

Fruit of Faithful Service

The following article recalls some experiences of Bill and Marge Shipman – a missionary couple from New York who served faithfully in Haiti in the late 80’s.

It tells the story of their relationship with Cherismond Delva, Founder and Director of the Community School of Tarasse in Gonaives, Haiti - assisted by Hearts and Hands for Haiti since 2002.

Now in their fifth year, 280 students are enrolled and they have a vision to open a secondary school this fall.

Thank you, Bill & Marge, for your faithful love and service to our Lord in Haiti. What blessed fruit God has provided from the seeds you planted.

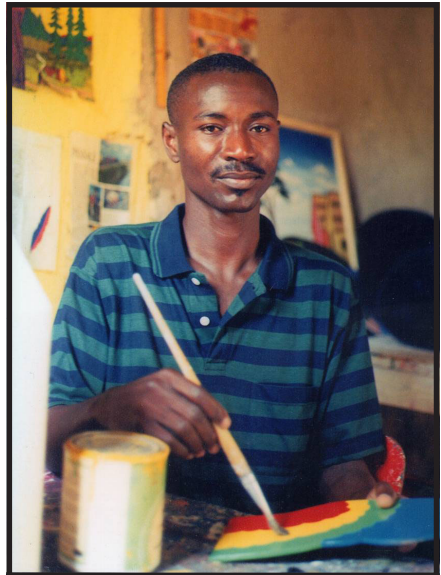
Bill and I remember our first impressions of meeting a young Haitian, Cherismond Delva, 20 years ago when we arrived in Gonaives, Haiti as missionaries. He was labeled a “vagabond”. But we recall that this humble 15-year-old was a diligent, reliable worker as he helped us with our yard. His heart of compassion reached out to the very needy children near the mud hut where he lived with his mother. He was a quiet soul with never a complaint even when his simple straw sleeping mat was soaked by the rains.

As Bill and I prepared a “Wood and Paint Shop” at our home in Haiti, Cherismond helped prepare a teaching room in the house, a wood shop on the front porch and a paint studio in the yard (an awning and walls made of banana leaves).

For two years, we worked together designing and producing parrot and dove mobiles and sharing our love for the Lord and our neighbor.

Throughout this time, Cherismond grew in many ways and took leadership of the paint shop. This included training new workers so they could earn enough to pay their school fees.

When we returned to the states, the wood and paint shop was



Cherismond Delva in 2000

moved to Cherismond’s hut. There, he began to train others in the neighborhood, working with a desire to “help the children”.

Then in 2002, with only a few hundred dollars (given by NY supporters) and a giant faith, Cherismond began to carry out his vision and dream for a school for the children in his community. Concrete blocks and tin were ordered and four classrooms were built. Simple chalk boards and crude benches were made. By faith, teachers were hired. Over one hundred students enrolled and several overflow classes met under a tree.

They prayed for provision for teachers salaries. God provided through Hearts and Hands for Haiti

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*Top: Cherismond as a young boy (in middle)
Bottom: The art shop in its new location*



The Community School at Tarasse

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The
**Community School
of Tarasse**

*How it started ...
and how you can help!*

A Haiti Herald, April 2007

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(formerly the Haiti outreach of Building Together Ministries). A sponsorship program for the students provided salaries, books, uniforms and teaching supplies. The teaching program includes a summer Bible camp with special emphasis on art.

In time, parents were asked to help start a school meal program and they participated by providing charcoal, food and cooks. As well, they did the serving and cleanup.

In 2005, Cherismond and his friend Joseph shared about their vision for a church to meet at the school and they moved forward - relying on the power of the Holy Spirit. The next Sunday, 100 people (students and parents) met together! They named the church *Pure Religion*.

Cherismond has gained favor and respect in the community. He is now married and has a precious daughter, Shestayna. He and his family live near the school with his

mother and 100-year-old grandmother.

We have been so blessed to see this young man that had been labeled as a "vagabond" develop into a Godly, responsible leader to serve His Lord and help others. It is a blessing to support the Lord's work through him and to help our brothers and sisters in Haiti. To God be the glory!

Marge Shipman of Geneseo, NY

In partnership with our Haitian friends, we help provide a Christian education to over 680 rural children.

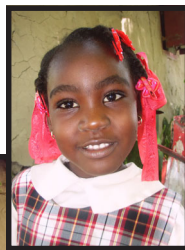
Pray for these children so they can learn and know our Lord and Savior in a personal way.

Consider sponsoring a student at \$20 per month.

Consider presenting the sponsorship opportunity to your church, neighbor, family and/or friends.



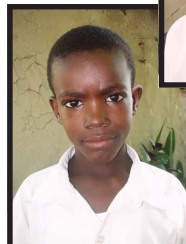
Marc-Edeline



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Charles

Our primary funding for the schools comes from sponsorships.

Can you help us find sponsors?

We can supply you with student photo dossiers.

Please contact us for more information.

We would love to hear from you.

100% of sponsorship funds go to Haiti to assist with teachers' salaries, feeding programs, school supplies, books and uniform material.

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