

A SECOND GENERATION TO THE NEXT GENERATION

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The DRYDEN Family in Port-de-Paix, HAITI

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Can rain be referred to as liquid snow? If so, Port-de-Paix had a white Christmas. Not only did it rain that afternoon, but Desroulins Independent Baptist Church celebrated the beginning of a new family on Christmas Day. Michard and Lovena pledged their futures to each other and joined the ranks of our church young adults becoming married adults. To have spent eighteen years watching children in the ministry grow up into leaders is very rewarding!

Even for a missionary, there are times when questions will show up in the mind, wondering what the Lord is accomplishing through him. Over the past twenty four months, twelve of the young people of Desroulins Independent Baptist Church have married and half of them have stayed to take on leadership roles in the ministry. Rearing children, whether our own in our home or other's in our church, is rewarding. We have begun to turn more responsibilities over to these 'children' and are working alongside them as they begin to apply all the teachings they have received the past eighteen years.

The Lord does have a plan and purpose for each of his children. It is our responsibility as children of God to find out his perfect will for our lives and follow it, no matter what! Very so often, the Holy Spirit will direct us one step at a time. If twenty years ago, when we became missionaries through BIMl (Baptist International Missions, Inc.), I had known what we would be doing in 2021, I probably would have reacted in a similar fashion as Moses did when God told him to go and speak with Pharaoh. Witnessing the change in lives is well worth following the Holy Spirit's step by step direction.

Praise the Lord for Grace Baptist Bible Institute and the training it provides during its five year plan of study. January 22nd was our 14th graduation ceremony in which forty eight men walked to receive their well-earned diplomas. This places the total of graduates during our eighteen years at 325. Assisting in the training of church leaders is a very rewarding ministry. Please continue to pray for the spiritual and political development in Haiti. We need the prayer, and the practice is good for you.

*Serving,
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