

# Ministry Program Updates

## Good Vision Farm

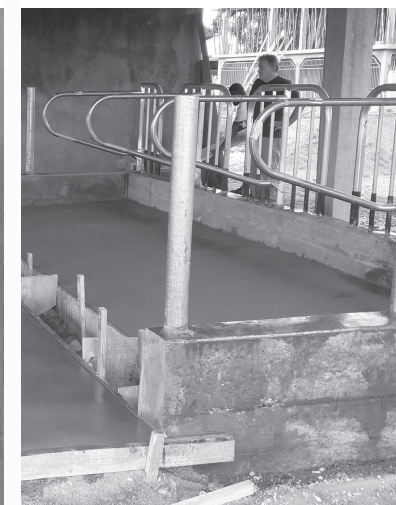
### Haiti Dairy Committee

In Haiti, decades of corruption, political conflicts, and failed policies have left many people in Haiti destitute, hopeless, and lacking necessary infrastructure that we in America take for granted. Out in the rural countryside of Haiti, local Haitian farmers stop by Good Vision Farm, location of the dairy ministry program, asking for seed or fertilizer, or if Mr. Les can plow their fields for them. They come willing to pay, with money in hand. They have no other way to obtain these services. In the US, we take our immense agricultural infrastructure for granted, and it just doesn't exist in Haiti. The visibility of the emerging activity, construction and happenings at the Good Vision Farm provides great opportunities for modelling Christian living and applying biblical principles. Bro. Les Kaeb, program administrator in Haiti for the HarvestCall Haiti Dairy Program, finds ways to show applications daily with the workers at the farm and the many local farmers they interact with.

An example of this happened recently. One day Les came in from seeding a field and realized his key ring had fallen off his belt loop. Les, along with

helpers Jony and Samuel, headed toward the field to look for a figurative needle in a haystack, potentially buried by the seeder behind the tractor. Les paused to pray beside the tractor as the others walked ahead. As he then followed them, he watched Samuel walk along the field, look down, bend and pick up the keys, as if an angel had guided him straight to them. God doesn't always answer our prayers in such an obvious way, but when he does, it's a wondrous reminder of the amazing God we serve.

The people in the region are very aware of this HarvestCall ministry. A Christian research firm recently surveyed Haitian residents to determine their perception of the HarvestCall dairy program. It was amazing how positive the responses were, beginning with the very first venture after purchasing the land...installing a community well. Respondents reported that they had already been touched by the gospel preached by HarvestCall, except that to them that gospel has been more practical than what they are used to. For instance, they believe that the construction of the community well was a Godsend. It was built right before three consecutive years of drought, Haiti's worst in 35 years. The main rivers and other sources of waters



were dried. The well was the only point of water available in the community. "We wonder if it was not a miracle." Every day there were long lines at the well with people, motorcycles, and vehicles coming to get water for all sorts of needs, including drinking, washing, farming, etc. People came from all the neighboring communities. They concluded that "The well is a fortune for us."

We would love to share more stories and plans that we have for this Good Vision Farm. Please come to the 2nd Annual Haiti Dairy Benefit Dinner on Saturday, August 11, 2018 from noon to 3 PM at the Mueller Barn in Clinton, Wisconsin (about 20 miles north of Belvidere, IL). We are planning a delicious summer picnic meal of smoked pork tenderloin, baked beans, potato salad, creamy cole slaw, and watermelon; you are invited to fix your own ice cream sundae for dessert. We are looking forward to sharing the new video that is being put together right now for the Good Vision Farm, and attendees of the benefit dinner will be among the very first to view it. Seating is limited. To RSVP, or for more information, visit <http://www.harvestcall.org/awareness-events>, or call/text LuAnn Troxel at 219-508-3433.

— by LuAnn Troxel

## Choosing to Serve

### Can God use me through service with HarvestCall?

You may not have ever considered responding to an opportunity to use your God-given gifts and talents to support a HarvestCall ministry. It could be that life is busy, or maybe because a choice so different always seems better suited to someone else. Or, perhaps you are unsure how to discern the Lord's leading through such a decision and are wondering if it is God's will that you should serve in such a way.

There are Scriptures that teach of God's will in broad generalities and others that teach of specific application in the life of a believer. For example, it is the will of God that none should perish,<sup>1,2</sup> that we be thankful,<sup>3</sup> and that we silence evil men by doing good.<sup>4</sup> We know that those who do the will of God are the brothers and sisters of Jesus and abide forever,<sup>5,6</sup> and that Jesus himself noted that his very purpose was to, "do the will of him that sent me."<sup>7</sup>

Given what we know about the power and will of God, it can be easy to assume that our own will has little to do with making decisions. However, Paul

commended the churches of Macedonia for being, "willing of themselves"<sup>8</sup> to give sacrificially to Paul. He also notes that they had first given themselves to salvation — thus obeying His will. In contrast, Paul also notes that it is difficult to preach if one is not sent<sup>9</sup>, and changed his plans when the Spirit said, "No."<sup>10</sup>

Could it be that the Lord has provided his written word, clearly outlining the framework of his will? Could it be that many kinds of service toward God and others is within his will, requiring only a ready mind and willing heart? Could it be that some kinds of service — such as preaching — require that

we be sent? According to the scriptures, this is all true. Therefore, we often have many options within the will of God. Although, for his reasons he may occasionally say, "No", like any good father, the Lord delights in seeing us choose a self-sacrificial life of service to others.

— by Mike Leman

<sup>1</sup> Matthew 18:14  
<sup>2</sup> 1 Timothy 2:4  
<sup>3</sup> 1 Thessalonians 5:18  
<sup>4</sup> 1 Peter 2:11-15  
<sup>5</sup> Mark 3:35

<sup>6</sup> 1 John 2:17  
<sup>7</sup> John 6:38  
<sup>8</sup> 2 Cor 8:3-5  
<sup>9</sup> Romans 10:15  
<sup>10</sup> Acts 16:6-7