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The victim's family is demanding \$50,000 Haitian, almost \$US 7,000. Our lawyer is still pleading to see if the judge will reduce the amount, but he has not yet succeeded. This money is a huge sum for us. So, please keep Jean-Marie and his family, the victim's family, the lawyer, the judge and everybody else that is involved in this case in your prayers, that God would grant peace and wisdom.

Here are our prayer requests.

Please pray for:

- 1.- for the church building
- 2.- pastor's house
- 3.- Pastor's support
- 4.- Finishing the High School before September.
- 5.- Jean-Marie's case.

Thank you for being a partner with us in the Lord's work. We look forward to seeing you soon in Haiti!

In His Harvest,

Ignace and Franchette



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A First Hand Witness of
PREACHING THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM
By Mick AgoStini

were able to focus our efforts painting the Bethanie Orphanage with its first ever coat of paint. I am convinced that this house of twenty-

Our week at the Bethanie Guest House in Les Cayes, Haiti proved to be a fruitful time. This was my first trip back to visit Pastor Ignace and Franchette in over 11 years and I traveled with my good friends Mike Fisher and David and Gary Fincher. The ministries progress was apparent from the moment the gate opened and we drove inside. At once I was reminded of the gracious hospitality of the amicable staff that made our stay enjoyable and comfortable. I intended to drop a couple of pounds during my stay but after the first meal I realized that it would be an exercise in futility to even try (all meals were delicious).



Our primary mission was to repair/replace the transmission in the ministries van. This endeavor

four beautiful children and three staff is the heartbeat of the Lord and is conveniently located just a stones throw away from Pastor and Franchette's loving care. These children have been given a "future and a hope" (Jeremiah 29:11) that most likely would not have been afforded them if it were not for the faithful partners and contributors of this ministry.



Mick Agostini, David Fincher, Mike Fisher, and Gary Fincher

Mike Fisher delivered an inspiring message of hope to one of the ministries remote congregations. The fervency of worship and trust in the Lord of the Haitian believers is something we would all do well to emulate. They are a

went much faster than anticipated (a rare occurrence in "the land of nothing comes easy") and we

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loving and gracious people who always greet you with a warm welcome. As the portable generator which supplies the power for the churches lighting was cutting in and out, it occurred to me that while many of them do not have the material wealth that we enjoy in our country, they are rich in what is most important, they are rich because of their dependence and trust in the Lord. They are led by Pastors Ignace and Franchette who are up by 4:30 am each day and meet to pray corporately by 5:00 am with their congregation.

On our second to last day we visited the Bethanie Church at St. Louis. I recalled visiting the area 11 years earlier; at that time Pastor Ignace spoke about acquiring the land and his vision to build a church on the location. Today, the church building is complete and approximately 200 members worship there. Our God is faithful and Pastor Ignace is tireless to fulfill his part of the Great Commission. God has blessed this faithful man to shepherd and develop men of God to reach the people of Haiti. I was impressed to learn that his ministry encompasses 60 churches (five of which are in varying stages of planning and or construction), a radio station that reaches three states and of course the orphanage (I'm sure my list is not all inclusive of the ministry).

As our trip drew to a close, I left hoping that our efforts left the ministry and people of Haiti just a little better than when we arrived. It is my hope that I will be able to return in the near future to once again visit and support what the Lord is doing for these people. Let me close by stating that I have witnessed first hand that this ministry is doing its part in Haiti to "preach the gospel of the kingdom in all the world"... (Matthew 24:14). It is because of this that I believe it is worthy of my prayers and financial support and it is with confidence that I encourage you to consider doing the same ●



NEWS FROM

*Franchette**Augustin*

This year we had a convention of Christian women of Bethanie Mission from March 26 to the 29. They had a wonderful time together. A delegation of women represented almost all of the 60 churches in the mission. We give glory to God, because due to the economic situation, we thought very few would be able to make it, but surprisingly, almost every church was there.

One very important aspect of the women's convention is that, it is not only spiritual but very instructional. Franchette invited different professionals to come to speak to the ladies like a gynecologist, pediatrician, dentist, public notary, and a lawyer. They had sessions with the professionals during the day and the Word of God during the evening. After the convention, the ladies rejoiced and praised God for having allowed them to come to that event.

In the month of April, Pastor Ignace has been very busy with several teaching seminars for pastors, deacons and elders. We have 6 district pastors, and Pastor has been teaching them by district. For example: the first seminar was for Cavaillon and Flamand. The second was for Cayes and Laporte. The third one will be for Maniche. Port-a-Piment and Dichity will be fourth and fifth. It is also a great time of fellowship. Please pray that God will continue to empower and equip His servants in the field.

The week of April 12-19, we are having a conference concerning the return of Christ with Pastor Vincent, a Church of God minister, with whom we have collaborated for years. The conference is being held at the main church in Les Cayes. The theme is taken from Matt 24:42 "Pa kite domi pran nou, paske Jesu kapab vini a le nou pat atann" (translation: Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come).

God Bless You all

WORTHY NEWS

"Father I want those you have given me to be with me where I am to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the World". John 17 : 24

Dear partners in Christ,

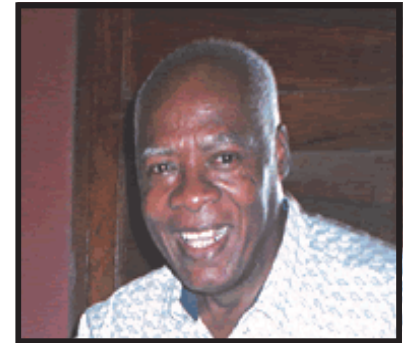
Greetings once again from Haiti in Jesus Name. Franchette and I want to thank all of you for your prayers and your financial support. We thank God every day for the privilege He has given us to serve Him and to labor together with you.

Bethanie Mission currently has sixty (60) churches in Haiti. Many of them are already built. Praise God for that great blessing. However, we still have churches under coconut leaves and trees like the church of St Jean. That church has been around for three years and it doesn't have any other churches in that area. Pastor Fenold St Felix, the pastor and his wife are well known in that community as people who are doing very good work for God. People get saved, healed and get delivered under their ministry. Yet, they are also facing all kind of problems :

- 1.- They need to build a church for the community.
- 2.- They want to build a house to live.
- 3.- They need some support of at least \$US 100.00 a month to allow them to continue the good work they began to do. Please pray and ask God how and what part he want you to play in that ministry. While the work of God is growing progressively, Satan is working very hard to stop us. But we know that victory is ours.

Last month from March 26-29, many women were on the campus for a time of fellowship and refreshing. It is a convention just like the one we have annually in June, except that it is only for women. We had different delegations of women from different churches of the MEBH. The theme came from Matthew 25:15 "Medam, pa sere talan-w" (translation: *Women don't hide your talents*). We had different women speakers and groups that sang. The messages were very edifying. The different speakers during the day were very educational since they touched on a variety of subjects that every day women deal with and can benefit from. Now we are preparing for our annual convention from June 25-28 and the general assembly on May 1st.

We are very sad to report that one and half month ago, our truck driver Jean Marie Charles had an accident. While he was driving on the highway, a guy suddenly tried to cross the road in a motorcycle, struck the truck and died instantly. According to Haitian law, when an accident happens, and someone gets killed, the state proclaims the driver guilty of manslaughter. That means Jean Marie is in big trouble. They have tried to put him in prison but the lawyer protected him. Since then, they have held our dump truck that we use for many of our construction projects in the police headquarters. (continued on back page)



This months "Worthy News" is written by Ignace Augustin, the founder of Bethanie Evangelical Mission of Haiti.