

A New Church Is Birthed In Marianni



For over ten years Haiti Missions has been reaching the lost through evangelism and food distribution. Over ten years ago we met a man named Frankel who came to us in desperate need with his 2 twin daughters who were dying from starvation after being given a "healing potion" to drink from the voodoo priest which turned out to be a mixture of flour and water. Frankel's wife had died during the delivery of the twins and came to us with no hope. One of the babies died but we were able to save the other twins life. Frankel was a hard voodoo man who after being shown compassion eventually received Christ. He comes from the village of Marianni. After Frankel came to Christ we began to reach out to his village by going there regularly to preach the gospel and distribute supplies of food and other daily necessities to the people. With such a strong voodoo presence in the village, it's taken a long time to see fruit grow. Our vision in each one of our villages is of course to open churches, however it's sometimes challenging to find the right Pastor who has a vision for that area. Recently, God put this burden upon a local Haitian Pastor who is willing to pay the price with or without help from our organization. He had a village meeting and asked the Christians if they were willing to form a committee and start a church in the village of Marianni. Everyone prayed and they decided to go ahead and build a church out of woven coconut leaves. In January we visited the new church and participated in the Grand Opening and Dedication Service. We also helped to provide a hot meal for everyone who attended. The Pastor and Committee anticipated that attendance on the first Sunday might be around 30 to 40 people but the little church was packed and many people had to stand outside because there was no room left. Since Marianni is one of the villages we minister to, we plan to work closely with this new church plant and support them in every way we can and get behind this Pastor as our vision for the people of Marianni is the same.

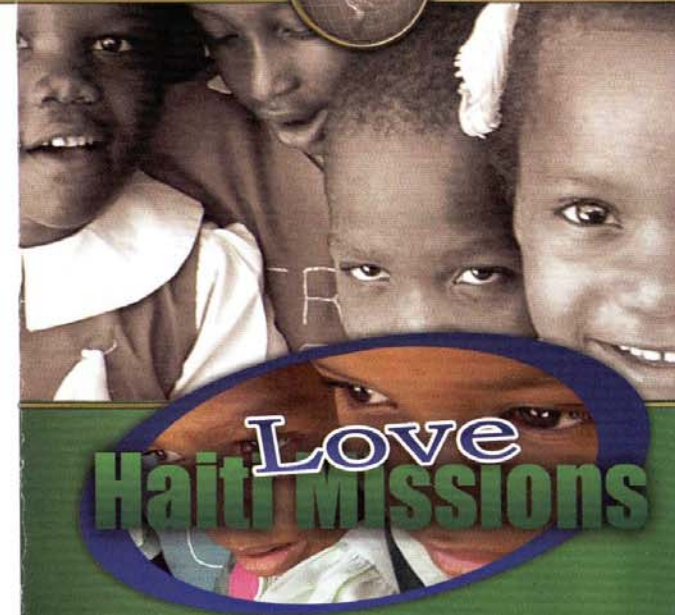
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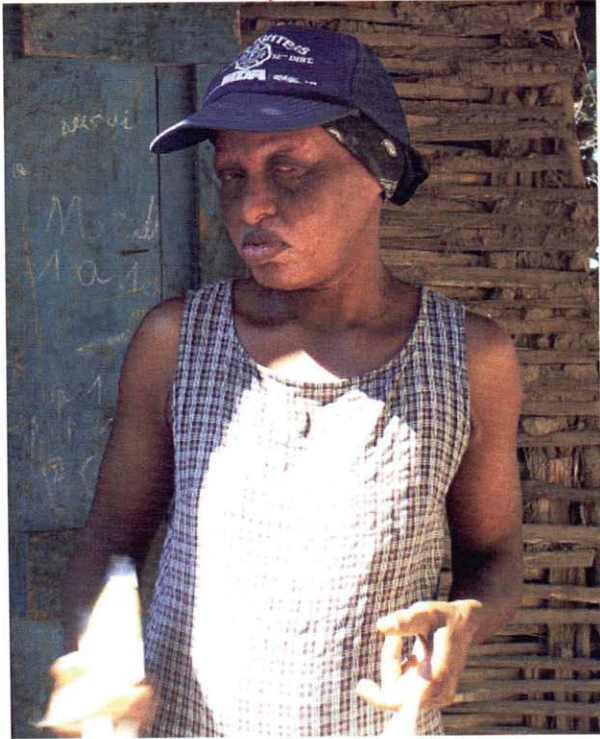


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The Story of Excer and His Sister



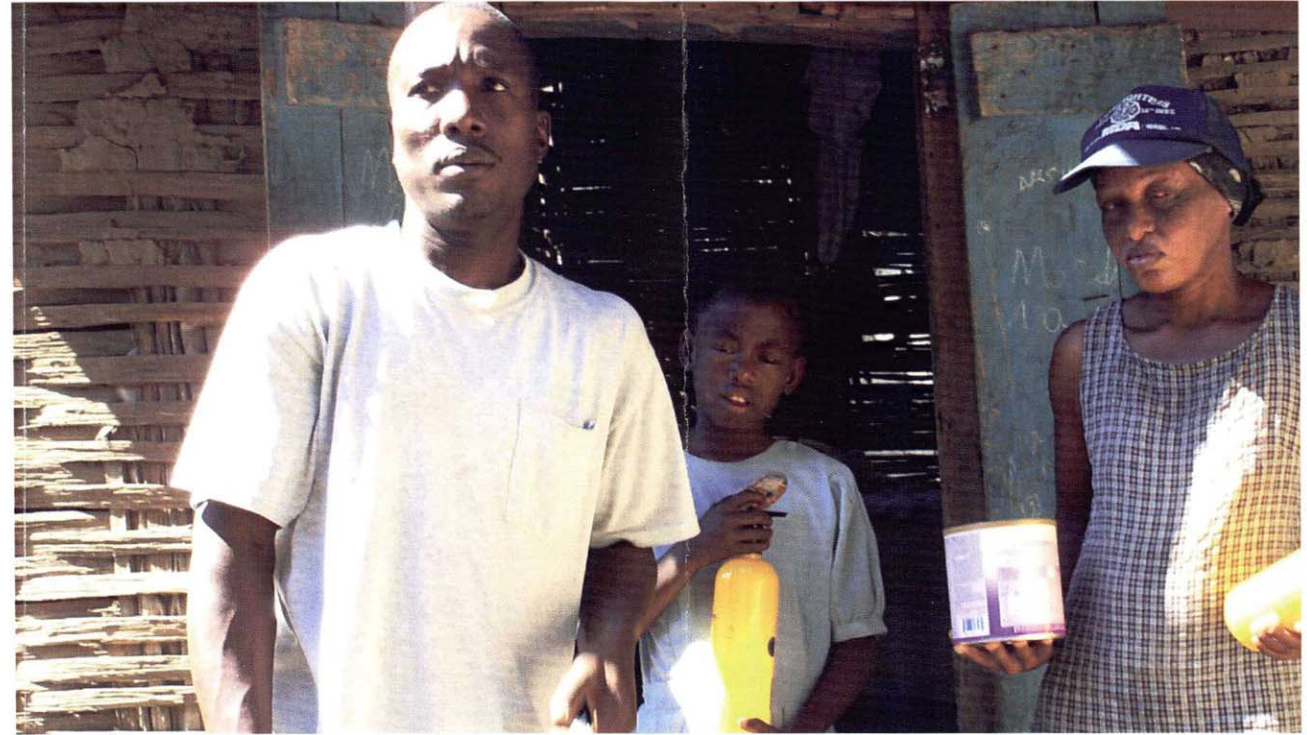
Excer's Sister

There are always so many situations in Haiti I could write about so I've chosen to tell you about a family who came from the mountains to Nely looking for help. Since coming to Nely they have accepted Christ and attend the Nely Church. The Father's name is Excer and he is married with 3 children. At Christmas, they were a family selected to receive a gift of goats to help relieve their poverty. One day while talking to Excer, he mentioned to me he was also trying to help his ill sister and her children. In January, we



Crippled Darlene

decided to pay a visit to the village where his sister lives. When we entered her little shack she immediately sat up and said, "Today, I want to accept Jesus!" We prayed with her and spent time ministering to her and the children. Before leaving we blessed them with a new bed and left supplies to help her family. Following the visit, I asked Excer to tell me the story of what happened to his sister. He began to tell me that many years ago she became involved in voodoo. During one of the voodoo ceremonies, the priest



Excer with his sister and oldest daughter

danced around her and encouraged her to invite the spirits to take over her body. She obeyed the priest and as she asked the spirits to take over, she fell to the ground and began to roll around and rolled into the fire that was burning for the ceremony. No one stopped her and her body was badly burned. When she went to the voodoo priest for healing he told her that the only way to be healed was to have children. These children have had curses put on them and they were born with health problems. Her one daughter is named Darlene and she was born with bone deformities

in her arms and legs and needs a miracle. The day we visited Excer's sister, her and the children accepted Christ and now they need God to heal their bodies. When we asked Excer's sister why she chose to accept Christ that particular day, she replied, "Because I know you came to pray for me and I want to receive healing!" She has Faith for a miracle and we ask that you remember to keep Excer and his entire family in your prayers.