



Where Mission To Haiti Came From



Snapshot of Bill Sr. in 1960 holding a baby during his first trip to Haiti

In the summer of 1960 Bill Sr. was invited to make a weekend trip to Haiti. Missionaries who were returning to the United States invited Bill to consider serving there. A couple of years earlier, Bill made a ten-day mission trip to Cuba. He went with a group from his Bible

college at Easter. His heart was moved by the trip and he considered returning after he graduated. But by then Castro's communist revolution closed the door to missionaries. It was a turbulent time in the world. But God used these difficult times to prepare Bill.

It was not until 1976 that Bill Sr. returned to Haiti. By then he, Ann and their young family were serving in Hialeah near Miami. Thousands of Cubans had already begun to immigrate to S. Florida since the 1960s. Now Haitians were starting to come to escape poverty and persecution under the Duvalier regime. The Miami area became a hotbed of activity as cultures from around the region began to clash. The new influx of Haitians put a spotlight on Haiti and its smoldering issues. It also brought to light the great needs and opportunities that exist in Haiti. Despite the international attention they received, Haiti was still a very isolated place. There were many parts of Haiti that were un-

touched, especially to the Gospel. With this in mind, Bill embarked on a week-long trip to see the situation for himself.

The Haitian pastor who invited Bill and two other men, took them to villages where he planted churches. At least one of the villages was so isolated that Bill and the other men were the first foreigners the villagers had ever seen. What Bill saw were a people who need to know that Jesus died to save them.

Bill left Haiti determined to go back. The following summer, Bill brought a team from his church. The teams kept coming. In 1981 Mission To Haiti was born. Today, this work continues to shine the light of the Gospel in places and in hearts darkened by voodoo. Praise the Lord, the Gospel is winning.

Partnership In Missions

Where Mission To Haiti Is Going

This is Fernide Medy. She is one of countless young people in Haiti who comes from difficult circumstances. She grew up in Tigoave where the power of voodoo is strong. But Fernide is winning.

When Fernide was in elementary school, she was sponsored by Jim and Alice. Many children in Haiti drop out in the younger grades because their parents cannot afford to continue. Fernide's sponsorship gave her the opportunity to thrive.

As Fernide continued in school, she got involved in the church. It was there that she heard the Gospel and was born again. The power of the Holy Spirit in her life has given Fernide a determination that comes from the Lord.

As she was preparing to graduate high school, Fernide shared with Jim and Alice that she wants to become a nurse. They were excited to help. After graduation, Fernide began to study in a local program, but that ended because of COVID. Determined not to give up, Fernide registered at a local nursing school in town. In May, Fernide completed her first full year. The school conducted a special ceremony to honor this milestone for Fernide and her classmates. Keep Fernide in your prayers. Haiti needs nurses who love the Lord and love people. Fernide is that person.



How You Can Help: The Founders' Challenge

The Mission Campus at Cazeau has become a vital part of accomplishing this work. By God's grace, the surrounding community has remained quiet and safe. Because of that, the mission campus has become the hub and central meeting point for all those we help and all that we do.

This year, the cost to keep the mission campus functioning as this vital hub of ministry will be \$100,000.

You can give monthly or you make a one-time gift. Either way, your support for the Founders' Challenge fund will allow those who we serve to continue being winners for the Lord. Thank you!



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