

OFCB MINISTRIES UPDATED REPORT DECEMBER 2011

BACKGROUND In August, 1993, five young men from the village of Cathor began planning a school, which they named OFCB (Organization of the Christian Force of Bayonnais). Since the start of the school in January, 1994, OFCB has made great strides forward to improve the lives of the people of Bayonnais in the mountains east of the city of Gonaives. In this very, very poor area, the school has been blessed with growth to about 1,840 students at the main campus and a satellite at Nicolas. The school, and the church, which was started soon after, have done wonders for many of the 80,000 people in the upper Bayonnais River valley and the mountains surrounding it.

The church has grown to about 500 members and is active in evangelism in the area. A major annual event is the Easter Week nightly services, culminating on Easter Day with a community dinner for all. There is much music including choirs from various churches and preaching by outside preachers in addition to music and preaching by their own church members and pastors. Thousands are involved in Easter week.

The current construction of Phase 1 of the first medical clinic in that area, which has had no medical people whatsoever, is a very exciting development. Starting in 1999, OFCB sent local high school graduates to college and medical schools to prepare for this clinic. The first nurse is already at work and the first doctor will arrive in May, 2012. A dentist is available now and a dental chair is on its way to Haiti for him. Two more nurses will come in the summer. A second doctor and two more nurses will arrive in a few years.

CHOLERA Cholera struck Bayonnais in November, 2010, causing desperate needs for emergency medical attention. Cholera can be a quick killer, sometimes in just a few hours. Fortunately, the first nurse, Anne-Junie Saint-Louis, was already there. Dr. Faustin Charles has just finished his Internship and was available full time until late January, when he was called for his Government Service. The four nursing students in Gonaives were allowed to spend a lot of time in Bayonnais treating cholera. Dr. Samuel Mondelus, the first doctor, spent time as was available from his Specialty Training in Cap-Haitien. Emergency funds were supplied from the supporters in the U.S. This team had an outstanding record during this initial surge, seeing 1,044 patients with only 11 fatalities! This compared very favorably with the performance of established clinic and hospital cholera treatments.

SCHOOL From 7:30 a.m. until midday, K-6 classes at the main campus have 870 students. Kindergarten starts at 3 years old; we would call it Pre-K. The 770 high school students, grades 7-13, meet from 12:45 until 5:45 in the afternoon. A hot meal is served most school days. The national mandated curriculum is covered. Creole, French and English are taught; Spanish is optional. Major challenges in such a rudimentary, poor economy include how the growing number of graduates can find employment within or outside of their community.

The satellite school in Nicola has been part of OFCB for three school years and has 190 children in grades K-4. There is a primitive school building which is "bursting at the seams". Living conditions there are even worse than down in the valley where the main campus is located. A proper building and latrine have been designed and will be built when the funds are available. The parents of the school children

will carry all needed materials up the mountain and supply whatever construction labor they can. About a third of the needed \$50,000 has been pledged.

MEDICAL CLINIC The clinic Phase 1 structure was designed by members of Engineers Without Borders (EWB) in San Francisco, and was completed in August, 2011 with cooperation among EWB, OFCB and Friends of OFCB (US) using Haitian skilled and unskilled labor. As an example, over 300 Haitians worked on a one day pour of the eight inch thick concrete roof, using only hand tools and buckets. Some of the infrastructure work (electrical and plumbing) will be started in January by EWB technical people working with the Haitians. It will be completed as funds become available for the building and needed furniture and supplies. Future phases will be built as additional support and more staff are available.

RELATED ORGANIZATIONS IN THE U.S. There are a number of churches in the greater Charlotte, NC area and several in South Carolina and Georgia combined which are involved with OFCB Ministries through donations, prayer and visiting Bayonnais . In addition, there are two non church related tax-exempt 501(c)3 organizations in Charlotte which support OFCB in various ways.

World of God offers the opportunity to sponsor a child at OFCB's school. This takes the form of a \$35/month payment to support the school and engage in correspondence with a specific child of their choice. There is also an opportunity to visit the child in Bayonnais if the sponsor so desires. 300 OFCB children are sponsored. To sponsor a child or learn more, go to www.worldofgod.org

Friends of OFCB is the primary vehicle for coordinating efforts to empower OFCB Ministries through financial blessing as well as technical expertise. Friends of OFCB seeks to walk alongside their Haitian brothers and sisters as they pursue a common dream of helping the children of Bayonnais develop their proud past into a promising future. Learn more or make designated or undesignated donations at www.friendsofocb.org

Friends of OFCB also schedules trips to visit OFCB in Bayonnais. For information and help, contact David Nichols at david5cents@aol.com

UNAUDITED PRELIMINARY INCOME & EXPENSES

INCOME		EXPENSES	
\$	304,860	General (Mostly School)	\$ 322,927
	23,814	Non-clinic Projects	11,412
	11,097	College	22,556
	42,034	Medical Relief	50,865
	24,615	Visitors	17,778
	82,334	Clinic Construction	82,570
	912	Clinic Operations	4,273
	<u>489,665</u>	Total Cash Flow	<u>\$ 512,381</u>
	<u>26,749</u>	From Prior / To Next	<u>4,033</u>
		Fiscal Year	
\$	516,414	Total Cash In / Out	\$ 516,414