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INVESTING

in the

CHURCH



Elima Michel with her goat and cow

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

2 Cor 9:10-15

SUPPLYING NEEDS OF THE CHURCH

OVERFLOWING IN THANKSGIVING TO GOD

Dear partners - The ministry of service we pursue to glorify Christ has a two-fold application. Meeting the needs of the saints **and** the overflowing thanksgiving to God. May your harvest of righteousness be embraced and soon thrown at the feet of Christ. Amen.

Elima Michel, is a saint who happens to worship the same Father of glory we do. She and her injured husband are counted among the very poor within the church in Lacienne. Through your giving (he who supplies seed) her family was given two goats to help meet some of their needs. With good stewardship, two goats several years ago have provided a christian education for her children and a purchase of a cow. A cow many not translate to you as much, but I assure you, it is exuberant in Haiti. Her plans are to breed the cow for additional offspring to meet further needs. She still has the mother goats today and they are still producing kids for her family. This is the earthly side of her story.

The “seeds” provided in her case has produced an abundance of thanksgiving to God. The “seeds” are directly correlated to prayer for God to help her family. Seeing the answer to that prayer came through the church anchors that thanksgiving in Christ and bolsters her faith. This faith in Christ is what we will someday celebrate together in heaven with her.

Paul talks about the **harvest** of your righteousness, which is a farming term that indicates the end of the process. Enjoy your harvest, take and eat the seeds you provided and celebrated with all the saints in the overwhelming heart posture of thankfulness.

God willing, for the next several months, we will be sharing more stories of other families in the church that have been provided “seeds” for the growing of their faith and meeting needs for their families.

Seminary news

Graduation day is June 9th for the third graduating class of 20 students.

I will be attending this celebration and invite any of you to join me. I will take part of a panel of teachers and Pastors who will listen to each students presentation of their thesis and ask them questions about it. This is the final step in graduation.

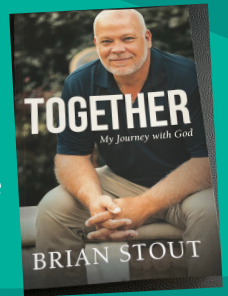
The panel consists of multiple PhD's and masters of Theology who teach at the seminary. Highly educated teaching team.



God is good and can be trusted.

Twelve more stories bragging about the creator and sustainer of all things are the subject of Together Again. The book is in final editing at the publishers and should be available on Amazon and all the other major book sellers in May or June.

My first book, Together, focused on God encounters I have had and Together Again is focused on God encounter stories primarily on missions trips with teams. My prayer is that the readers will be encouraged that God can be trusted and His glory is paramount.



Spiritual warfare out in the open

If you recall in last months newsletter we shared our going on a hut to hut evangelism as part of Sunday worship. My son Zac and I were part of a team that ended up at a witch doctors house. Talking with all gathered there to worship at the alter of the devil (see picture below with the human skull above the orange rock). His house is less than a hundred yards from the seminary campus.

One english speaking young man visiting his family was not aware of the church near by and he came back to the service with us. Praise God. He knows Jesus somewhat, curious to learn how this progresses with him (bottom right pic).

The following day I had a conversation with with one of the seminary teachers about the witch doctor and he gave me some insight to the situation.

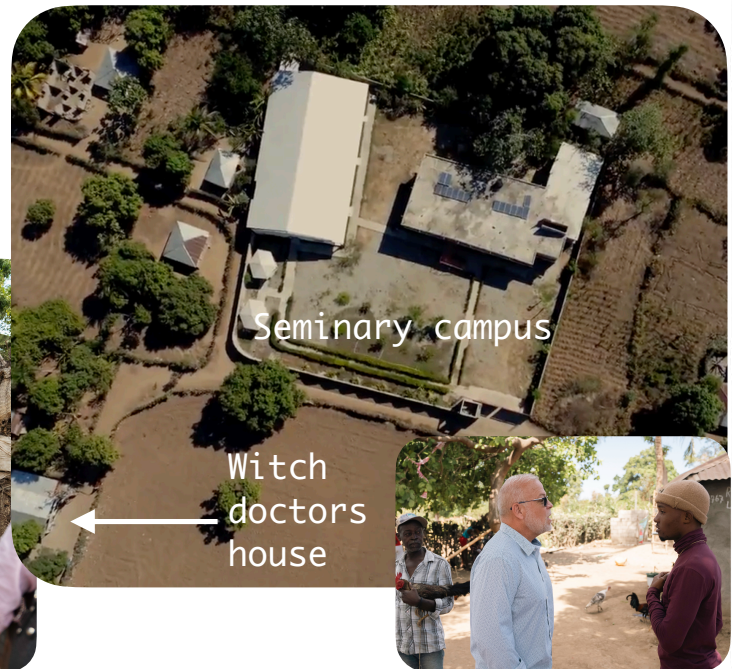
The seminary hosts students for two weeks out of each month. Students take their assignments back home to complete due to limited space and funds to feed the students. When the school is not in session is when the witch doctor is open for business. The witch doctor has learned



that when school is in session the students are praying against his efforts and he feels drained of his energy so he only opens up when school is not in session. His clients also know this dynamic. The power of light is greater than darkness and the witch doctor hates the people in the school for that. He prays against the school while it's in session. This is not an equal fight, right church!!!!

Why does God allow this to continue? I don't know. For the seminary staff and students, and those in the village who live this out, God is getting glory from this battle, we can be very certain of that.

Glory be to God



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