



# THE VALCINS



We are now in September, and the year has passed so quickly that we don't know where it went! We spent some time this summer in Texas, and in Canada seeking God's will for our lives as Haiti is in such crisis.

There is still no stable government and the gangs are still controlling the country of Haiti. Most pastors and missionaries have left to go to the US or other places where it would be safer and it's easier to live. As we sought the Lord's will for our lives, it became clear that we were to stay in Haiti and continue to minister. The previous years were difficult, but this year held the greatest challenges we have faced in all of our ministry in Haiti.

We would like to share with you the following stories so you can be encouraged in how to pray for us!

*Gersan and Betty*

## THE GOSPEL DRIVES OUT VODOO

When we purchased the land for Jacob's Well in 2007, the village of Ti Guinea had 12 Voodoo priests operating there. But when the light shows up, the darkness has to flee. Only one voodoo priest remains. His brother, named Polema Otelus, has now worked at Jacob's Well as a night security guard for over 10 years.

Until this year, Polema had a major role in the Voodoo ceremony as he would sacrifice the animals that would be used during this ceremony. Over all these years, Betty would share with him about the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross for our sins but out of fear, he was not open to this truth. She continued in love to express to him that at the end of life, he would spend eternity in heaven or hell based upon his decision about Jesus during his lifetime.

Not long ago, he came to Pastor Smith's house, the pastor of the church at Jacob's well. He expressed his desire to accept Jesus as his Savior and Lord. He and Pastor Smith prayed together. Then, he wanted to get baptized! However, before the baptism occurred, his brother, the voodoo priest, sought him out to participate once again in a voodoo ceremony. But this time, Polema declared his faith in Christ and told his brother that he would have no part in voodoo ever again. This was a glorious testimony of his salvation and great praises went up as Polema was baptized.





## SMITH ESTIMABLE AND HIS MOTORCYCLE

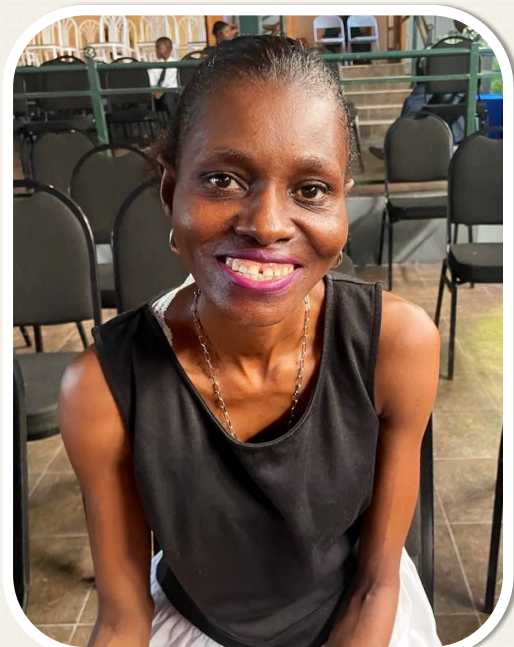
You may remember that we sent out the following email just a little while back about an unexpected expense for our budget. It read:

*The pastor of our church at Jacobs Well, Smith Estimable, is certainly one of the key people in our ministry at JW. We have been sponsoring him to go to school since grade school and now he is in his 3rd year of seminary! He has been riding a motorcycle that is a number of years old and was "used" when we bought it. It has been repaired and repaired over and over again and it's simply not reasonable at this point to keep trying to repair it anymore.*

*Smith needs a new motorcycle to get to his seminary classes. In addition, he does a lot of business errands for Jacob's Well and so he needs very reliable transportation. We have found a motorcycle that we would like for him to have, and it is a bit more expensive than some other motorcycles, but we believe it will last longer for if you have ever experienced the roads here in Haiti, you know that they are in very poor condition, and thus very hard on any type of vehicle here. As a result, the cost is \$1,600.*

The response we received to this story was incredible! Such compassionate ministry partners gave over and above the cost of this motorcycle! It's a joy to show you this photo of Smith and his new motorcycle!

As a result of additional funds coming in, we were able to give the wonderful blessing of cataract surgery to one individual. The very deserving lady was Lucy, who lives in Ti Guinea but is both deaf and mute. She is the only person in the village that is deaf and mute which causes her to have a very difficult life in the village. With her eyesight getting so clouded by the cataract, we brought her to our home in Port-au-Prince. This is where the cataract surgery was very successfully performed. Although she has been labeled as "deaf", we believe that she may be able to hear a little. Next we will try to get some hearing tests for her to see if anything can improve her hearing. We are so grateful to ALL who contributed to these double blessings of Smith's motorcycle and Lucy's cataract surgery.





## FIXING THE COMMUNITY WELL PUMP

In Ti Guinea there is one community station with clean water that has a pump handle on top to pump out the water. The pump at this community station has been broken for some time because the children come and play on it like a see-saw. Previously when this pump was damaged and did not work, the villagers had to pay a very large sum of money to get someone to come and fix it!

Wilvens, a very determined young man among our employees at camp, felt the need to go to the community water station to attempt to fix it. He was accompanied by Anderson, another staff member. Together they worked for two days and were able to figure out how to repair the pump! After their fix, water started gushing ([Link to Video: 2023 Working Well.mp4](#)) from this community well once again! This brought such joy to Wilvens, Anderson and the community because they were doing this repair out of a new skill learned.

In addition to sending Wilven's to gain an electrician's knowledge, we also brought him to Port-au-Prince to work with the radio repairman who has fixed our radio tower. Gary, the radio repair man, spent one month with Wilvens teaching him very technical details about the operation of a radio station's transmitter and tower operations.

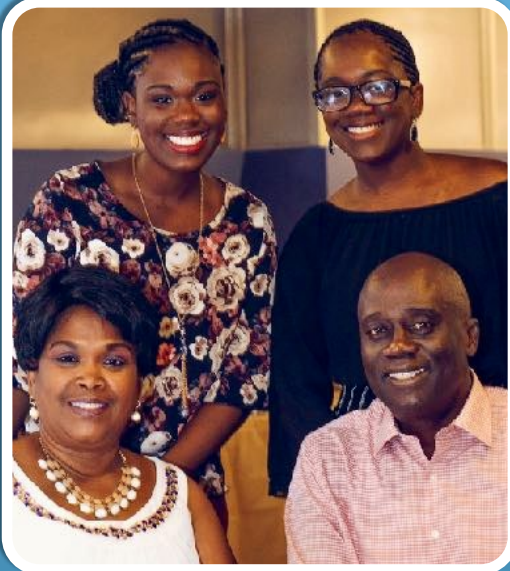
When Wilvens returned to Jacob's Well, the radio station was in need of a repair at the tower. Based on the training he had just received he was able to fix the tower problem and the radio has been working great since!

These two stories are wonderful examples of how vocational training can make such a difference. We are trying to put into place a trade school for the young people in our community. So far because of lack of resources to pay skillful teachers and to purchase equipment, we are not able to do much. But with what we have invested in young people like Wilvens and Anderson, we are already seeing the impact of it. Our goal is to have more advanced training for them. One approach would be to send them to trade school to acquire the skills and then come back to the community to teach others! We need your help!



#### Prayer Requests:

1. Gersan desires to take The Village Church in a new direction as far as “format of a Sunday morning service” is concerned. Pray for the church members acceptance of this new format and to be flexible enough to see if these changes can work in the Haitian culture!
2. Gersan is starting a ministry school at The Village Church to include 12 members. Pray for the selection of these 12 members and a positive beginning. The 1<sup>st</sup> subject to be covered will be Christian character.
3. More financial resources are needed at The Village Church. Most of the more wealthy Haitians have fled to the U.S. and the congregation is now made up of a lot of refugees. They do not have the financial provision to tithe to the church. We are asking the Lord to supply this needed financial provision.



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