



## Alix is Planning a Working Mission Trip to Haiti Pending Political Turmoil Decrease Are You Interested





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**Sam I Am Centre, Haiti:** 2019 has been a year rich in event. The country as a whole was locked down. This meant political struggle between the opposition and the government for power has punished the population in many ways. School were closed all across the country for 4 to 6 months. Business and open markets were forced to close, and transportation was at a standstill as the national highways were controlled by gangs. The



police were overwhelmed by the events. Air traffic was curtailed. Yet, God is still at work. Such turmoil deeply impacted The Sam I Am Center. God's grace and the prayers of many kept it going providing an environment where children, young people and adults were able to find a refuge in the middle of chaos and despair. The construction of the last portion of security wall and the gate provide a safe



environment for activities and summer camps for children. The construction of the three rooms for the workers was a welcomed addition for our staff. The beginning of the construction of the Missionary Quarter is in progress. The main focus has been on the spiritual health of the community and the new people of faith. There were many, both young and old, who have accepted Christ as their personal Saviour for the first time. Not one



week has passed according to Pastor Namphy without someone accepting Christ. In response to the risk of starvation due to political unrest and the prolonged drought in the area CEO has



responded by providing food supplies to 52 families with an average of five members per family. Each has received enough food supplies for 10-21 days. We also fed 200 people at our

centre. We were also able to secure a new set of wheels for the mission to reduce the mileage on the truck.

Dominican Republic: Our students had a great academic year in Sosua, Dominican Republic. The fear of the parents about the uncertainty of keeping the school after the death of Pastor Noelson seems to be a thing of the past with the presence of the new Haitian teacher in the school. The support of two Winnipeg families allows us to acquire the legal papers for three of our four teachers: passports, visa and financial support to renew their permit every month to stay in the country. Our fifty students fill the school building to the point that a new building is needed. We can no longer accept new students unless we have a new place. The year was ended with feast for the students, parents and neighbours. Each student has received a



small gift which is a luxury for many. A big thanks to our benefactors who willingly provide the financial support to care for the children. It was a special day where the school could welcome the Dominican neighbours to share a good time with the staff and the students. AJP Editor's Note: Alix is facing the possibility of surgery on his back and needs God's healing.

### HOLGUIN MISSIONS TRIP DEC 27/2019-JAN 3/2020

We arrived in the early hours of Dec 28<sup>th</sup> to our hotel. The next morning, we met with our friends Rolando, Nurian and their boys. We had a lot of discussion on how the Pastoral support has been going. This couple does an incredible job distributing the funds, checking on the needs of the people as



well as pastoring a growing congregation. Between 60-80 pastors receive about 50 cucs (\$75 CDN) to help them survive. They make as little as 12 cucs per month but a family of four needs at least 140 cucs to live. They live by faith and when asked where does the rest of your needs get met they stand amazed at the goodness of God. Please pray for these pastors and for C.E.O. as we seek to raise funds to help additional pastors across this country.

We left early the next morning to Santiago, where we met with 15 Pastoral couples and there vibrant leader Amarilies. We had first met this group at last year's Family camp. The group took turns telling of their growing ministries, especially the number of children being reached.



We enjoyed a delicious lunch and worshipped and prayed together. Their leader has a farm with innovated solutions to power their home and several others, (Pigs! And the gas they create<sup>3</sup>) Thier whole yard was alive with thriving gardens and chickens. It was an Oasis in the midst of a noisy crowed area. We left later that evening encouraged by the testimonies and work these couples were doing for the Kingdom.

We rose early the next day to spend with Alex & Dory planning the outing

for the grandmothers of the children whose parents were killed in a plane crash over a year ago that killed many of the pastors from that region. Rolando had purchased the food needed to feed hungry teenagers.

The next day, with hired transportation, very hard to find as it was Jan 1<sup>st</sup> which is celebrated in Cuba even more than Christmas. The children and grandmothers were picked up and we all went to the beach, along with a picnic lunch. Rolando & Dory prepared the delicious dinner for the group. When the group returned they were served Chicken Fahitas, Cuba Congress cooked in a large outdoor pot over a fire, as well as vegetables. Dessert was cake and Ice-cream. The next several hours were spent, laughing and talking to the Children about school, soccer,



baseball and life in general. Most of these young people were smiling and joking around. The pain of their loss is still evident, but we trust Jesus is healing the wounds. Each child was given a gift as were the grandmothers.

During the swim one of the young fellows had lost a chain necklace that meant a lot to him. Grant graciously gave him one he was wearing. The group left as it was getting dark The next morning Alex & Dory came to the beach to search for the Chain. We joined them from our Hotel and Praise God, they were holding the chain. What a blessing!



This couple has poured out their hearts to these orphaned youth as well as visiting and ministering to the grandmothers. We left extra funds so that they could visit every second week. The needs are great but we know where our help comes from! GRK

#### HAVANA MISSION TRIP JAN 20- MARCH 1 ADDICTION RECOVERY TRAINING

Qaun will be staying for month in Guanabo, Cuba to live with the people for one month and informally and formally teach at the Addiction Home. He will teach Phase 1 of the Recovery Program and help with individual cases. Then on Feb 24 he will then join Kim Fletcher in Allamar to teach Phase 1 after having given them and introduction to the overall program



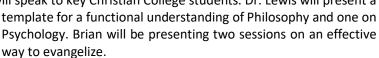
back in September of 2019. Plans are developed to teach Phase 2 for 2 weeks as soon as possible given the restriction of denominational schedules. Sometime in September or October arrangements are being made so the programme can be taught on the other side of the country in Holguin. Dave Klassen

#### CUBA MISSION TRIP TO BOLONDRON FEBRUARY 3 - MARCH 3

Brian and Sandra along with Steve Ashcroft will spend a month in Cuba this February. This mission trip will be an introduction to Steve as to ministry. Brian will be working on behalf of C.E.O. with respect to our work with Restoration House in Cardenas. He will also travel to Alamar to make sure our Addiction Recovery Training Conference will go smoothly and to interact with our leadership team in that area. Sandra will be supporting

her sister, Lenia, who is having her first child. Lenia is our accountant in Cuba and could use some help. Sandra, who is our bookkeeper in Winnipeg will be going over the 'books' of our work throughout Cuba and bringing back a report.

**CUBA MISSION TRIP TO HOLGUIN, FEBRUARY 24 - MARCH 3** Terry will lead a mission Trip to Holguin and will introduce top Christian Disciplers to an introduction to the Enneagram. Three hours, three times per day for three days for 27 hours will be an intense training time. Brian, Steve and Yarial will drive twelve hours to join Terry in Holguin. Brian and Terry will be involved in the power point presentations. Then Brian and Terry will speak to key Christian College students. Dr. Lewis will present a







#### "NEW" HONDURAN MISSION TRIP JAN 19 - FEB 17

RICK ROBINSON has served his entire career of training inmates in prisons how to develop a "skill set" that they can find employment when they are released. He is now helping released prisoners in Honduras to learn carpentry skills. In the last mission trip at the end of last year he led a mission team that brought the equipment for these individuals to learn. On this trip he is involved in building a residence for these newly

released individuals. We hope to arrange a future trip to Cuba at a "Teen Challenge" centre to help develop a similar program

for the students in this kind of programme. Please pray for these "recovery type" ministries where we take those that society may have trashed and seek to help them become meaningful contributors to their communities.

**ERNESTO AND MARINA PINTO** spent much of last year focusing on three priorities. The first is the feeding of hundreds of children who often get their only meal of the day and come back on Monday and ask for seconds. The second priority is to try and empower single moms by allowing them to get some training to help them get employed and to build up



their self-esteem. The third priority is in the area of church planting. Ernesto seeks to mentor young and old pastors. Some of them are converted addicts, or gangsters and drug runners.



WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING IN ETHIOPIA: Berhanu Ayano made two major trips to Ethiopia in 2019. There were several priorities. Bringing different denominational groups together and training them to increase the effectiveness of their ministries was a main priority. Another priority is to help individual pastors and missionaries with some resources that would help sustain their ministries. Those evangelical



missionaries that travel great distances to service multiple congregations were empowered with motorcycles. Distribution of Bibles and Disciple Manuals are also a critical part of what is being done in this country. Humanitarian work among the Jewish people waiting to go to Israel was fundamentally part of our heart-filled ministry to these folks. We have also built humble places of worship for converted Muslims. So, you can see there is much to pray about as Berhanu seeks resources to continue to minister to these people.

# Heart of the City

The Heart of the City was hit hard this Christmas with the vandalizing of the van and the stealing of the toques and gloves and other resources we had in it to give to the homeless and desperate on the streets of Winnipeg. Many of the homeless suffer mental illness. They are difficult to work with and help but we are able to help some. It will take a while to replace all that was lost. Besides the importance of praying for this ministry and the teams that go out we need to raise a minimum of \$12,000 or a \$1000/mo to operate. Could you ask God if He wants you to support this ministry on a monthly basis? You can use the card to create an automatic monthly withdrawl to make it easier for you.

We need:

4 people to give \$100 / month= \$400 8 people to give \$50 / month= 400 16 people to give \$25/month= 400

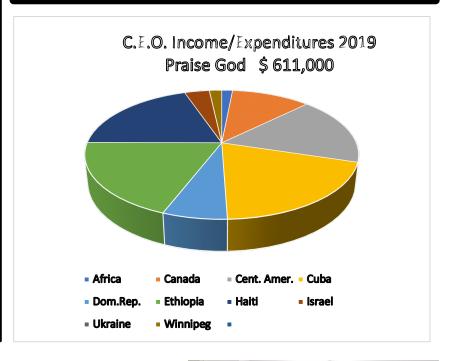
What Does God want YOU to Do?



40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bar-B-2

June 11<sup>th</sup> 2020

A Celebration of Praise



"NEW" Care Community by John Mark Wilderspin: This marks the fourth year where a handful of volunteers get together and do something wonderful for the less fortunate of Manitoba. It all started when I was donating to a cause that I had no idea where the funds were going and how they were being used. I thought it would be awesome to start an event where people could get involved in many different ways and actually see where the fruits of their offering were going. Whether that offering was time to help shop and organize, other contacts and resources, valued and needed prayer and of course straight-up cash. Everything is always greatly appreciated and is used directly for the cause.

We interviewed people downtown Winnipeg that are homeless or living out of shelters and asked what they could actually use towards bettering their



standard of living. Items to keep them warm and clean were the major consensus. In recent years we've been able to hand out hundreds of care bags, filled with items such as gloves, long johns, tuques, socks, body wash, toothbrushes and toothpaste, along with feminine hygiene products and much more! Later this year we're gearing up for a jean drive, as requested directly from those in need, where people can donate useable jeans and or money to purchase bulk deals from thrift stores around the city.

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