

Don & Bridgitt Dryden First Quarter 2014 Praise/Prayer Letter

And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. Colossians 3:23-24 KJV

BUILDING BUILDINGS AND BELIEVERS IN THE FAITH AND MINISTRY

Thank the Lord for souls saved. We have three men that work with us on our property. We have prayer and devotions (scripture applications for living) daily; in the last few months, 2 older children for one of the men received Christ and have been baptized. They are becoming very active in the ministry of *Eglise Baptiste Indépendante Desroulins*.

This afternoon (as with every 4th Saturday), many of our church will go to a populous area and hold an "open air meeting". One of our laymen will lead singing and another will preach; our ladies group will sing a special as well as two youth groups. This is a practical way of training for our folk in evangelism.

Tomorrow after-noon (4th Sunday), the church will walk about 1/4 mile to the ocean and we will have our second baptism service this year. We have 6 to baptize whom we have and will continue to teach to do the Lord's will and become His servants. For many years, I have closed the year out with this question to believers, "Is there someone who is part of this church today (who was not this time last year) because you have witnessed to them and brought them to Christ?"

I am grateful for an excellent helpmeet at home and in ministry. Bridgitt had a blessed time with 6 of our church members for a 12 week Sunday School Teacher Training course, finishing a week before Christmas. They are presently on the roster of teachers/helpers in Sunday School and Children's Church.

In August 2013, we begin a library addition to the Bible School building. This will provide a place for students, graduates and pastors to come use volumes of reference books and materials to better understand God's Word so that they can serve/minister it to others. Praise the Lord, as needs came, so did the funds to get this far. We hope to finish it by June.

As we enter into the 3rd and final trimester for the Bible School year, we have **158** students in the 3 centers for teaching. We are anticipating 28 men who will be receiving their diplomas after 5 years of classroom participation. Our men learn more than theology and ministry theory. Last trimester, I taught personal evangelism in the Port-de-Paix Bible School. Part of the homework is to talk to someone/or more about their salvation every week. As I was grading their last weekly quiz, 8 (of the 52 in the class) reported souls that they had led to Christ the past week and of whom were coming to church with them. We ask you to pray for Benji and I along with 3 national Bible School graduates who help us teach.

We appreciate so very much your part in what we do. **2 Corinthians 1:11** *Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf.*

Your servants for the Lord in Haiti,

Don/Bridgitt Dryden

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