



CHARIS June Update



The Prescribed Life...

By Malcolm Henderson, M.D.

"For in Him the entire fullness of God's nature dwell's bodily, and you have been filled by Him, Who is the head over every ruler and authority." (Colossians 2:9-10).

As I read this passage, sitting at my table in Haiti, I felt ashamed. Meditating on this section of Scripture made me realize how, as Christians, we exist within limitations that we have no business existing in. Christ was not part God but He was all God and possessed the "fullness of God's nature." We have been filled by Him ("I have given them the glory You have given Me. May they be one as We are one. I am in them and You are in Me. May they be made completely one, so the world may know you have sent Me and have loved them as You have loved Me."), and this means then, that we have the full nature of God within us! Why then do so many of us not experience this? If we read further in Colossians we discover the answer to this question and the remedy. "Set your minds on what is above, not on what is on the earth...Therefore, put to death whatever in you is worldly." (Colossians 3:2 & 5). This should be intuitive, but we constantly fail in adhering to this truth. If the fullness of the Holy Spirit of God lives in us, and, "His glory fills the whole earth" (Isaiah 6:3), then anyone can see that the only thing separating us from experiencing the fullness of God is our flesh and blood!

Living in Haiti is hard! Oppressive heat, no comforts like air conditioning or hot water, constant visual bombardment of the most severe poverty on earth, etc., but notice that everything that I just listed is 'worldly and visual', both within Satan's realm of power, and if I allow these things to keep my spirits down, then I will never experience the fullness of God within me and thus live a sub-optimal Christian existence.

So let us put worldly concerns, stresses, and discomforts away from us and keep a single eye focused on our Lord. Only then will we begin to experience the true, vast power and strength of our Creator within us. Then our lives of obedience to God's will won't be wasted in feeble attempts that are dictated by our worldly fears and apprehensions, but rather, we will obey in authority and power through focusing solely on God. This sole focus has definite incentive as relayed to us by Isaiah, "no eye has seen and no ear has heard, and no heart has imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him" (1 Corinthians 2:9). If no heart has imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him then all the wealth, power, and beauty on this earth, which can be imagined, doesn't even compare to what God has prepared—so why waste our time allowing the lesser things of this earth hold back our potential to be forces for God through our willingness to let His full nature drive all of our live's decisions.

So I will no longer allow temporal trials in Haiti get me down, but rather I will pray to daily keep a single eye focused on my Creator so that His will for Haiti may be performed through me. Allow God to do the same thing through you on your mission field!

"The one who lives under the protection of the Most High dwell in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust." (Psalm 91: 1-2)

CHARIS, Inc. is a Non-Profit 501(c)3 corporation

3015 E. New York St.

Suite A2-295

Aurora, IL 60504

www.charis4haiti.com

Mission Statement

Our Mission is that CHARIS will meet the spiritual, educational, and physical needs of rural Haitians in order to provide a path to physical self-sufficiency and spiritual freedom through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

CHARIS Board

Michael Jenkins

President

Malcolm Henderson, M.D.

Founder, Missionary and Executive Director

Joy Henderson

Co-founder, Missionary and Treasurer

Linda Henderson

Secretary

Gregoire Saint Louis

Member and Executive Director in Haiti

Caley Spangenberg

Member and Director of Orphan Ministry

CHARIS Staff

Rachel Miner, Chief of Staff

Jennifer Crouse

Olivia Foster

Marion Golovach

Micah Miner

Susan Oertle

Erica Packer

Jeneane Ryan

CHARIS Intern

Janeen Corbin

Ongoing Ministries

Evangelism

Many connections have been made in Haiti to lay the foundation for a strong evangelism effort in the Macary area where there are high percentages of Voodoo followers. Continued prayer and discernment are needed in order to seek God's timing and direction.

School Ministry

CHARIS appreciates ongoing support of the Community Christian School of Macary. We encourage prayer for the students, parents, teachers, and administration.

Children are the future of every country and supporting their education is vital.

Medical Ministry

CHARIS has received a large donation of medical supplies and clothes. The medical ministry is always in need of medical supplies and donations to cover the shipping of these supplies. Thank you to all the donors who have been supporting the physical needs of the Haitians.

Orphan Ministry

CHARIS is in the planning stage of the Orphanage. Many partnerships are being made in Haiti and the US that are helping to develop an orphanage that will be done through love, support, and proper management.

Daily Ministry

Malcolm, Joy and the children daily reach out in love to the community around them. The simplest sharing of food, hugging, providing water and clothing radiates Christ's compassion to even the observers. The light of Christ is beginning to penetrate this community.

Orphanage Update by Caley Spangenberg

"Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans." (James 1:27)

Earlier this month I had the incredible opportunity to go to the Christian Alliance for Orphan Conference in Nashville, TN. This provided me the chance to lean in and hear words of wisdom of how to best love, nurture, care, and serve orphans. In order to move in the direction that God is calling us to serve the orphans in Haiti, it will take time building relationships with local organizations and a lot of prayer and fasting for God's will.

While I was in Nashville, Jeneane Ryan, who is on our Orphan Ministry Team, was actually in Port-Au-Prince. She was able to meet with Malcolm and Joy and visit various organizations. Jeneane was also able to give them handmade t-shirt dresses which were much needed. It is only by the grace of God that these dresses were provided. Not only did He provide dresses but He also provided clothing for boys.

Just days before Jeneane's arrival a little girl named Ahtiti was walking around

naked. Joy saw an immediate need and clothed Ahtiti in one of her own shirts. Little did Ahtiti know, in a few days God would provide her with her very own handmade dress. These dresses were made by women with a servant's heart.

These dresses not only have been a blessing to Ahtiti but God has opened the doors for Joy, Destinee and Tiara to minister and pray with all the children that have received the dresses. This is one of many stories of how God is using CHARIS to provide for the Fatherless. Please continue to pray with me as we continue to seek God's will to build an orphanage.



Caley with Stephen a friend she met at the Christian Alliance for Orphans Conference.

Daily Ministry Update by Destinee Henderson

Yesterday I thought it would be fun to give all the girls mani-pedis and make them feel beautiful because every time I told them they were "bel" or beautiful they would lower their heads and say no but when I was done they were all dancing around saying mwen gade bell ! mwen gade bel ! or I look beautiful it was an awesome day so I started out washing their feet.





Current Prayer Requests

- *Pray that the Hendersons will represent purely Christ and His compassionate love for Haiti.*
- *Pray for safety and protection for the Henderson family.*
- *Pray for the Hendersons' housing details and daily needs.*

Our Mission is that CHARIS will meet the spiritual, educational, and physical needs of rural Haitians in order to provide a path to physical self-sufficiency and spiritual freedom through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



CHARIS, Inc.
3015 E. New York St.
Suite A2-295
Aurora, IL 60504

PLEASE
PLACE
STAMP
HERE