will be on Tuesday the 19th at 11:30. Sheriff Donnie Harrison will be our guest speaker. Go ahead and mark your calendar and make plans to join us!

God bless!



M.O.V.E. Missions, Outreach, Visitation, and Evangelism

²⁴A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master. Matthew 10: 24-25 NKJV

Can you believe it? Another new year has been welcomed in and many of us are already working on our list of resolutions for 2010. I don't normally receive high marks for my New Year's resolution work, but I do have a resolution that I want to encourage all of us to adopt for 2010. Let us resolve to become more like Jesus. That is not some wild and crazy idea since it's God's stated intention that we become like Christ.

In November I started this series of articles to examine specific attributes that we must adopt in order to make Jesus our model for ministry. First, I considered Jesus as our model for prayer. In the December article Jesus was presented as our model for knowing God's Word. This month we will consider Jesus as our model for service.

The driving force behind service and servanthood is love. God is LOVE and love emanates from Him as the source. All of us are familiar with that verse from John, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son..." (John 3:16). When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, He was already on a mission that originated as an act of love. Jesus, who reigned with God from eternity past, humbled Himself and became flesh and entered the world on a mission of love. "And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. (Philippians 2:8)

Jesus came to earth as a servant and His ultimate act of love was to sacrifice His life so that we might live and enjoy eternal life. He demonstrated His love here on earth as a servant being obedient to the will of the Father. But before He ascended into heaven, Jesus commissioned His followers to carry on His earthly work. Now it is our turn to demonstrate the Father's love through service. "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35).

The beautiful thing about using Christ as our model for service is that He consistently displayed the life of a servant on a daily basis. Not once in His earthly ministry could anyone deny the servanthood of Jesus because they saw it every day. Through His earthly example we learn that servanthood means putting the needs of other people before our own needs. Although He has always been King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Jesus never tried to show Himself to be above another person.

The Bible clearly proclaims that it is the Father's plan for us to become like His perfect Son. Although it runs counter to what the world teaches, we only find real fulfillment in life by taking on the life of a servant. Life becomes much more meaningful only if we give ourselves to the service of the Lord without looking back. Doesn't it seem ironic that it's only when we freely give ourselves as servants that we fully realize the abundant life God makes available to us?

That incredible love Jesus displayed through His obedient service drew people to Him. His love, when it comes alive in us, has that same power today. This is such a mystery. When we give up our life to become His servants, we find abundant life. We only discover the abundant life that God has for us by giving up our own lives to become His servants. By becoming His servants, we draw others to Him.

I pray that all of us can find reason to humble ourselves to become more like Christ in 2010 and beyond. I pray that we can find the courage to walk into His plan for our life so that we might become more of what He had in mind when He created us as His children.

Grow strong in the SONshine, Terry