

The Beninoise Harvest

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Precious Partners,

I'm back in Benin - In January I returned to the mission field in Benin. It was wonderful to hear that I was missed and to be welcomed home by my staff at the Calavi school with a beautiful hand-made sign and a small party with refreshments.



In **Calavi**, they had worked hard in my absence and faced many challenges like slow enrollement, lack of funds, and staffing issues. Now, together we are whipping this school in shape to the glory of God. We've even started recruiting teachers for the September 09 school year. Many applicants have begun to inquire into the teaching positions available. On one day of interviews, we had four applicants come in to apply for the job. Three of them were unsaved, but they didn't leave that way. We didn't have a job offer for them, but the grace of God was meeting needs as Madame Yaka (Directrice) and I preached the gospel to them. They came in looking for one thing, but they left with something of far greater worth. Thank you Jesus!



Now on to the Agondoton school in the village:

Our small school in the village of Agondoton is doing well and now has 32 students. The Kindergarten class has 20 children and 12 children are in the first grade class. While it's often more difficult to teach in the small remote villages where people are poor and have a higher rate of illiteracy our teachers Maurice and Evodie are facing the challenge. Next year we are hoping to add one or two more classes as the program expands.



Our Lord Jehovah Jireh - Praise God for God is good! By way of God's provision to his people, we now have a roof on the chapel section of the mission school in *Agondon*! Now, we can leave the rain outdoors and soak in the provisions of the Holy Spirit raining down upon us while having church services - Glory! Next, on to believing God and pressing in for the funds to mount the walls of the classrooms. *Merci Jesus d'avance!*

The Haitian Review

UPCOMING EVENTS:

"Except the Lord build the house... except the Lord watch the city..." (Psalm 127:1).

I praise God for His protection over the compound in Haiti. Since December, we have not yet been able to afford security for the compound. This does not mean that we are not working towards doing the "wise" thing, and trusting that many hearts will be touched to give towards this need. As I always say, "God's will is God's bill". I rest in God's will and timing knowing that all is secure in Jesus.

Benin Team Outreach scheduled for June 14th –June 27th 2009, Youth Outreach Haiti July 1st- 9th, 2009.
Call 609) 386-6854 or (856) 993-2952 for more info.

Annual Sponsorship Dinner August 29th, 2009,
Come and be blessed and be a blessing.
Call (215) 438-6360 or (215) 848-0148 for more info.



I'll be coming back to the States in July 2009. Please contact one of the area representatives if you would like to schedule speaking engagements:



Philadelphia/NJ/NY - (856) 374-2169 or (215) 747-2871
Delaware - (302) 430-0789
Harrisburg Area - (717) 657-1272

Status Quo Won't Do:

Flustered and even discouraged, that would summarize how I feel about the push for the renewal of our ONG (501 C-3) status in Haiti. In March of 08, we began preparing a report for the Minister of Planification; the department that is responsible for our ONG status. The report was due by October of that year. Now, a year later, as of March 2009, it's still not in the hands of the Minister of Planification. Please pray with me for wisdom, discernment and protection, and for more competence and determination for my staff, and for the red tape and procrastination to cease.

In His Service,
Brenda