



S.E.A.R.C.H. RESULTS®

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“Jesus, the True Measure of Progress”

Dear Family,

To all of us who have accepted the great commission to teach all things that Christ has taught comes to us these needed words of Paul in the book of Philippians. “...*this one thing I do...*” Paul kept before Him this very singular purpose. He refused to contemplate even his very own failures but continued to strive to attain to those “*exceedingly great and precious*

promises” that would make him Christ’s own fortress in a world in revolt. He determined to not lead anyone by his speech and example to any other thought “*save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.*” Nothing that He had previously known was worth

anything to him when it impeded or came into contrast with that one object which he must at all cost to himself obtain; Christ and His likeness.



Above: At the time of this newsletter the new building as reached roof height and we are on a small pause while we reorganize the workers and wait on supplies. **Left:** Elizabeth, Yonny and I working on tying steel bar together. **Below left:** Another rainbow of confirmation. Some of you may remember how many times the Lord has given us rainbows at critical points in our work almost in answer to the question, “Are You still with us Jesus.” This one also came early one morning as we were facing strong challenges regarding the work.



The whole object of every missionary endeavor in all its forms is summed up here in these words, “*that I may know Him.*” John said it this way, “*And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.*” 1 John 5:20. It is this knowledge, this educational experience that compels the follower of Christ forward when he is tired. The Christian pilgrim does not yield to his desire to rest. He moves steadily forward, saying: “The night is far spent, the day is at hand.” So how do we measure our progress? How can we be certain on a personal and corporate level that we are actually gaining ground?



When Christ and His will is more precious to us than our own wishes, desires and even our own lives. When we are willing and actuated to sacrifice any and everything that serves to our own comfort and convenience that *others* may come to know him who has chosen us to be His soldiers. When truth and Christ naturally occupy our conversation consistently and when our meditations always gravitate towards duty, Christ’s character, and all things

heavenly, we can trust then that His Spirit is and shaping our souls and leading our lifework. The finishing touch or the crowning feature of this education is “oneness with Christ and oneness with our brethren.” It is the harmonious and concerted effort of Christ’s children that Jesus said would awaken the world to the reality of Truth. It is when we can work in harmony with our fellow brethren....Although we each have different personalities, talents and callings. “God designs that His people shall be a unit, that they shall see eye to eye and be of the same mind and of the same judgment. Unity with Christ establishes a bond of unity with one another. This unity is the most convincing proof to the world of the majesty and virtue of Christ, and of His power to take away sin.”



Above: Elvin and Elizabeth with Sister Teresa and Brother Jorge Jimenez who came to us for two months from Honduras to lend a Hand. What a tremendous help they were. We have the hope they will return when the Lord provides a sponsor so they can take active part in the training of the young people. Below right: Teresa took time to give special attention to some of the young people who are more challenged in the basics of reading, writing and arithmetic. She had a unique manner of showing them that with Jesus help they could do very well in all they attempted to learn. Below left: The impact of the messages brought to us from God through Jorge no words can express. All those who were present knew and understood in the solemn appeals and admonitions that the very God of heaven was speaking to us, individually inviting us into a more intimate relation with Him.

As father and leader of our families’ ministry I have since before T.L.C. Ministry’s conception desired to fulfill God’s full plan of small homelike sanitarium/schools in the country and most especially in the dark places of the earth. We have worked for this from the beginning and we often said so in our newsletters. However, it is NOW and only now that the deep reality of the significance of this work has impacted me in its truest sense. Not I but Christ. It means when your co-laborers are discouraged or when you are discouraged, not I but Christ. It means when those that are supposed to be your friends willingly or ignorantly

bring trials, divisions, confusion; not I but Christ. When the funds run out and there are so many others under your charge, not I but Christ. Not I but Christ when you’re tired and the clouds of doubt rest above your head, in sickness and health, not I but Christ. When you believe in the deliverance of God but you are tempted to falter when you see those who once walked in step with you fall away from the Savior maybe never to rise again, not I but Christ. In numberless trials and manifold blessings, in failures and in successes, at every stage and every conversation, in every study given, every class taught every wound healed, every challenge met, in every work, small and great; exclusively, only, today and for eternity, not I but Christ.

With the birth of the S.E.A.R.C.H. community our anxieties are no longer who will come and help. We have tried never to fret over whether or not the Lord would provide means to continue. Our perplexity is not to do a “large and far reaching” work. We are hungry now that all of you, our friends and family, will pray that like never before that we will provide for those around us that look to our counsel and example, a true picture of Christ. As the axis family in this community we need great grace to maintain the community “as one” as Christ and the Father are one. We will be praying for all of you as well that God will make this experience a reality in your lives. The result of seeking for this with all of our hearts will be the hastening of the return of our Lord Jesus.



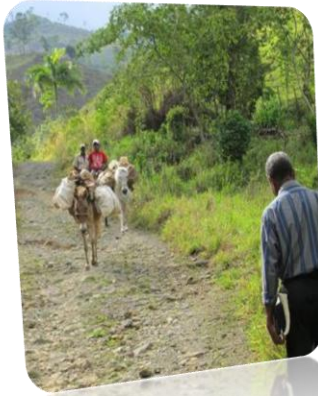
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How Beautiful Upon the Mountains... the Feet of Him That Publisheth Salvation Isaiah 52:7



What a privilege is ours all we who are called to share the truth for this present time. I believe it cannot not be adequately explained the intense joy ones feels when walking along a lonely dirt road and comes across another traveler and in that moment and in that setting the realization comes that God has you there precisely for that person at that time and perhaps by no other means would that person come into contact with Christ or His truth. This has happened to me over and over and most recently I have been overwhelmingly blessed to see one young Haitian man named Rauline actually give his life to the Lord in one of those encounters. For two years I often urged him whenever I came across him in the road to surrender His life to the Lord and to become Christ's servant. He would complain of his poverty or the unkindness of others and my answer was always the same. I was surprised to find that Rauline started

taking bible studies with a sister in the mountains and

Above: Brother Jose and I, walking together find opportunity among those who pass by to share the scripture. Right: Teresa and Margarita, lady messengers, crossing a small stream returning from Tuesday bible study. Below left: Seli and her beautiful smile. She is a wonderful candidate for self-sacrificing service to the Master. Below right: Christino and his wife outside their one room home.

was about two months in the process when one day we crossed paths and had a long conversation regarding Christ.



His response was "Come to my house in the evening after work and help me give my life to Christ." Since that evening Rauline has been studying daily the word and faithfully attending church. He always has a smile and never complains. He found the King of glory in the back roads of the world.

Seli is so special. She is very obedient to her parents and loving. She learned almost instantly how to look for the books of the Bible and she loves to participate by reading and singing. She encourages her mom and dad to read in every study and she has become my little friend. I beg the Lord to remove all distractions from her parents' life so that she with them can come to know Christ and the present truth fully. Please pray especially for her family.



Christino and his wife are extremely poor and very simple. I can only read one or two Bible verses at a time to them and their boys. It often takes the whole study to help them understand one verse of scripture. I often ask myself, "How would the Lord relate the greater issues of salvation to these precious yet ignorant souls?" It is a challenge that is not easy to meet.

They are willing to listen but

hard of understanding. Their tangible needs are many and obvious, yet all charitable work on their behalf must be delicately handled so as not to distract them from the purpose of the truth. Popular in the culture because of the



many false apostles that exist is adherence to a church solely for the financial benefit that one might gain with zero heart connection to the Savior. These too like Seli are Gods special children. Please pray as well for them.



We recently held yet another beautiful wedding ceremony for Glenice and her husband Thomas so that Glenice could be baptized. Elizabeth has been studying with Glenice and Thomas for more than two years. In the beginning many thought that Glenice would never decide for Christ. But she is now faithful

Left: Glenice was so happy the day of her “wedding.” Thomas and their youngest son had broad smiles through the whole ceremony. The family member they invited all took note of the apparent change in Thomas.

and active in evangelism herself. Thomas since his “wedding” has also taken his vows seriously. Even though up until the day of the wedding he resisted and told Glenice he would not attend, he there pledged to help Glenice welcome Christ into their home and hasten His return to the earth through serving Him. We anticipate that it will not be long before Thomas too decides to pass through the watery grave.

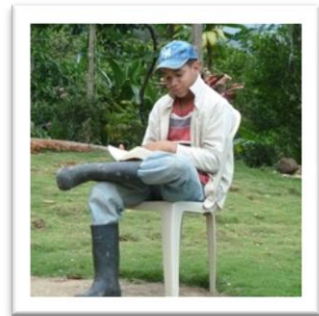
How Can You Help the Work Today?

Below left: Teresa with some of our young people working together for Glenice’s wedding
Right: Brian after a hard day’s work enjoying a missionary book sent to us by the Barbara Krieglentine in 2006. **Below right:** the first batch of bread made in the firewood oven Jorge made for us while here. We hope to use it to support the S.E.A.R.C.H. project.



one of us to come to your church or group to share more in depth regarding the work. Come and see for yourself how the Lord might be able to use you or someone you know in this part of the field. You can send donations of clothing, seeds, educational tools, medical supplies or money to us. You can write us letters or emails letting us know about you.

Once again we re-emphasize to you our family that much of what has been done here and why we haven’t surrendered in the battle is because of your prayers. When no newsletters were coming forth, when everything seemed like uphill service with no end. Some of you were praying. You have as much to do with the success of any missionary as do the missionaries themselves. Hold up our hands we need it. Secondly you can forward on this newsletter and any of our past newsletters to your friends, Adventist and non-Adventist, to make them aware of our work and encourage them to pray. Invite



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