



**He is Risen—so what? Who Cares?** What is the price of tea in China? You are going to die. These facts are only meaningful if there are two things present—**relevance** and **immediacy**. Unless facts fit these two categories people do not care, no matter how true the facts are. Objective truth needs to be personal to have relevance.

Covid 19 has made the subject and the fear of death more immediate and makes the reality of the resurrection more relevant. What happens when I die? What proof or certainty can I have about life after death? The proof of the resurrection of Christ after death makes all the rest of what He said and promised believable. For the Christian—all the promises He made gives hope to handle the challenges in this life and hope for the life to come. For the person who does not believe in Christ, he is then confronted not only with the historical and legal proof of the resurrection but also all the other promises of judgement in the Bible. This acronym will help you remember the truth that Jesus is ALIVE.

**A – Appearance of Jesus post crucifixion.** In 1 Cor.15 Paul lists witnesses that saw Jesus post crucifixion: the women at the empty tomb; the 11 disciples in the upper room; the 500 brethren; and finally, Paul Himself.

**L – Low Status of Women.** Women first found the empty tomb. Scholars find this detail important regarding the authenticity of this account, because at that time the testimony of women was considered futile. This detail would have been so embarrassing for the writers, that it suggests the only reason it is in there is because it is true. This is called the Criterion of Embarrassment.

**I – Immediate Preaching.** Jesus was murdered and the disciples were hiding in fear for their lives. But shortly after, it is recorded the Apostles were preaching they had seen Jesus risen.

**V – Voluntary Suffering.** One might say, “There are martyrs in every religion.” Of course. But they die for what they “believe” to be true. The Apostles died for what they “saw with their own eyes.”

**E – Empty Tomb.** If tomb were not empty then the Romans, Jews, or anyone else simply could have dug up Jesus’ body proving Christ had not risen. But they could not – which is why excuses were made to justify it.



If the above five points are true—then how is it **relevant** to your life **right now**? To the Christian struggling with finances, marriage, or even addictions, Romans 8:28 is just as true as the resurrection of Jesus. If you are not a relational believer in Jesus Christ and are facing similar problems and feeling helpless and alone then,

if you accept Him relationally, His promises to never leave you nor forsake you and to cleanse you of all your sins are just as true as His resurrection. The fact that Jesus is ALIVE from the dead is foundational to everything that is written in Scripture. *BJM*

**Proud Supporter:**

Adriel is the boy you are helping with money for his parents to afford to send him to school. These missionaries sent me his grades at school. They are all very happy and grateful for your help.

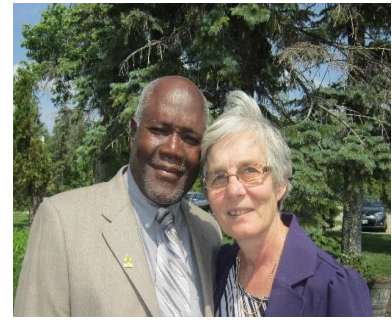
He is in 10th grade and maximum grade is 20.

- Math: 18.5
- Physics: 20
- Informatics: 20
- Biology: 19.8
- Geography: 17.63
- Chemistry: 20
- Physical Education: 20
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**Sam I Am Center (Haiti):**

It is an understatement to say that Haiti is again going through political turmoil: the Corona virus pandemic, 6million at risk of starvation, political protests, police brutality, political persecution, and Canada and US support for a failed government. Yet, Christ is at work, in our case, through the Sam I Am Center. The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in (Haiti and DR) Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering: (Exodus 3:7).



**Pictures # 1 and 3.** 70 women and men at work repairing the road and cleaning the community to earn a daily wage. **# 2** is a big pot of the New Year traditional pumpkin soup feeding 200 members of our community. **# 4.** The ministry team ready to lead the young people to a missionary retreat during the carnival weekend to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with a neighbouring community. **# 5** Pastor Namphy and Kenson preparing the materials to revamp our solar system. **# 6.** The church on a Sunday morning. **# 7.** The young people and the leaders on their way to the mission trip. **# 9.** Pastor Gesner with the sewing and music/choir group.

**Dominican Republic (DR):**

In the name of Jesus and for the sake of the Gospel, we are doing the best we know how to provide education opportunity to our 55 students in our school. The teachers travel to our 5 communities to meet the students for instruction twice a week. It is tiring for our staff but they are doing their best to keep instruction going during the pandemic in DR. We provide some food and school materials to the students. It has been a challenge to ensure they get the food as they are scattered along a large area. We need to rely on the parents to use the funds for feeding the students. We are trying to be creative to ensure they are fed.

**A major prayer request:** National schools are online in DR. We do not know what will happen in the next few months. It is a challenge for our teachers since our students do not have access to technology. At this time, we do not have a building to house the school, please, pray so that we will find soon a building to keep the school going.

**Thanksgiving:** On behalf of our people in Haiti and our children in DR, we are grateful to each and every one of you who have supported our ministry among our brothers and sisters in Christ. More than ever before, your generosity is needed to continue our ministry in both countries. BLESSINGS!







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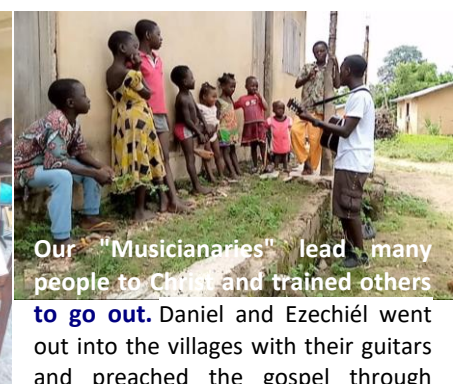
The gospel is spreading in our house churches. Many have given their lives to Christ. The Word of God is listened to on audio Bibles every week as neighbors gather together to worship. Our staff evangelists visit the house churches regularly to encourage the members.



You have enabled to give sight to children of all ages. Benoit and Koffi got their sight back this year after years of blindness. You can watch both of their stories going to Sight.org YouTube page.



God physically healed people through prayer. God is working miracles and we are humbled and excited about seeing God move in this way and can't wait to see what He will do in 2021. Thank you for all your prayers and please keep praying!



**New students at the Sight.org farm:** Fourteen students came to the farm to attend our agriculture and discipleship program. They are now back in their villages teaching others about Jesus and the modern farming techniques they learned.

Our "Musicianaries" lead many people to Christ and trained others to go out. Daniel and Ezechiél went out into the villages with their guitars and preached the gospel through worship. Several young men and women also showed interest in becoming "Musicianaries" as well.

Sight.org operates out of Tyler, Texas and focuses its ministry in Togo. We encourage you to check out their website for more information. CEO Ministries has an agency agreement with them and Canadians can get a tax deduction to support their work by giving through CEO Ministries.

## Brian James & Sandra

This is a true story, reported from the Cuban team we have been working with over the years. When all the governments locked down the world in reaction to the pandemic, most countries unfortunately were not able to ride it through as Canada has been able to in so many ways. A story of a mother, unable to receive help from any direction and no longer able to watch her children starve to death; in desperation and futility, she ended the lives of her two little children and then took her own life.

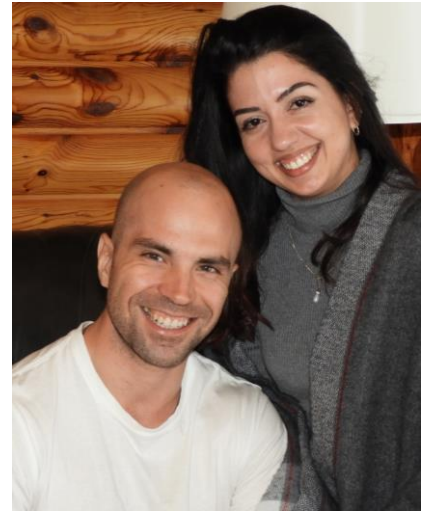
This is a story that has been ringing in our ears and only increasing because this is only one of the many tragedies, we are aware of and are attempting to stop. And this is only ONE story from ONE country. We currently operate in ten. Miraculously, CEO Ministries, though not a large organization, has seen an increase in assistance from people just like you from all over the world, teaming up to literally save lives—both physically and spiritually. CEO started over 40 years ago with an annual budget of \$35k, to this past year (2020) being able to send out \$860,000 worth of aid around the world. Obviously, God is doing something. And though this amount may sound like a lot, it is not in comparison to the daily needs that are present. We are currently feeding 1000+ people every day fighting off starvation and trying to minister them out of hopelessness and loss, and yet this is only a drop in the bucket.

Sandra and I have been volunteering with this ministry for the past few years and we sense God moving us to intensify our support in light of the challenges this ministry is facing. CEO Ministries has invited me to take a position on the team to assist the other team members carry the load. In 2021, I will be working with CEO Ministries as the Executive Assistant and Communications Coordinator. My duties include a variety of critical admin objectives such as web development and marketing, IT and systems upgrades, Spanish translations, banking and receipting. It will also include co-authorship of the monthly newsletter, agency agreement compliances with our international teams, fundraising, merchandise development and video production.

We are all excited, especially my wife Sandra and I, as we feel this is an opportunity to really serve and invest in what we've always felt to be our calling: advancing the message, hope, and community of Jesus. When I first became a Christian, I felt called to doing "missions" before I even knew what a missionary did. And the more my wife and I venture out into the un-known waters of a world desperately in need of God, the more we feel at home.

I am praying for a special team of partners; a team of 300, who would not only give financially as they are able, but more importantly team up with their prayers and encouragement. I have already worked in countries where Christians are murdered for their faith. This is not to scare anyone or request pity, but to emphasize that prayers are way more affective in these areas than any earthly tool.

Those in ministry realize the only thing "part-time" is the salary. It is our prayer that God helps us raise \$2000/month, which is enough for my wife and I to work with CEO and take care of our family's daily needs. Both Sandra and I do some "tent-making" on the side to help supplement our income. I have already received commitments that support up to 25% of this goal, and for this I praise God, knowing this is the right direction for us. I would appreciate greatly if you prayerfully considered joining our prayer/support team as the adventures that await us all are too great for us to go alone. I would like to bring you with me in whatever way possible. Team members will receive updates, letters, and testimonies of the progress we have been blessed to be a part of in growing our Father's Kingdom. Please pray and see if God is prompting you to be part of this team—and if so, to what degree.



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