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Mission To Nan Lebrun

During this past summer, the island of La Gonave was suffering under a severe drought and famine. Many villages were affected, including a remote village on the other side of the island from Mapou. This village, Nan Lebrun, was suffering tremendously. Food was not available, even for ready money. One mother from the village left her home to search for food for her children. After three days of searching with no success, she returned to find her twelve-year-old daughter had died from starvation.

When Benis and Dominique heard about this, God

greatly impressed upon them to help the village. Using donations from a supporting church, they were able to purchase rice, pasta, oil, beans, and various other sundries to take to the village along with medical supplies and clothing. Benis made a point of not only feeding them physically but also spiritual. The villagers were reminded that God loved them and would provide for them, but that they also should be prepared for His return.

Please continue to pray for this village and International Ministries of Hope's work to help them recover.

In August, the Willard family from Roanoke, Virginia, visited Mapou to do construction projects for the youth of the village. They brought with them supplies to build a basketball and volleyball court. Along with these items, the Willard family also brought with them uniforms donated by a soccer league from their area. There were enough jerseys to outfit not only the newly formed girls' soccer team but also the boys' team.



A woman down to her last handful of rice, gave thanks to God for providing food.



The supplies were trucked in over rough terrain to the remote village.



The villagers of Nan Lebrun line up with sacks to receive food.



The villagers were grateful that God had not forgotten them and had provided the food they so desperately needed.

Showers of Blessings!

Thank you for all of your faithful prayers for rain. We had reached a point of being totally reliant upon God. There was severe famine on the island, several deaths had been attributed to starvation, and all of the local sources of water had dried up. On August 7, God provided. This 'shower of blessing' was the first of several, including those provided by Tropical Storm Isaac, that have returned life to the island. The large cistern at the church is now 80% full and the visual effects of the rain are abundant. Please continue to pray for as we go through the last month of the rainy season and beyond, especially for the second round of crops that have been planted. We are counting on God to provide rain even when it is not expected.



Ministry Needs

- A boat that can hold 20-30 passengers and their luggage. This will cut down on transportation costs between the island and the mainland for ministry teams.
- We need financial supporters to help us run the Guerrier Institute. It costs \$2000 a month for the school to operate.
- Donations to build permanent structures for the church plants.

Prayer Request

- Pray that God would raise up leaders within the church plants so that they might become self-reliant.
- A Leadership/Discipleship Seminar is planned for the first week of December. Pray that God would mature the young leaders coming to learn God's Word and for safety for the team from Canyon Bible Church in Arizona traveling to host the event.

THANK YOU!

In September, Dominique and Emily traveled to California and Arizona to update supporting churches on what God was doing on La Gonave. The support was overwhelming! A special thanks goes out to Pastor Richard Moore, the Nilsons, the Lutzs, and Mark Breyer for their wonderful hospitality.

Upcoming

- Leadership Seminar first week of December

Sponsor a Student at the Guerrier Institute!



The Guerrier Institute, founded in 2009, is the only school on the island that is free to attend. Benis and Dominique recognize the importance of education, not only for future success but also for being able to read the Bible and mature as a Christian. Over the years, the school has developed a sterling reputation throughout the country of Haiti. However, the school receives no government funding and relies solely on donations. One way that you can support the school is by sponsoring one of the students that attend. For \$20 a month, you will help clothe, feed, and educate an individual child who would not be financially able to attend school elsewhere. For more information or to sponsor a student, please email Emily at eelovely@gmail.com.



Missionaries Benis and Dominique Guerrier and family are full-time missionaries living in Mapou Village on the island of La Gonave off of the western coast of Haiti. Their ministries to the people of the island include church-planting, education, feeding the hungry, medical/dental clinics, and leadership training.