



CHARIS November Update



The Prescribed Life...,

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"But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is demanded of you."

-Luke 12:20

Prior to moving to Haiti, I spent summers and falls playing men's 12 inch softball. I was friends with many of the players, and even though I refrained from going out with them after games to drink at bars and stay out most of the night, I was still respected by my team mates who saw me as a family man who had standards that existed as a result of my Christianity.

This week I received an email stating that one of my team mates, who was in his early 40's, was found dead in his home. As I read these words and began to process this, the Holy Spirit pierced my heart with great force. This man, my team mate, was dead, and he was not a believer. Unless he had responded to God's call since I last saw him, his soul is now eternally lost, forever separated from God in hell. This is not a topic that we like to talk about but it's about time that we do.

The reason that my heart was literally pierced and broken was because I had contact with this individual twice a week all summer and fall while playing softball, and I never shared the gospel with him. Now I could easily say, "How was I supposed to share the gospel with him? I only sat on the bench with him between innings and had a few minutes during warm ups before the game to speak with him--that is definitely not enough time to share the gospel, and plus the setting was all wrong-- also, he was so young, how was I supposed to know he would die so early, etc. etc. etc." What a bunch of nonsense, and God doesn't want to hear all of our poor excuses. These excuses are all deceptive lies that Satan leads us to believe. Belief in these lies produces millions of ineffective Christians that stand around claiming every excuse imaginable for not sharing the gospel while people are dying and going to hell in droves around them.

There is absolutely no acceptable excuse not to share our faith with everyone who God has placed in our lives in a relational way. If the souls of people who knew Christians are in hell, the Christians that they knew **will be responsible for their blood (Ezekial 33:7-8)**. When the Bible says in Matthew 10:28, "...fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" who knew that this verse could include ineffective Christians who's fears trump God's commands.

With the world in the current state it's in, with Satan gaining more and more ground in people's lives, end time Biblical prophesies becoming realities, and people around us dying every day, there has never been a more important time to live boldly for Christ. Don't allow someone that God has graciously put in your sphere of influence to die and spend eternity in darkness because you made the decision that the time or setting wasn't to your liking. **If the person is in your life, God has already determined the setting and timing for you to share the gospel with them, and that time is here and now!**

Let's be bold and live in the truth of Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is God's power for salvation to everyone who believes.."



The Community Christian School in Macary

Most of you know that our very first ministry that God led us to in Haiti, involved the school in the community of Macary. When we first arrived, there were about 500 students attending this school that was built to serve only 50 children. So we worked closely with the school's founder, Gregoire Saint Louis, and a young Haitian pastor, an impressive man of God who teaches at the school, providing them with Bibles to educate the children with, and a Christian curriculum that is still undergoing development. Physically, last January, we built a large building and half of another, to complete phase one of our planned construction goals. Now this January we are praying, in complete faith, that we will be able to complete construction of the remaining one and a half buildings. **We need \$10,000 to complete all construction, and to date we do not have the required funding.** My construction team is comprised of strong and mature men of God, and in faith they have already purchased their plane tickets to Haiti for January 12th, 2014. They purchased these tickets with no funding for the construction yet in place, but they all have faith that God will provide!

If this is touching your heart, please consider donating to this project. The need is real and vital to Macary. This school, since we agreed to support it, has grown from 500 students to 700 in less than a year and a half! Within the next 1-2 years we have extrapolated that 1,000 children will be attending this school! Just consider the implications of raising this many children up in the Lord and providing them with an education that will undoubtedly result in jobs and local economic growth. I can't express the importance of this ministry.

We have been blessed with very generous donors who are providing 100% of the funding for all staff and teacher salaries. We do need the help of our CHARIS family though, to fund the final aspects of the school construction so that these children and teens can learn in a comfortable environment that is conducive to the large class sizes. **I pray that the Holy Spirit moves in your heart and motivates you to donate to the future of these children—Thank You!!**



First School Building: Completed



Second School Building: In Progress



New School Shed





The Bon Berger Christian School in Marigot

When we arrived back in Haiti in September, a man came to our home asking to speak with us concerning a request for sponsorship. We entertain dozens of these requests weekly, and almost always turn them down but, as we listened to this man, the Holy Spirit brought both Joy and I to the realization that this was something that God wanted us to get involved with.

The man who asked to speak with us is the headmaster of a small school named Bon Berger (Creole for Good Shepherd). **His school has 88 students, 6 teachers and 3 staff members.** His name is Josue Petit-Frere and, upon speaking with him, his Christian maturity became immediately obvious. He is running a school that is offering a quality education (the school has a 100% pass rate on the national qualifying exam), but raising and educating children in Christ is a priority for him.

Joy and I went and sat in on a Saturday class at the school and the Christian teaching wasn't only present but was being performed with a real zeal, love and passion. What Josue asked of us was to pay his teachers and staff. He was having difficulty paying the staff consistently due to unreliable funding, and he revealed to us that God had placed it on his heart to allow orphans to enroll, which would increase costs due to increased need. Joy and I had been praying for the many orphans that visit our porch daily to somehow be able to receive an education and here was our answer. So we asked Josue that if we pay the staff, would he be willing to allow our 'porch orphans' to enroll free of charge, and he said yes!

So now our orphans, and other orphans that exist within our community, are not only receiving a quality traditional education, but they are also studying the Bible and praying in school as they grow spiritually and learn how to live Christ centered lives based on Biblical principles—praise God!! The cost of **this ministry is \$1,000 dollars a month, (\$9K annually)**, and Joy and I believe in the ministry so much

that until now we have been paying this out of our own meager personal funds and to do so we have had to cut various necessities out of our life for the time being. **If you are moved by the Holy Spirit to help us with the continuation of this ministry please consider giving to this very worthwhile program that has implications for the individual student and the community as a whole! Thank you!**



Head Master Josue Petit-Frere at his desk. Below Headmaster with teachers.



Bon Berger headmaster, teachers and students

Moody Radio has invited Dr. Malcolm Henderson to be a guest on "This is the Day!" December 4th in the 10am (CST) hour.

Mark your calendars and plan on tuning in for a LIVE in-studio update on our non-profit, CHARIS and the unique ministry in Haiti through the power of God! If you are in the Chicago area, tune into 90.1 FM; otherwise, listen live online at: http://www.moodyradiochicago.fm/rdo_programToday.aspx?id=44985

In case you have an interest, here is the link to the October 2nd interview on *Moody Radio* with Malcolm Henderson as guest: [10.02.2013 - World View Wednesday with Malcolm Henderson](#)

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CHARIS operates in complete obedience to God, giving Him His rightful place in determining the path and goals of His ministry that He has, by grace, allowed us to perform. Thus, CHARIS, primarily focuses on the unseen spiritual needs in Haiti, and secondarily on the seen physical needs, always remembering that our success is completely dependent on God's will and never ours.



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