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Short Story of My Life

By Kenold Decimus

I was born in 1979 in Cathor-Bayonnais, 3rd section of the town of Gonaives, Artibonite, Department of Haiti. I was brought up in a very poor family where everyone practiced voodoo. My mom was a single parent. In 1991, at 12 years of age, she sent me to school at "Ecole Nazaréen de Cathor", led by Mr. Levelt St. Louis.

In Bayonnais, particularly in "Cathor", when children completed their elementary school in 6th grade, they could not go to high school. There was no high school in Bayonnais and parents had no financial resources to send them to Gonaives to attend high school. The students were forced to go to the Dominican Republic in order to seek a better life. There, they were despised, abused, humiliated, and sometimes killed by the Dominicans.

In 1993, concerned by what was going on in Bayonnais, Mr. Actionnel Fleurisma and his team created OFCB Ministries. They opened a high school in 1996 in Bayonnais so parents could avoid sending their children to the Dominican Republic. That same year, I was going to complete elementary school (6th grade) and begin high school in the 7th grade. After seeing the greatness of God in my life, I accepted Jesus-Christ as my personal savior in November 1996. Psalm 113 verse 7 says "He raises up the poor out of the dust, and lifts the needy out of the dunghill".

I attended Quisqueya University in Port-au-Prince and directly started my Civil Engineering program, where I would study for five years. Once finished, I received a scholarship of excellence from "Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF)" to travel to Belgium for a Masters Degree. While in Belgium, I visited many countries such as France, Germany, Holland, Luxembourg, Morocco, and many more.

Nelson Mandela was right when he said "Education is the Most Powerful weapon you can use to change the world." Upon my return to Haiti, I worked for the government for a few months before I decided to go back to Bayonnais to help with sustainable development. Today, I am Coordinator of Organisation de la Force Chrétienne de Bayonnais, OFCB Ministries and Headmaster of the Institution Classique de Bayonnais (ICB).

Thank you to all those who have contributed far and near to advance Bayonnais. May God, in his immeasurable love, bless you abundantly.



Save the Date

August 6 –The Charlotte Knights will be continuing the tradition of OFCB Night At The Knights in their beautiful new uptown stadium. We are expecting a lot of excitement about the game again this year, so we have purchased a large block (273) of Home Run Seat tickets for August 6, when they will be playing the Norfolk Tides. This is the AAA team for the Baltimore Orioles. The game will begin at 6:05 and the seats will be reserved. The price of the tickets will be \$15 each, with \$3 of this money going to support the students of the OFCB school in Bayonnais, Haiti. Kenold Decimus, head of the OFCB school, will be attending the game with us so it will give everyone a chance to chat with him and teach him about the fine tradition of American baseball. If you would like to purchase tickets please contact Judy Nichols, 980-237-2538 or judy5cents@aol.com. You can also purchase tickets by [clicking here](#).



Light of Christ

In April, men from Light of Christ spent 6 days in Bayonnais. They visited the Savanne Ronde, where thanks to the Ballantyne Rotary Club and Water Missions, thousands of jugs of clean water were being filled. What a blessing it was to see that thousands of people were no longer drinking contaminated water. As they were travelling through Bayonnais, the men also noticed the many pairs of crocs that were being worn. Thanks to a donation by Samaritan's Feet, 1000 crocs were donated to Bayonnais. It truly is a blessing to see how many organizations are coming together, including OFCB and World of God, to help our friends in Bayonnais.

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