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Happy Birthday to you Rev. Actionnel Fleurisma

On February 10, Actionnel turned 50 years old. This issue is comprised of excerpts and pictures of the celebration that took place in Haiti, a surprise event by his children.

[by Kenold Decimus, Coordinator OFCB ministries]

Distinguished friends and guests:

On behalf of the Organization Christian Force Bayonnais (OFCB ministries), being the Coordinator, and on my own, I wish you a most cordial welcome. It is my pleasure to welcome you this evening to commemorate the 50th birthday of Rev. Actionnel Fleurisma is sincere and immense. Our arms and our hearts are wide open to give you throughout the ceremony our fraternal warmth, our smiles, our deep satisfaction, and our feelings of happiness, peace, enjoyment and joy.

Today, in 2014, ladies and gentlemen, thanks to the efforts of the team of the OFCB ministries, whose Rev. Actionnel Fleurisma is the Head of International Relations and consultant, gave birth to several managers in the county in particular and in the country in general. Additionally OFCB has produced four physicians, three agronomists, one dentist, one civil engineer, five nurses, two theologians, one medical laboratory technician, one computer Programmer, one mechanic, one electrician, one Business manager, one musician of the School of fine Arts and ten professional educators.

Ladies and gentlemen, OFCB has several areas: Evangelism, Education, Healthcare, Construction, Environment and Credit Bank. Each of these areas is represented by a manager. OFCB provides employment for over



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Bank Directors

Entrepreneurs

*Chief of the Police in
Artibonite, Gonaives*

Agronomists

Engineers

Doctors

Educators

Nurses

*University students and
Colleges*

Professionals

Professors at I.C.B.

Program heads for:

Agronomy

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100 people. With the latter, Bayonnais is well positioned.

Ladies and gentlemen, Bayonnais has a good reputation today and big thanks to the team headed by the Rev. Actionnel Fleurisma, Pastor, who has worked for, mind, body and soul. He is a good Altruist for his community in particular, and for the entire Bayonnais population and wherever he goes.

I must say for all the assistance that the Rev. Actionnel Fleurisma has provided, he is a selfless, humanistic, pragmatic, optimistic, upright, credible, timely, fair, strict, honest, disinterested, philanthropist, generous, brave and a people person. He puts his life at the disposal of others. With the help of this organization, many people have had the opportunity to attend high school and university both at home and abroad and traveling the world.

Rev. Actionnel Fleurisma, employees, professionals and students join together to wish you a happy birthday and bring you not only the warmth but also the friendship that will prove how your unlimited determination for all the people of Bayonnais is much appreciated. May a smile on every face, every handshake, every greeting, bring you the courage to continue to work for the happiness and the well-fair of Bayonnaisians in a world that is becoming more and more selfish and self-centered.

Rev. Actionnel Fleurisma, on behalf of the team of OFCB ministries and the Bayonnaisian population, I ask you to continue on the same path so that this area is becoming day by day a point of reference not only for Artibonitians* in particular but also for all Haitians in general.

May your family be prospered in all respects!

Ladies and gentlemen, I hope that when you return home, the works of this great man will remain forever in your mind and the memory of this ceremony remains eternally yours.

It was a pleasure to meet you to share with you what we have been living in Bayonnais for the last 20 years.

Happy birthday to you Rev. Actionnel Fleurisma!

** Bayonnais is in Artibonite county.*





[by Ruth Fleurisma]

Ladies and Gentlemen!

What a joy for all of us today to gather together as families, teachers, friends, coworkers and former students!

I feel proud and happy because you have responded to our invitation. This is proof of your love, appreciation and respect for our precious family.

God has blessed us the gift of a large family. In fact, it consists of nine members, including 7 children (4 biological and 3 non-biological).

We decided , without our parents knowing, to celebrate the 50th birthday of our father.

Our father, Mr. Actionnal Fleurisma, Is a model of father, a husband who cares, a man of God, a pastor and a servant for Bayonnais as a whole; a teacher for his family and all those around him.

Affectionate, Cultured, self-disciplined, pragmatic, humanistic and convivial. Our father always gives himself to help us, to support us, to encourage us and to pray for us and with us. Papi is an upright man and a hospitable friend, he always goes ahead to take all the necessary risks to make sure that his family is protected and doing well. Our Dad has always been a father, a listening dad and a friend.

With all those noble and prestigious qualities, what child would not be proud of a father like that?

We, the Fleurisma children, are certainly proud to be his children and to have him as our teacher, advisor, pastor and our model.

His presence alone at home is better than everything else. I know that I am physically no longer living at home, but my mind and my thoughts are still there. I remember every night when Dad would come home from work, in Bayonnais, he would honk his truck. We, the kids, would all be coming together at the entrance of the house to accommodate him and to welcome him. He would give us a hug and then asked, "Have you had a great day at school? What's new at school? Have you been tested today? Tell me about the grades or scores. Was anyone sent to the school office for lack of discipline or lack of respect?"

Every evening, these questions would be asked, and of course, he would expect an answer from each one of us. And in the morning, before going to school, he would embrace us and say, "Have a great Day! Careful, don't get yourselves into trouble, Daddy has no time for that!" Now that I'm at the university far away from Dad and the rest of the family, I don't have these constant reminders anymore. By this, I could not ask God for a better father than you, Dad. I admire you, Dad and I love you.

Joyful, smiling, friendly, sensitive, merciful, optimistic, and serious, Mr. Fleurisma, "Papi", cares for us with all his heart and all his soul. I remember when I was a baby, I would wake up every night in the middle of the night asking him for either milk or juice or water. Faithfully, he would come up and bring to me what I would have solicited. Before returning back to bed, he would hug me and said "I love you my daughter, Je t'aime ma fille, and may God bless you and keep you. Good night, Ruth." Affections and tenderness to me from my Dad have made me the young woman I am today.

In addition, he shoulders the responsibility to give us what we need. Our dear generous Dad does not complain at all although sometimes he would spend a lot on me regularly for medical care, birthdays, education and others. Dad, I want you to know that you are one of my models and I am very proud and privileged to be your daughter. I want you all here tonight know that my Dad is the one working continuously. Very often he would worry me, because through his eyes, it is clear that he is exhausted and needs to rest some. In this regard, he is the opposite of his oldest daughter, Ruth, who would spend all of her time in bed, I do not run to school. Dad does not tolerate staying in bed, he always has work or a project to do. Always busy trying to solve a problem or trying to do something productive. "Always on the Go. A get it done person".



Today, I have come to understand and noticed that if he had been like his 20-year-old daughter, we would have had nothing to eat, we would have had NO access to education, we would have had to stay and sleep in the streets or under mango trees. I love you very much, Papi. Thank you for having always been thinking of our physical, spiritual, social and intellectual needs.



Deliberately, my Dad has been called to serve his community, Bayonnais, which he loves a lot, and where he has faced more hardships and adversity than anywhere else in life. Despite all of those teenagers and young people living under the roof of his house, he would have more headaches dealing with the ministry in Bayonnais than what he would have gotten from his household. I can say that God has blessed him with four good children. Despite the confrontations and disgusts he encounters on his way to work, he still loves his job and his community and has served with love and joy.

Indeed, our dear mother, Yolande Delva Fleurisma, "Manmi", who is the first lady of our house, is an admirable woman for her great and meaningful participation in the life family who helps dad and also the children. With the help of God, my mother has been supporting our father during his years of joy, peace, love, joy, prosperity, and even sometimes discouragement.

Papi and Manmi devote their time and themselves to their family. They pray together, discuss and plan. In fact; these two represent a team in which one always has a need for the other. They give time and special moments into their lives and



ours. They do their best to keep the same conviviality, joy, love, unity and respect that exists around us and in us. Happy Birthday Papi! I love you and the other children, Gabrielle, Gilberte and Valery, love you a lot, too.

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