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SPECIAL EDITION—MAURITIUS

We spent 2 weeks on the island of Mauritius from June 16 to July 1 to work with 2 of the 3 churches of Christ there. Mauritius, just 48 by 30 miles in size, is located in the Indian Ocean not far from Madagascar, and 6000 miles from Lyon. It was first a Dutch possession, then French and finally British before independence in 1992. British is spoken at school, but the common language is French.

The people are a mixture of 3 cultures: African, Asian and European, with 68% of Indian origin. After the abolition of slavery, people were brought from India to do forced labor in the 1800's, and even today many children start working young.

The population is 1,260,000 and unemployment is at 10%. The average monthly salary is 8000 rupees (\$266). Sugar cane covers 1/3 of the island and is the main source of income.

Half the population is Hindu, but there is no caste system, nor holy cows wandering the streets. Catholicism is the second religion and Islam number 3. All races and religions live and let live. The Mauritians are very kind & hospitable too. A perfect year-round climate can't hurt. In June (winter) it was 60-75° Fahrenheit.



The Leuteritzes are French and moved to Mauritius in 2000.



The Sabarayadu family is Mauritian and trained in France.



The Church of Christ on Mauritius has existed for a number of years, and at one time there was a preaching school. The oldest congregation is in Rose Hill.

New congregations were begun at Richeterre and Cascavelle by the Leuteritzes, a French couple who moved to the island in 2000. The Richeterre church is now led by the Subarayadus, a Mauritian couple who studied for 2 years at the CEM school (Chrétien en Mission = Christians on Mission) in Marseille, France. The Leuteritzes and the Subarayadus work closely together.

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ. Pray that we may proclaim it clearly, as we should. (Letter from the apostle Paul to the Colossian church, Col. 4:2-4)

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This year Arlin taught at 2 congregations: at Richeterre...



and also at Cascavelle.

2009 MISSION

This was our second mission trip to Mauritius. The last time was in 2006, when we gave our marriage seminar twice.

This year, besides special times of spiritual and practical discussion with the missionary families, Arlin taught at Richeterre & Cascavelle, and Pamela taught the women. We also had a special occasion to share with the young adult Christians at Richeterre about marriage principles.

Paul & Carlène Augustin host the Cascavelle congregation in their home. Carlène is one of the few literate Christians. Often, in private after sermons or Bible studies, she will read the passages of Scripture for the others to learn. There are several persons interested in becoming Christians, among them a young mother named Christine.

Would you please pray for these young Christians and contacts?

There is much work to do on the island and so, Lord willing, we hope we can return on a regular basis every 2 or 3 years. For example, plans are being made to offer a spiritual internship for those who wish to better serve the Lord. Your prayers, financial support and encouragement are solicited.



Pamela also taught the women

