

# Update

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**HarvestCall**

## Haiti Dairy Moving into Production Phase

**"ARE YOU MILKING COWS YET?"**

This question has been asked hundreds of times as HarvestCall's Haiti Dairy Program's Good Vision Farm (GVF) moved from a concept to a bare land purchase and then through an intense 5-building construction phase. And the first cows were milked by hand as the construction of the milking center moved into full swing. Then this happened—the milking center construction was completed, and in March the first cows were milked in the milking center at Good Vision Farm. And not only are the cows being milked, but the milk is being pasteurized and put into reusable glass bottles and sold. So yes! **We are milking cows at Good Vision Farm!**

But what exactly is Good Vision Farm? It is a demonstration and research farm in southern Haiti about 40 minutes from Les Cayes down a rather bumpy road to a little



▲  
Young  
Haitian  
mother  
with GVF  
milk

paradise of a dairy farm. The quiet, peaceful beauty of the farm has been the scene of miracles and joy. Currently, Bro. Les and Sis. Christine Kaeb and Bro. Daryl and Sis. Debbie Knobloch live in the lower and upper floors of the new missionary house, which is located right on the farm. Les has overseen construction and planning, built relationships with the community, and since Daryl's move to Haiti in September, he has worked diligently to discover what crops and forages work best in these heavy Haitian soils. But all of this has simply been a vehicle to share the gospel of Jesus Christ and be an example of Christian living to the many people around them.

And they are indeed watching them. The Haitians are observing and learning how the truth of God's Word is lived out in everyday activities and decisions. As the program

*continued on back ►*



*Completed missionary house*

**ANNUAL BENEFIT  
DINNER FOR HAITI DAIRY  
(GOOD VISION FARM)**

## Make Plans to Attend

Learn how the gospel is being shared and demonstrated through the platform of this agricultural mission.

Special Guest: Les Kaeb's "right hand man" on the farm, Ronald (Maxi)

Maxis plans to join us to relate his experiences. This will be Maxi's first trip to the US, if he is able to obtain a travel visa to come.

More details will be forthcoming and announced via Email and Facebook.

*Ronald Maxis (Maxi) ►*



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KIDRON COMMUNITY PARK (near Rittman)  
4434 KIDRON ROAD  
DALTON, OH

FRIDAY, JULY 26, 2019  
5PM EASTERN TIME



## Understanding Changing Cultures in Eastern Europe

For over 15 years self-help loans were used to aid in starting and building small businesses in Eastern Europe. The brethren there are very thankful to HarvestCall for their aid over the many years as this helped feed many growing families. As HarvestCall continues to learn from the brethren there, it seems that many young ones in this next generation aren't as interested in starting a small business to support their families. Today the younger generation would prefer to be employed rather than start a small family business (e.g. small greenhouse). This may not be true in all cases but seems to be the trend as the culture is shifting. The European Union also sees the need and spends a lot of funding trying to incentivize

young people to work in agriculture by offering grants and government funding. In cases like Romania, where the borders are open to the Western European countries, it is an enticing opportunity to go work in Western Europe. In some of these countries the

average salary can be up to 5 times that in Romania but the cost of living is only about double. This often draws many young people away from their families to work in areas like Spain, Italy or Germany. While this opportunity appeared good to many young ones over the years (believers and non-believers), it has left many of the churches with very few or no young families. Yet, there are some that had the opportunity to leave and go to Western Europe for an easier physical life but felt their calling was to

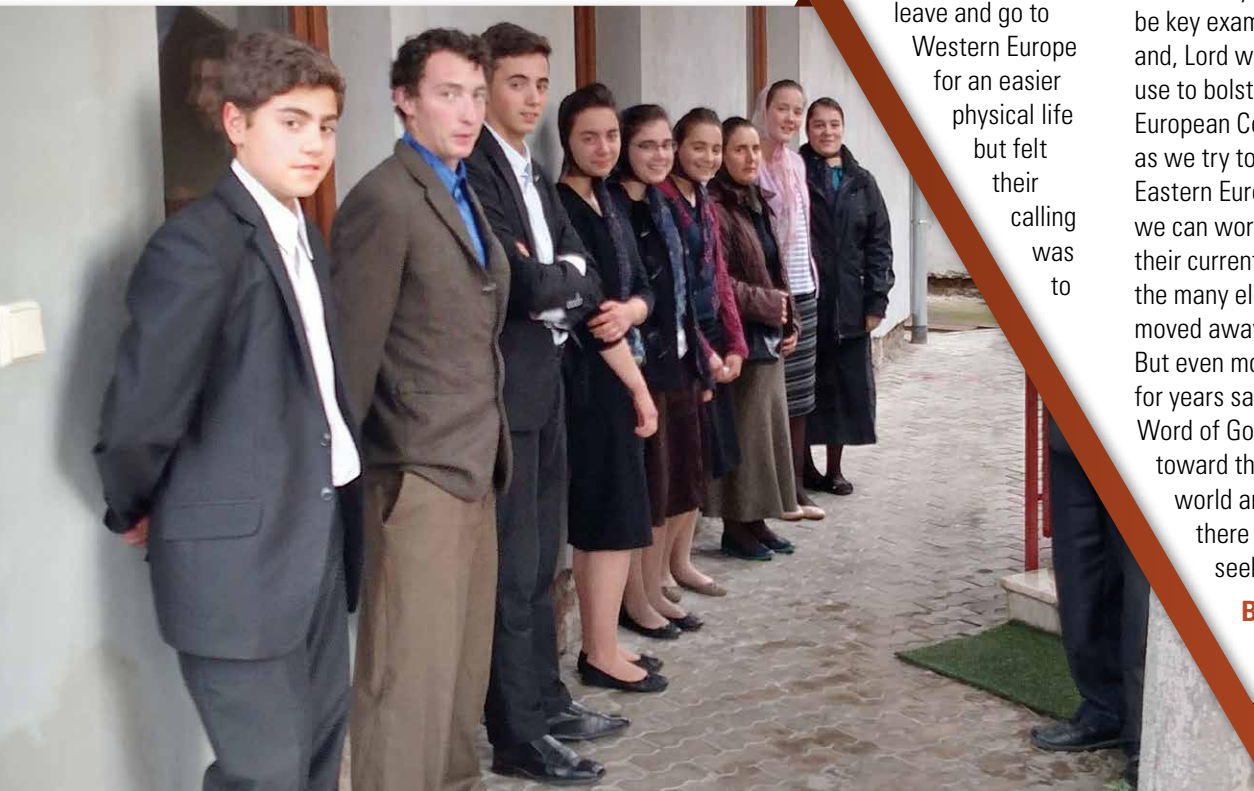
stay and support their local church. Visiting with these brethren, you can see that their heart is truly toward the Lord and serving him in whatever calling he leads them. This zeal to serve the Lord can be seen as they raise and teach their children. By example, they are showing them what they value most.

HarvestCall is now taking a step back to re-evaluate how best to support the brethren there during this time of cultural shift. The brethren there that have determined in their hearts that this is where they are called to serve God, will be key examples for the next generation and, Lord willing, vessels that He can use to bolster the churches there. The European Committee asks for your prayers as we try to come beside the brethren in Eastern Europe to better understand how we can work together and understand their current needs. Keep in mind also the many elderly whose children have moved away and rarely visit their parents. But even more for their children, who for years sat under the preaching of the Word of God and have turned their hearts toward the pleasure and ease of the world and away from God, that while there is time they could repent and seek the Lord.

**By Christopher Indermuhle**



*In Europe and the US, children carry our hopes for the future*



▲ Some young people feel called to stay in Romania to support their church

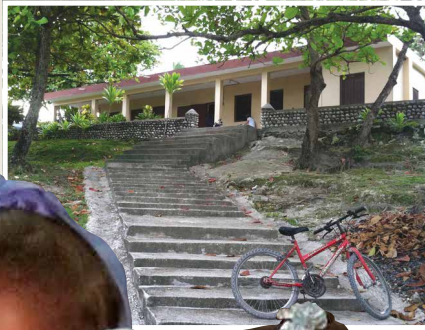


# New Child Sponsorship Office Complete

## THE LORD DOES PROVIDE!

Zion's Harp #86. Most of us are very familiar with a favorite hymn, "The Lord Will Provide." Well, in the case of considering, evaluating, remodeling, praying, and funding the Child Sponsorship Office in Haiti, the Lord *has* provided beyond our highest expectations. The Lord *does* provide!

A little bit of history. Our child sponsorship program in Haiti has been blessed with 2x growth over the past ten years. We now serve almost 1,200 students with direct school sponsorships, and we provide sponsorship support for 125 schools with total attendance in the ~12,000 student range. While we have rejoiced at this growth and expanded outreach to share the gospel message with young



people, effective administration of the program was hindered by an outdated and overcrowded office facility in Les Cayes.

After a lengthy and complicated process, God clearly directed the Child Sponsorship Committee to remodel and expand the existing facility. Through a nearly three-year period of evaluation and prayer, God miraculously closed and opened doors to provide a harmonious path to build the new facility on the MEBSH compound. We can't overstate how God worked through various people and

Original  
office





◀ New office, front view

organizations to change hearts to allow this to happen. The Lord does provide!

With an early funding commitment of \$150,000 from HarvestCall, construction began in January 2018. Original estimates placed the cost at ~\$325,000, but unanticipated remodeling complications raised the actual expense to ~\$375,000.

As the word spread among our brotherhood about this need, and with generous support from our ~2,000 current sponsors, the gap was completely covered through donations of materials and money. God knew the need and moved hearts – it is not a coincidence that the donations covered the difference, almost to the dollar! The Lord does provide!

Under the direction of a professional Construction Team consisting of brothers representing various trades, and the able coordination and workmanship of the Haitian Construction Manager and his team of dedicated laborers, the new facility was completed near the end of 2018, with move-in occurring in January 2019. An informal Open House was conducted at that time, with a more formal Dedication Service to be scheduled later to ask God's blessing on the facility and its use.

Primary features of the new office facility include:

- More functional offices for our missionaries and Haitian support staff, including combining our two Christian education partners in Haiti in one facility
- A large meeting area and kitchen that

will support day-long spiritual training, as well as daytime Bible Studies, and evening worship services

- Dedicated storage space for newly developed Christian curriculum materials to serve over 12,000 students
- Adequate reception space to accommodate the many students, parents, and pastors who come to the office
- New capabilities and resources to share the gospel with the students and parents while they wait to be served
- Privacy for individual counseling

According to Bro. Mike and Sis. Susie Walder, HarvestCall Haiti Child Sponsorship Administrators, "There is no doubt that the primary focus of Child Sponsorship is to teach salvation and share God's Word with the students and faculties of the schools we serve. However, we are convinced that this expanded office facility will greatly enhance our ministry by providing greater opportunities to interact more directly with the students and faculty. It is also such a blessing to bring our two child sponsorship partners together in one facility, which will significantly improve communication and coordination and make our overall program more effective to advance God's Kingdom."



▲ The original office was actually a converted home, which no longer functioned adequately



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◀ Open house blessing



New activity center



▲ A new office for Adline

The sunrise view Easter morning ▼



## PRAYER REQUEST

Praise to God for His provision to enable this new facility to further His work. The Lord DOES provide!

BY: KEN RINKENBERGER

# Share Your Story. Share the Gospel.

When was the last time you shared your story of what Jesus has done in your life perhaps with a neighbor, your friend or a stranger in the grocery store?

Sharing the gospel doesn't have to be difficult. Just start by sharing your story of the love of Jesus and what he has done for you. Many in the world are hurting today and need to hear about the hope that Jesus brought to you and can bring to them.

During the HarvestCall Texas Rebuilding Ministry from January through March, work teams learned more about sharing the gospel through studying the final three Lessons 7, 8 and 9 in the "Sharing the Gospel" series. Each week, Bro. Ron Farney led them through the lessons with enthusiasm and clarity. A video was played to introduce the lesson and participants then read scripture, completed exercises to learn key concepts, and sang a song. This same pattern was followed during the past two winter work projects when Lessons 1-3 were rolled out in 2017 and Lessons 4-6, in 2018.

Let's spend a few minutes looking at each of these new lessons more closely. In Lesson 7, called, "Compelling Community," participants studied how God designed his church to be able to draw or "compel" the unbeliever to come and be part of a new, healthy community. Within this new community, the church, God has designed and equipped His people with spiritual gifts needed to support the mission of seeking, saving and supporting the lost souls. Everyone has a role to play. With these thoughts in mind, participants were challenged to reflect on their own spiritual gifts and how they support their local church in fulfilling its mission.

Through Lesson 8, students learned about "A Culture of Evangelism" -- what is it and what did it look like in the early church in Acts 4. Basically, a culture of evangelism is described as "a place where sharing the gospel is practiced, prayed for, actively engaged and funded (as needed)."

Participants were then asked to identify the attributes that are evident in a church that is committed to sharing the gospel. Included are prayer, fasting, preaching the

Word, testimonies, baptisms, communion, developing disciples and being able to send brethren to other locations to bolster/plant churches... just to name a few. Do these sound familiar? Many are practiced in our churches today.

Lesson 9 focused on the "Blessings of Faithful

*"I cannot say enough positive things about the quality and value of the lessons, especially Lessons 7-9. The illustrations in the video and the scriptures used in the lesson are very well chosen and powerful together. ▼*

*I was excited each week, first for the fact that we as a church are making a concentrated effort to develop an attitude and environment of sharing the gospel with the idea that the gospel is never secondary. Secondly for the value in encouragement and unity that the lessons brought to the weekly teams and full timers together each morning to begin the day."*

**Bro. Chris Huber, Leader of the FOCUS group during the rebuilding ministry**

**"TELL ME THE STORY OF JESUS, WRITE ON MY HEART EVERY WORD; TELL ME THE STORY MOST PRECIOUS, SWEETEST THAT EVER WAS HEARD." ▲ TABERNACLE HYMNS 197**

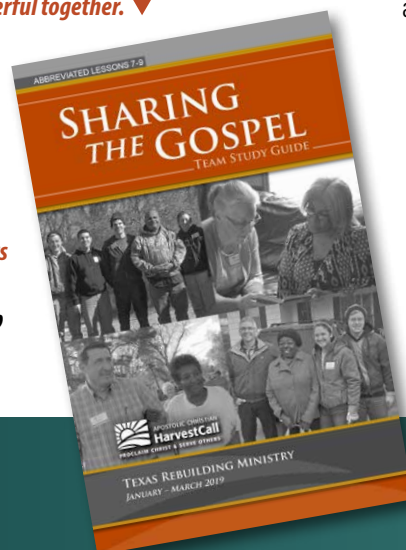
Evangelism". Ultimately through sharing the gospel, we pray that God is glorified. However, there are also huge blessings that can be realized for each of us individually, for the church and for the community. These include a greater love for God and your neighbor that comes from sharing and caring. And what about the wonderful joy we feel when we hear about a soul who has started repenting? Further, when we share, sometimes this causes us to dig deeper into the Word for answers to questions, creating a greater dependency on God and increased knowledge of him, another blessing. But perhaps the greatest blessing is a greater longing for heaven as we talk about God's promises for believers -- being with the Lord forever, seeing the streets of gold and the crystal sea and so much more.

In Acts 22, we read about Paul sharing his testimony. Just like Paul, God has chosen each of us and desires that we should be a witness to what we have seen and heard and go tell others. Share your story. Share the gospel. During his conversion as he was blinded, Paul asked, "What shall I do Lord?" And the Lord answered that he should "...Arise and go into Damascus and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do." (Acts 22:10). If you haven't shared your story lately, ask God for direction. He will answer and give you opportunities. You could be the answer to someone's prayer.

If you would like to view the "Sharing the Gospel" Lessons 1-6, access the HarvestCall website at **[www.harvestcall.org/understandingthe-gospel](http://www.harvestcall.org/understandingthe-gospel)**.

Lessons 7-9 will also be available in the next several months. Additionally, longer versions of all of these lessons are being developed so that churches or individuals can use them as a study.

**By Gwen Leuthold**





# Haiti Dairy Production

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transitions into the production phase, we will also be developing Haitian leaders to live the gospel as a daily practice in all the production activities at the farm. An example of this is a young man who lives very close to the farm and keeps some cows across the road. This young man is still finishing his schooling. But he is so interested in learning better ways to feed his cattle in hopes that they will be able to participate in the dairy program too. In fact, he shows up at milking time nearly every day. It is the interest of the native Haitian people, like this young man, that gives the program such a boost of encouragement. There is some excitement in the air surrounding the farm during this time as the farm starts ramping up milk production and marketing. Les was pretty sure that missionary families had an interest in the milk provided at Good Vision Farm. But would the locals be interested in it too? Recently, a young mother of two boys came to watch at milking time and as Les showed her a bottle of milk, her eyes lit up as she

held it in her hands with delight. She returned the empty bottle the very next day and said they enjoyed every bit of it!

This young mother is one of many people from the community that are now expressing interest in buying the fresh milk, pasteurized on the farm, and kept in refrigeration at the farm.

Some of the challenges moving forward include refrigeration and storage, marketing, timing, quality control, procedures for admitting local farmers' cows into the dairy program, and more. Your prayers are sincerely needed as this program moves from Phase 1 Construction to Phase 2 Production. It is a lot of change, but it is time to move forward and see what the Lord will do with Good Vision Farm. It is our prayer that the name of Jesus is proclaimed and that his presence and guidance is felt as this ministry continues to develop.

By LuAnn Troxel



◀ Milk processing equipment room at GVF

GVF first pasteurized milk ▲



▲ Milking in new milking center

## STAY CONNECTED

Prayer support is needed in every part of HarvestCall work. Here are two ways to learn about projects, how to be involved and how to pray specifically.

**E updates** | Get occasional emails with news and info by going to the HarvestCall website ([www.harvestcall.org](http://www.harvestcall.org)) and selecting "Join our email list" on the home page.

**Social Media** | Engage with us on Facebook or Instagram for the most current information.

Facebook.com/harvestcall  
Instagram at aharvestcall



## HELP FINANCIALLY

Choosing "Where Needed Most" allows us flexibility to direct resources to ministries most in want. However, if you feel moved to support a specific project, just indicate that on the remittance envelope. If specified donations are greater than the need for any designated project, they will be rolled over to the General Fund.

An envelope is provided with appropriate boxes to check. Checks can either be given to your local HarvestCall Representative or mailed to:

**Apostolic Christian HarvestCall**  
**PO Box 3797, West Lafayette, IN 47996**

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**[www.harvestcall.org/donate](http://www.harvestcall.org/donate)**

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