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What God has been preparing us for

God is birthing a dream in my heart It has been said "your calling is a journey not a destination." As Kathy and I look back over the last 3 years, we have found that statement to be so true. We can see how God was laying a foundation, how he was preparing us. How he was guiding us, developing us, and is focusing us for the next season of his ministry to the people of Haiti.

The great challenge In Haiti the needs are deep. For many it is a life of trying to survive; and there enters the heart of the Good Samaritan. Ministries and good works are present and responding to immediate challenges as caring for the sick, giving of food and clothing, and the compassion and care for Haiti's widows and orphans. I have been ministering in Haiti nearly ten years. I want to do more! How can I help our friends not simply survive, but also, thrive?

As I continue to pursue my heart, I become more alive to the business development mission work I do at ODH. Where putting strategy to the ideas of business development for sustaining Haitian ministries and encouraging an economic upsurge!



The work Last month I was in Haiti networking with ministries such as Living Hope and their 12 associated churches; discussing partnering with them in creating sustainable industry providing opportunities for employment. Well, we are currently developing a plan to construct five, 1,000 bird chicken houses in the first quarter of 2012. Our partnership with Haiti Broilers is being leveraged as a conduit to bring jobs to the local body where men of the church will be trained and educated in building and managing their own chicken houses profitably. In September, I am going to ODH and helping to build the first of many houses in Bois de Lance. Wow, God is already on the move.

Herculean efforts It is a herculean effort to start new businesses and create jobs here in the States, and more so in Haiti. It is a herculean effort raising funds in today's economy in which to launch a new ministry. The good news is that God is in the business of herculean!

Serving Christ together,

Brian & Kathy

Q&A

Taking the next step

Will you be partnering with ODH?

Yes. I will be working *alongside* ODH and other Christian ministries in Haiti to assist them with business development opportunities. God is expanding my territory and sharpening my focus to *complement their ongoing work* of spreading the Gospel. I will help them develop sustainable resources for their future.

Are you recruiting US based companies to relocate part of their operations in Haiti?

No. The focus is two fold. 1. Bring opportunities such as chicken houses, goat farms, irrigated farm lands, textile fabrications and woodworking just to name a few businesses. 2. Work with local Pastors who will identify entrepreneurs which have small businesses and need capital in which to strengthen their existing sustainable effort. Our ministry will encourage the business practice of leveraging those opportunities for long term economic viability and biblical stewardship.

What is the FIRST big idea?

The first big idea is to construct chicken houses, lots of houses. :-) The outset of the poultry industry in Haiti is in the infancy stages. This year, a Jamaican poultry company is investing millions of dollars in Haiti, and I am following their lead in the conclusion that now, economic conditions are ripe. Now is the time to start building both chicken houses and teaching long-term business practices.

Why partner with other ministries in Haiti?

1. Our first large scale business development opportunity is in the poultry industry, as mentioned above. Working with other ministries and churches in Northern Haiti helps build a larger network of chicken ranchers and spreads the risk/reward factor. "Don't put all your eggs in one basket," sorry, could not resist... Networking in a larger area allows best practices to migrate and the body gets stronger.
2. There are other US based ministries in Haiti wishing to become sustainable, but the needs of today monopolize time and resources. We will partner with them and help lift many boats.
3. Partners in Haiti will know the culture and help manage the opportunities more efficiently.

Why are you doing this?

Simply, I feel compelled to do it. This past summer I took some time to intentionally reflect on who God has made me. I desire to be truer to my creative identity and the dream that God is birthing within my heart. I simply feel compelled to do it!

When do you start?

I went to Haiti last month to discuss this concept with other ministries and found God already had opportunities waiting. Currently I am working on chicken house construction, building a website, completing governmental applications, raising funds, casting the vision and developing marketing materials. The ODH board of directors have committed to provide the financial resources for all the fees associated with filing the paperwork necessary with the IRS, 501c3 status and the State of Florida.

Will you still be raising personal support? Shall I continue to send my support of your family to ODH?

Yes, to both questions. Plans are to finalize all the legal requirements by the end of the year for the new ministry. At that time we will be able to accept donations through it. We are thankful to ODH for their partnership in launching this ministry and look forward to all God has in store for the partnerships and the country of Haiti.

What will it take to start this ministry?

1. Prayer. We covet your prayers and encouragement. Please pray we trust God as He charts the course.
2. Monthly supporters of our family and seed money to start the organization \$25,000
3. Name. Our ministry needs a name. Any ideas? :-)

Who is giving you counsel?

For the past year, I have been seeking counsel from our Pastor, our ministry supporters and Godly men that allow to speak into my life regarding this dream. All which have affirmed and confirmed this direction.

Partners are the foundation of ministry, you are each important to us and we could not demonstrate this aspect of the Gospel in Haiti without you. As we work, we also pray you will continue with your commitment to support us. I will call you in the weeks to come and if you have questions of any kind, please call me at 407-399-8406. I look forward to talking with each one of you.

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