

HUMANITARIAN

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SECTION 1 - HUMANITARIAN WORKS



Sister Flo, Patsy, Marlena, and Grandmother Seneku in Dominica

STRANGERS NO MORE

by Sally Curtin

The past ten years volunteering in the Carib Territory on the island of Dominica, West Indies, has proved to be an incredible experience for us! Our time involved in the lives of the hundreds of people we have met brings us the deepest joy one can imagine.

The process started ten years ago with our first trip to the island of Dominica – a lush rain forest dotted sparsely with a few dwellings where most folks live off the land in the humid, warm climate. We

saw great joy and freedom in the hearts and minds of the children, but in the adults we saw another story. They carried a deep despair and hopelessness in their hearts; not only for themselves, but for the future welfare of their children. “Not much changes on a remote island!” was the prevailing thought. However, there were changes occurring with illicit drugs now invading the island at a rapid rate and all the problems that would follow. We returned home with a heavy heart and strong desire to somehow make a difference and bring them hope.

Seeking the guidance of our Heavenly Father we found ourselves returning six months later with, not only our desire, but an

action plan. We directed our attention to the mothers, those who were expecting a child and those who had recently delivered. The community health/social worker brought us with her to visit a dozen or so homes. These were not just any families; they were women plagued with alcohol and drug dependency. This is a devastating problem on the small island - all too common with many of the adults and with an increasing number of youth as well.

Along with our desire and goodwill, we brought with us newborn receiving/layette sets as a token of our concern for the women and their new babies. We had received a small donation of baby items for this purpose. The

modest packages consisted of a simple collection of a few articles of clothing and a blanket.

“Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;” “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God has before ordained that we should walk in them.” Ephesians 2: 19 and 2: 8-10

Most villagers had a hint of shyness about them. The prolonged silences in the conversations were unfamiliar to us, but we adapted

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quickly and learned to appreciate the lost art of listening and contemplating during a conversation. We as foreigners were thankful to be received into their lives.

The time passed as we heard their stories and felt their hardships. Afterwards it was time to gently lift a small layette package from our backpack and delicately ask if the items would be of use to them. A puzzled look usually followed. The health worker would thankfully intervene and explain that it was a gift and nothing would be required of them if they accepted it. Each visit concluded with a warm hug and some of the grandest smiles ever seen!

Since our first trip, we have been graced by many others who have traveled with us to enjoy the blessings. Our trips to Dominica occur several times a year now and we continue to meet and administer hope to the most disadvantaged of the women and children. Since the risk of alcohol and drug dependency is always only a day away for many folks on the island, we saw the need to expand our outreach to

every single family on the Carib Indian Territory. The distribution of newborn layettes has increased over the years from a dozen or so to the current need of nearly one-hundred sets per year. In addition, we also try to provide an outfit to the other children in the family up to age two. Most women have at least two to six children. Some families are even larger.

The most recent expansion of the program addresses a need that is a result of the local hospital closing its maternity ward. The current situation calls for a woman in labor to travel to the primary hospital location across the island, which takes at least one hour by ambulance. If an ambulance, which can take up to thirty minutes to arrive, is not available, the woman in labor has to arrange for a private taxi, or in most cases, hope for the public bus to pass by. I can attest that the bus schedule is quite relaxed and an hour or so can pass, if it comes at all. Last year a woman was found collapsed in a roadside ditch after having given birth. This situation was especially disconcerting. The new mother was hearing impaired and could not speak. She was unable to call out for someone to assist her. She was not easily



Distributing layettes in Dominica

seen because this occurred in the evening, and sometime passed by until she and her newborn were discovered. She was on her way to a local health clinic, but in her time of travail collapsed several hundred feet away.

The nurse explained to us that

more and more women are finding themselves delivering their babies in less than reasonable environments, at home or at the clinic, not having enough time to get to the hospital. Since these circumstances can have dire consequences, a nurse mid-wife has been trained and assigned to the Carib Territory. The few clinics there have received minimal funds to upgrade their mid-1900's medical furniture and appliances to more modern equipment. We have increased our support to for the clinic to include newborn baby supplies, which they greatly appreciate.

The fruit of what started out as a desire to share some hope and encouragement has blossomed into a long-term out-reach program, touching countless lives. We now find ourselves in a position to share our blessings. We would like to extend an invitation to others to participate in meeting a truly basic need of a newborn baby -- the provision of a clean set of clothing and a fresh blanket to be wrapped in on his or her first hour of life!



Mother and Child in Dominica




SECTION 2 – THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

Your support would be greatly appreciated. Join with others who in past times have been generous with their prayers of encouragement, in-kind donations, and financial assistance. The continuance of the layette out-reach program is reliant on your prayers and donations. We are very frugal with our procurement of the layette items and are careful to stretch every dollar the program receives. Please take a moment and consider collaborating with us by sponsoring a layette set. There is no greater joy one receives than being part of something bigger than oneself.

Everyone has a story to tell. By giving these women the opportunity to express their unique and unfortunate situations, they have hope for a better tomorrow and the chance to give their baby a life worth living. You can be the one to help change their hopeless outlook and make each day brighter. Please help us to continue the outreach - building relationships with each individual woman and newborn baby in the Carib Territory on the island of Dominica. One hundred percent of the donations go directly to providing the newborn items. One hundred percent of the hope is freely given directly from our hearts! None of the funds is used for any other purpose. Become a partner of this worthy program. A new baby is born every three days. Today is the day to take a moment and share in giving these babies a fresh start in life. Let them be born in a safe environment and put on something clean and soft!

We would love to hear from you! Please direct your questions, thoughts and well wishes to us at the Humanitarian Foundation. Please make a note indicating: "Dominica Layette Program." This will ensure that your correspondence and well wishes are forwarded to this specific program.

Thank you in advance for your gracious support. With all sincerity – go into peace and grace. Sally and Tom Curtin 

New constructed Church building in Liberia, West Africa.

In 2010 we were asked by a group of Liberian people, who were interested in the Faith of The Church of Jesus Christ, to come and establish The Church in their country. After much investigation a trip to Liberia was planned. If we found that the leaders and people were sincere and ready to accept the truth of the Restored Gospel and all beliefs of The Church of Jesus Christ; then all who requested baptism would be baptized and The Church would be established.

Upon our arrival we were warmly welcomed by the leaders and delegation that came to meet us. There was an immediate bond of friendship and love. After meeting with the group for some time, with much teaching and preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ, they expressed their desire to become brothers and sisters in Christ.

We held our first meeting and met together as a group in a room that was used during the many years of civil war in the country. The building had deteriorated very badly to the point where, when it rained large pieces of the cement tile ceiling would fall. We thank God, that from the time the church was established October 2011 and during the next 22 months

of meeting in that building, no one was injured.

During our August 2012 visit to the Brewerville Mission in Liberia, we could not meet in the building. The walls were black with mold, more of the ceiling had fallen, and rain water covered the floor. The Liberia Field committee moved forward with the purchase of land, having received a loan from the building committee of the General Church, and construction of a

If you have a desire to provide funds to help complete the building or assist with the loan, please send your donation to the HFF and note that it is for the Liberia church building.

We hope to make a trip to Liberia soon to dedicate this Church building and uplift the Saints there. Each time a church building is dedicated, we remember reading the words that Solomon uttered to God in his dedication prayer of the

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church building began in May 2013. The funds we received to construct the building have fallen short of the estimate provided at the time we were requesting the loan because the cost of materials increased. As of this writing the Brothers and Sisters are meeting in their new building. They are excited to be members of The Church of Jesus Christ and to meet in their new building. They have expressed their joy and appreciation to the Saints in America for providing a safe and beautiful house of worship. The Gospel is spreading with a number of visitors now attending their services.

temple he constructed, "...behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; much less this house that I have builded". I Kings 8:27 There is a special feeling of honor and love that we experience when the saints meet together in the house of God to sing, pray, and hear preaching under inspiration and manifestation of His Spirit.

May God bless you and we thank you in advance for your contribution towards this worthy cause.

Brother Joe Perri
Liberia Mission Field Chairman



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A PEOPLE WITHOUT A HOME

Once upon a time, there was a pastor dedicated to the cause of Christ, named Paul Augustine, who led a group of about 60 people in the village of Pulrambakkam, India.

Not long afterward, this joyous group found itself faced with persecution at the hands of some angry villagers opposed to Brother Paul and this group of Christians. Their simple meeting structure was burned to the ground. With the love of Christ, members of The Church of Jesus Christ from other locations in the Chennai area donated sufficient funds to purchase materials needed to rebuild the shelter which protected them from the sun and rain. With renewed vigor, Brother Paul Augustine soon grew the congregation to

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140 baptized members, as well as starting congregations in several other villages utilizing many of his young men.


The India Committee learned that the shelter where the Pulrambakkam saints were meeting was on unapproved government land. This location was only a temporary place until the government would force them to evacuate. With rising land prices and high construction costs there seemed to be no other option.

Recently, the government officials came to Brother Paul and

told him they had to vacate the location and find another place to meet. Displaced from their former meeting place this group of 140 of our brothers and sisters no longer has a place to meet, except in the streets or fields. What are they to do? Where are they to go?

The cost of land in the village, sufficient for a building, is about \$13,000. The cost for a replacement shelter is approximately \$4,000 and the cost of a church building is \$15,000.

You might be wondering how this story will end? Will the saints

in Pulrambakkam remain without a place to meet or will God move upon some of you to provide a new place of their own? The end of this story is still unwritten and remains in your hands. Several months from now, a new story could be written which states, "PULRAMBAKKAM SAINTS JOYOUSLY DEDICATE A NEW BUILDING". Your donations help will write that story. 

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