

A SECOND GENERATION TO THE NEXT GENERATION

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Serving in Port-de-Paix, HAITI

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Continuing to move forward for CHRIST! That is progress and our church theme for 2017. We would love to see much abundance credited to your spiritual account because of the prayer and financial support from you, our dearest fellow-laborers in the LORD!

While our associate pastor was away preaching an Easter Conference for Berean Baptist Church in another town, Pastor Charite (a national who also works with us in the Bible Institute) preached our Evangelism Conference during the same week. Benji was able to preach the Easter morning service. We were all encouraged to make progress in our witnessing.

One week before our annual Family Conference was to begin in May, there was a rainstorm that caused flooding and covered our church floor with about 3 inches of water. Because of very limited drainage, we were not able to have mid-week services that week. We had to cancel our conference and for the good portion of June rains and flooding kept us from having mid-week services. Because we could not meet together for services in our church building, this helped us all make progress in our personal reading of the Scriptures and praying to our Savior.

The month of May is family month, so most of our preaching and teaching during all services are centered on the family. It is great to see near forty families worshipping the Lord in DesRoulins Independent Baptist Church. As these families put into practice what is being taught from God's Word, more of their family members receive Christ and the church is added to. That is progress that we are working toward. Praise the Lord there were almost 2000 Gospel tracts handed out during these three months by faithful church members.

On June 10, we had the tenth graduation service of Grace Baptist Bible Institute. Our BIMI field director was present. He preached for the nine graduates and encouraged them to make progress in their ministries. Even our graduation service was held in another church building because of flooding in our church building. This makes a total of 185 graduates in the past fourteen years.

Kerri and I are excited to see the progression in the junior church ministry of DesRoulins Independent Baptist Church. One of the graduates and his wife (Bro. & Sis. Salomon) are taking care of the junior church while we are away. They are pillar members of our church and have been working with us for several years. They are a wonderful example of progress.

The orchestra ministry is progressing, but slowly. It seems some people think that if they cannot play an instrument within a few months, they just drift away and don't make any more effort.

May saw the beginning of the roof on the second story of our church building. The roof covers the concrete roof of the first floor, which will become the balcony for an ever progressing church. We are not a progressive church, we are a church that is progressing for the Lord. Much lumber, nails, sheet metal, screws and sweat went into this part of moving forward for Christ. Thank you for your prayers over the past several years. With donations from you all and givings of themselves, the members of DesRoulins Independent Baptist Church moved forward in their goal of adding new seating to their auditorium. There are some minor adjustments to be made, but the main portion of the roof was completed mid-July.

Pray for us over the next three months while we are helping our oldest son get established here in the United States. We need the prayers and the practice is great for us all!

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