



Grace Mission *to Haiti*

Serving the Church in Haiti and America

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Dear Friends,

We are looking forward to our Grace Mission to Haiti 14th Annual Celebration Banquet at Shady Maple Smorgasbord, near Lancaster, PA, on September 25, 2010. Last year we held a lunchtime banquet, and that seemed to work out very well for all concerned. We plan to start with a “meet and greet” time at 11:30 AM, with the banquet starting at 12:00 Noon. Because it is a lunchtime banquet, and some asked, the dress is generally casual, or business casual. Lancaster County is a great place to visit in the fall, with the Amish country, antiques, great food and etc.

We had a great time of fellowship last year and the food was excellent. We had a very high satisfaction rate from the survey we conducted at the banquet, and so we will try to repeat it, with adjustments as suggested on the response forms.

This year we are again looking for Banquet Sponsors. A sponsorship will be \$100 each this year, down from \$175 last year. We decreased the cost of sponsorships in an effort to encourage more banquet sponsors, but we find it necessary to increase the ticket cost to \$8.50 each. A Shady Maple Smorgasbord meal at \$8.50 is a pretty good deal. The more sponsorships we receive, the more funds we can channel to the ministries supported by Grace Mission, so please prayerfully consider your part in this year’s banquet. We just received a note that one of our supporters is very graciously taking on 5 sponsorships (that’s \$500 when you do the math) because of their concern for the people of Haiti and the Haitians’ desperate need for the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and a desire to share this Celebration Banquet with as many people as possible. We would encourage you to get your church involved in sponsorships, including the possibility of your children’s ministries getting involved in helping to support the banquet through a banquet sponsorship. You might also consider encouraging businesses with which you are associated to participate in a sponsorship.

One suggestion we received was to seat church groups together as much as possible, so if your church purchases tickets, we will work to see that you have a table reserved for your group to sit together. Remember that this is a celebration banquet where we take the opportunity to update the work of the mission over the previous year and celebrate God’s working. This is not intended specifically as a fund raising banquet, but we will be taking a love offering to help meet the expenses of the banquet, and to meet some of the other financial needs of the mission. It is then also a great opportunity to invite people who may be unfamiliar with Grace Mission to be exposed to the ministry and all that God is doing through Grace Mission in Haiti. So please plan to be there, sponsor the banquet, purchase tickets and invite people to be a part of this exciting ministry.

This year we are planning for Pastor Beril and his wife Louise to be with us, as well as two other

Haitian couples, Pastor Wilfrid Telusme and his wife, and Jean Willy Felissaint and his wife. Pastor Telusme is the pastor of the Riviere Froide church, teaches Greek and other courses at the Bible Institute in Haiti, and is the treasurer of the Haitian Board of Directors of Grace Baptist Mission of Haiti. Jean Willy Felissaint is the superintendent of our mission schools in Haiti, and is the secretary of the Haitian Board of Directors of the mission.

We rely on our banquet receipts to cover the cost of the banquet and the related costs, including the mission's responsibility for the cost of the travel and accommodations for these Haitian leaders. I'm sure you can understand the need for banquet sponsors, and all the tickets we can sell.

A response form is enclosed. Please fill it out accordingly, and we are looking forward to seeing you at Shady Maple.

In Christ,



George Callister, Executive Director