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The Lord will fulfill His purpose for me. Psalm: 138-8

I believe the Lord will fulfill His purposes for me, but I sometimes...often...okay, a LOT of time make it tough on myself to let Him complete that promise He made to me.



Samson singing with the orphans

I look around with my eyes and see all the potential to create enterprise in Haiti and help bring about positive change that helps my friends there. Friends like Samson. How can I help him get a job? How can I help Samson's dad earn some money to build his family their first home? At age 50, Sam still does not have a home for his family to live in. This crushes my heart.

God has gifted me the strength of **ideation**. What's that? Well, it means that I see things in a way in which ideas flow to solve problems. So ideas like chicken houses, growing various crops, game boards, irrigating fields, and on and on, spring up. But there is more needed than just ideas...

Kathy has been my biggest cheerleader over the years, and one thing she has encouraged me to remember is that it is not only about the ideas and the work. It's about my **heart**. God has been using ministry work to shape my heart. **Shape it to reflect Christ.**



Let me encourage you to slow down for a moment and look past 'the work' – the good works that He has prepared in advance for us to do, and **examine your heart**. Examining my heart, I find impatience, pride, and a desire to do things on my timetable. I desire to build thousands of chicken houses, irrigate fields as far as the eye can see, produce an abundant harvest, and provide my friends in Haiti with good paying jobs so they can support their families and churches. I desire to see Open Door and other churches in Haiti supported by their own congregations. I desire to see enterprise, not aid; today, not tomorrow. **That is my will, but what is God's?**

To me, this is all very exciting to dream, pray for, and help bring about. Yet if my heart is not right, then it's about me and not God. Please pray that I will not be deceived in striving to do good and that I not lose focus on the true prize – a heart shaped like Christ.

As I look around and see the blessings of the Lord, there are so many things I am thankful for. Everything we have in life is given from above to sustain us and keep us. **I am thankful that YOU are walking with us in the journey. We cannot do this work without YOU!** I pray that in turn, you will be blessed.

serving Christ,
brian

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Vision for 2012

Construction of the second chicken house is complete! 500 more birds will be added to flock. How exciting it is to actually see how the school and orphanage at open Door will be supported in the future. Thank you Lighthouse team for working so hard to raise the funds needed.

What do chickens and corn have to do with each other? Ok, anyone



who grew up on a farm can't answer, but if you're like me, I didn't really know or care :-)
Well... chickens eat corn, lots of corn. So when corn

prices increase like they have been this year, our profit margin drops on poultry. Shall we stop growing poultry, NO!

We grow corn as well! Pastor Wiljean is very excited about growing corn on Open Door property. If corn prices increase, great, if they drop, more profitable on poultry. I spoke with a company in Haiti that will buy as much corn as we can produce. Open Door can only produce so much, lets grow more.

Spread the opportunity. Pastor Wiljean will spread the word in the village to all farmers that there is a buyer for corn. Each farmer is independent, growing his own corn to sell. Profits

from his labor, and gives a percentage in return for irrigation service. Lack of water is the greatest deterrent to farmers. Idle land and manpower, which there is unfortunately plenty, can now be put into action. We have land, labor and a buyer for corn. We need farmers! We need your expertise!



- farmers in the US to assist creating the master plan
- portable watering tank to water small farms
- seed corn, and other identified needs

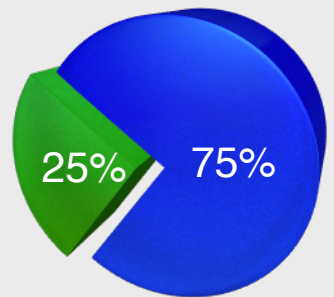


We need help funding the ministry. We are thankful for the 75% raised, but our personal savings can not continue to pay the difference.

Please pray and ask God who He wants you to share our ministry with.

We are on the verge of something amazing!

Trusting in God



Lighthouse team



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Thank you for all your support and prayers.

We can't do this without YOU!

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