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Praise the Lord! We are **in our new home!**

We wrote a poem to thank those who contributed towards the building of the new house. We included it in our March letter. If you want a copy, let us know at the address, e-mail, or call us at the phone number above. And please read the backside of this letter; it contains some important information about Benji/Kerri and family.

Praise the Lord! Now comes the ardent task for us to “set” the house in order. We have been blessed with a freezer and have put up a lot of vegetables given to us. **Pray** for us; we need the prayer and you the practice! We wrote the poem to express our many thanks to all who prayed and have participated in building our “retirement home.” After 45 years of ministry in Haiti, it is a great blessing! Our greatest thanks of course goes to JESUS for an eternal home in the FATHER’S House – **John 14:2-6!**

Praise the Lord for a woman Bridgitt got to lead to JESUS! **Pray** for this new believer as she grows in JESUS.

Praise the Lord for a more reliable vehicle (2018 Honda CR-V)!

Praise the Lord, I (Don) have been provided a “Rolator – a wheeled walker”; using it 24/7 keeps me from falling. I continue to visit doctors and the latest said I have MSA-C (multiple system atrophy-cerebellar), which is a form of the neurologist diagnosis in 2019. Thank you; we need your continued prayers!

We have family, neighbors and contacts that need JESUS in their hearts and lives. **Pray** our lights will shine as John the Baptist (**John 5:35a!**)

Since the assassination of Haitian President Jovenel Moise early Wednesday morning (7/7/21), the country has been locked down, declared in a state of siege by Interim Prime Minister Claude Joseph. His wounded wife is back home from a Miami hospital and carefully guarded: **PRAY FOR HAITI!** Life has been difficult and this has added to the hardship that people face on a daily basis. The country has come to depend upon imported food supplies. Pray for Benji/Kerri and keep in touch with them for further developments (their addresses are at the closing of their letter).

PRAY as we work on a Bible story book in the Creole language. All Haitians speak Creole. We hope this book will be in every Haitian home along with THE BIBLE. Your prayers will help this to become reality.

If you desire to contact us, please use the above addresses and phone number.

Don & Bridgitt

A SECOND GENERATION TO THE NEXT GENERATION

Benji ~ Family in Port-de-Paix, HAITI Kerri ~ Ethan ~ Katie

The DRYDENS

MAY 2021

“Better late than never” is a phrase used by us all from time to time. It is very often followed by the other party responding with “Better never late.” Thank you to all churches, pastors, church members, friends and family who have been waiting for an update from Port-de-Paix, Haiti.

The end of February 2020, my parents Don and Bridgitt (whom we worked alongside since September 2003) turned over full responsibility of Desroulins Independent Baptist Church and all related ministries to us, Benji and Kerri. The reality of that fact really sunk in when he handed me his personal keys (for our shared yard and his personal house) and moved back to the States on June 4. Kerri and Katie accompanied them during the transition and were not able to return until November 5. During those five months, COVID restrictions were loosened and church services and ministries began to return to some degree of normalcy. Thanks to technology, church services and Bible Institute classes were shared via social media.

January of this year all Sunday School classes were meeting individually, and services began to gain attendance momentum. Just one month ago there were over 200 in a Sunday morning service! We also had graduation ceremony for 27 men of Grace Baptist Bible Institute in January. Between last October and March of this year, Benji was privileged to perform four weddings of our young people. Brother Kerby, a newlywed, is teaching in the Bible Institute after having graduated from its five year program.

Desroulins Independent Baptist Church is in the capable hands of Brother Nocles, Brother Salomon, Brother Rony and Brother Masceau, our faithful deacons. Several of our youth group leaders (Kenley, Wilfrid, Johnson, Harry) are helping to support the load of preaching while our family is on summer furlough. Ethan, our second son, is spending the summer with us. We have meetings scheduled already, but will spend needed time with doctors (eye, teeth, general) and family. Katie will begin college at Pensacola Christian College in August and Ethan is in his third year there. Micah, our oldest, lives near Benji's parents and checks in on them from time to time.

Kerri and I plan on returning to Port-de-Paix on September 16 to continue training the next generation of church leaders. Please pray with us about the changes in ministry responsibilities, and for Haiti which is in much need of political stability. We need the prayers and the practice is good for us all!

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