



CHALLENGE

An Evangelical Crusade in Bayonnais

An evangelical crusade in the community of Bayonnais, held on the ICB soccer field, every night, from March 29–April 4 2015!

For Easter 2015, as usual, the churches in Bayonnais came together to preach the gospel. For nearly a decade, Actionnel Fleurisma, the founder of that association, was the Chairman. For the past 9+ years, Renand-Fils Michel, a former student of ICB and a member of the Nazarene church next to the clinic, has led this very vital sector in the community.

It is truly surprising to discover, while talking with young adults and some young folks in private, how many are in Church today or have become Leaders in Churches after first being saved attending these crusade movements in Bayonnais.

If was doubtful whether the event was going to take place this year. The event creates additional costs to bring preachers from Gonaives or from Port Au Prince, feeding and taking care of interdenominational choir members practicing everyday under the Leadership of our brother, music Director at OFCB, Facile Elisme, purchasing fuel for those eight nights of worship services (over 4 hour per night), plus a sunrise Easter Sunday morning (6:00-8:30 AM) and serving communion, renting a sound system to preach not only to the several thousand attending every night, but also to preach to thousands at home.



ALEHB FOUNDED 1998

It is widely known that OFCB was founded on August 20th, 1993; the elementary started in January 1994; the Christian Church of Bayonnais in June 1995; and the High school, College Classique de Bayonnais, CCB, and now Institution Classique de Bayonnais, ICB, in 1996. But, very few, unfortunately, know that there has been an ecumenical evangelical association that was founded in Bayonnais in 1998 with the aim to preach the gospel and reach and win more souls in our community.

Association des Leaders Evangeliques de Haut Bayonnais, ALEHB, or the Upper Bayonnais Evangelical Association of Leaders, was founded in 1998 with the goal to reach and win more souls; and since then, Easter has been chosen as the appropriate time to come together to preach the gospel in the community.

Yet, in spite of costs. The crusade did take place and it was the most powerful one we have ever had since 1998. Facile Elisme, with his 100-voice-choir group, men and women from different denominations in Bayonnais, did a fantastic job. Praise be to the Great and Mighty God. No advertisements were made for the crusade. But, the soccer field was packed every night. The sound system was so powerful this year that people in Vieux-Raymond, a much further away community from the mountains of Zoranger, heard the messages. People in La Couleuvre, where 2 bridges are needed, heard the messages. In addition to the main choir eight other choirs sang during the services. This was a tremendous blessing. Though we have been told that 9 people turned their lives to the Lord. Not a big number ... you never know who will produce fruit for the Lord. For instance, in 2012 a young man who murdered another citizen in our community turned his life to the Lord during our crusade and has been faithfully in Church since then. Who knows what kind of souls they are? Praise the Lord and let's keep bringing peace and love and trust and credibility to Bayonnais by preaching the Gospel.



It was a great week of teaching for young folks at our church congregation who stayed on campus from Tuesday the 31st of March to Monday the 6th of April.

Some 20 people from four different churches were baptized on Saturday at 3:30 pm. in the river which flows near the Clinic . While non-Christians would be in the streets drinking alcohol, wearing red clothes, beating drums, dancing, and acting as if they were making fun of Jesus Christ on the cross, we, Christians, were doing something different. Besides preaching, teaching, evangelizing and fellowship, we were able to again honor our tradition of serving a meal on the Easter Sunday before the last evening preaching. Though some fear we are about to lose that tradition it continues to be an appointment for which nobody in Bayonnais has ever been late.

One thing we almost didn't mention is that on Good Friday morning, pastors with other community leaders, including Actionnel, Kenold and Ernest Saint-Phard played soccer against the youth; and believe it or not, the Leaders won the game 4 to 4!

Big laughs when reporting the score on Friday night during the service. Because no one had ever heard of winning a game 4 to 4 before.

Workshops on different topics were held for the youth as there were staying on campus for 8 nights.



THANK YOU!

Let's recognize and give glory with thanksgiving to our God for our Sisters and Brothers who have supported these evangelical efforts as follows:

- Radiant Life Fellowship in Cornelius, North Carolina—\$2,500.00 US.
- Berandieu Saint-Louis, Wilson Valerus, and Dies Sejourmfrom Paris—\$500.00.
- Ducereste Fleurisma and Menicia Joffre Fleurisma, from Paris— \$266.00 US
- Ogamil Philogene—\$32.00 US
- Christian of Bayonnais—\$330.00 US.

We have no appropriate words to express our appreciation and gratefulness. Thanks a lot, Friends, et Merci beaucoup, a nos amis de Paris! Thank you, Radiant Light! Thank you, Mark Wunder! Thank you, Pastor Chris Thompson!

Never be late for Food in Cathor, Bayonnais

On Sunday at 5:00, the community was called through the sound system Saturday night, to come to receive a sandwich and a soft drink. Believe or not, many guests had already arrived by 3:30 and getting their seats under that hot sun to wait for the sandwiches and the drinks. Only 1,218 loaves of bread were bought. Do you understand what a chaos for the organizers and a disappointment for those who came so early with the expectation that they would have been served? Surely 3,000 sandwiches would have been fairly distributed on that Sunday. Lack of sandwiches was not my shock that afternoon, but people coming over 2 hours early and sitting on the benches at the soccer field in that hot sun waiting for food was the issue for me.

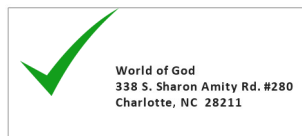


Letter Reminders

At the request of our in-country partners we are not permitted to send gifts to individual students. **YOUR LETTER MUST FIT IN A #10 LETTER SIZED ENVELOPE.**

Examples of permitted items:

- Photographs
- Book Mark
- Simple Puzzle Games
- Stickers (*Remember they will not know about fantasy characters since the children have little contact with the world outside their community.*)



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A Sad and a Tragic event took place on Tuesday night, the 7th of April 2015

Tenia Jean, a sponsored child in K-III, with her mother, Jeannette Alerte, her dad, Tenel Jean, and her three siblings were forced into homelessness on Tuesday night, the 7th of April 2015. While all were sleeping, their home caught fire. Everyone escaped safely, but lost all of their belongings. No one knows how the fire started. The family has been staying with different families since then. Can you imagine the sorrow and the lack privacy going on endlessly?

Please, lift them up to the Lord as they go through this time of more unthinkable hardships in their lives. Though food has been more available at this time of the year in the Bayonnais community, it is always difficult to feed your family. In addition to finding a way to put food on the table, the Jean family has to create a place to stay to cease imposing upon their neighbors. Please, pray for them, and for their emotional, physical, psychological and ecological healing.

Building houses with our tithes and offerings for our brothers and sisters in difficulties in Bayonnais is one ministry, among many others, in which the Christian Church of Bayonnais should always be engaged. There are many pressing needs to address as a congregation. We will prayerfully consider how to assist them at this time.

[*Mr. Tenel is actually not a church person, but he has been a member of the elementary school board since January 1994.]



UPCOMING MISSION TRIPS

Sardis Presbyterian
April 22-29, 2015

AVAILABLE SLOT
May 6-13, 2015

Isle of Hope UMC
May 13-19, 2015

Lake Norman Baptist Church
May 28 - June 4, 2015

Friendship Missionary
Baptist Church
June 4-9, 2015

If you would like to travel to Bayonnais, Haiti on a mission trip, contact David Nichols, World of God Board Member at david5cents@aol.com

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