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(The news of John 6:35 Ministries)

# God is Perfectly Leading the Mission of J635!

By the time this newsletter is published it will have been over one year since I last stepped foot in my beloved Haiti. The economy there has crashed, the government is dysfunctional, crime is beyond control, and most Haitians are simply just surviving. Every person I know and love in Haiti is in a worse place than they were just 12 short months ago.

All of this is sad in so many ways and I must admit that I've been talking to God about it in my thoughts and prayers and asking questions. Why are things moving in the wrong direction in Haiti? Why don't you put leaders in place that care more for people than power? Why have you called me to serve you in a place that I cannot travel to?

That last question is the one that I've been struggling with and praying about the most. It is so difficult to understand why God would instill in me such a passion for advancing His Kingdom in Haiti and then not have me there to lead the mission.

But our Father is gracious and faithful, and He answers our prayers (Jeremiah 33:3)! During a recent church group gathering His answer came – like a lightning bolt to the heart - when our wise young leader suggested that God might be raising up new leaders in Haiti to manage J635 locally.

How could I have been so blind? God is doing exactly that and answering a prayer that has been prayed by so many for so long — that He raise up Haitians to inspire other Haitians through the sharing of Christ's Gospel Message and by the creation of sustainable jobs.

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I'll return to Haiti someday - hopefully, sooner than later. In the meantime I'll more faithfully embrace my current Kingdom assignment – to share with you the good news of the good work being done by God's newest leaders in southern Haiti.

May our spring 2021 newsletter greatly encourage and inspire you!

In His Service.

Rick

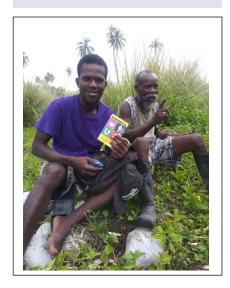
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#### J635 Mission

The mission of John 6:35 Ministries is to spread the good news of Jesus Christ to the people of Haiti using a marketplace evangelism model and to provide impoverished Christ-followers with job training, employment, and business ownership opportunities.



Planting mango trees, LaCohaune, Haiti (January 2021)

### **Praise Report!**

#### Praise God for the many blessings He has provided in recent months!

- Our Million Mango Project commenced during late 2020 employing two full-time workers in LaCohaune. To date 500 trees have been planted and plans are in place to plant another 500 during March or April.
- <u>College Hill Presbyterian Church of Cincinnati, Ohio</u> provided a seed grant of \$2,000 toward the drilling of a water well to support our Million Mango Project (We still need another \$2,500 if you're interested!).
- Our Kabrit Lavi goat farm in Les Anglais continued to prosper the breeder flock is growing, and baby goats are being sold to generate income for our three full-time herders.
- We were gifted a commercial truck (thank to Harvest Field Ministries!) and the funds to repair it and a transportation business will soon commence in Les Anglais employing a driver and a driving assistant.
- Ministry giving during 2020 surpassed our budgeted expenses for a second straight year. Thank you, Jesus!
- Hundreds of people heard about Jesus Christ in the marketplace, on the farm, around the goat fold, on construction sites, and upon motos zipping around Les Anglais!

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# **Board Spotlight**

### **Amanda Fry**

Board Member, Madisonville, Tennessee

Amanda is a loving wife (Charlie) and mother (Sophie and Dawson) who enjoys worshipping the Lord. She has had the opportunity and blessing to travel to Haiti multiple times since 2015. Her goal is to know Jesus and make him known. She loves ministering alongside her Haitian friends and is passionate about working with widows and those with special needs. Amanda homeschools her children and works part-time as a speech-language pathologist. She attends <u>Hiwassee Church of</u> God in Madisonville, Tennessee.

# The Impact of Your Support

Your gift, regardless of size, makes a big Kingdom impact in Haiti:

\$5 = Medicine for newborn goat

\$10 = Creole bible for general distribution

\$25 = Planting and care of five mango trees

\$60 = Breeding goat for Kabrit Lavi goat farm

\$150 = Annual moto taxi maintenance

\$300 = Freezer for grocery business

\$500 = Generator for grocery business

\$900 = Moto (scooter) for J635 taxi service

\$1,000 = Annual transport truck maintenance

\$2,000 = Fully supplied grocery business

\$4,000 = Water well for Million Mango Project

\$5,000 = J635 Les Anglais depot (production building)

\$15,000 = One hectare (2.5 acres) of land for J635 office/depot

Thank you so much (mèsi anpil) for your support!

#### **Supporting Orgs**

Thank you to the following organizations that continue to support the mission of J635:

Amazon Smile (www.smile.amazon.com)

College Hill Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio (www.chpc.org)

DigitalBG (www.digitalbg.com)

Williams Companies (www.williams.com)

God bless you for your generous support!

Gifts Made in Honor

**Our Lord Jesus Christ** 

Eric and Kirstin Santa

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# **Ministry Update**

Our Million Mango Project is now fully funded (\$6,000) for 2021 and planting has begun in LaCohaune. Thank you so much to those
of you that supported this important project! Our goal is to plant 2,000 seedling trees through spring and summer of 2021 and
distribute them amongst mountain landowners prior to year-end. With plant distribution will come distribution of educational
materials on the topics of deforestation/reforestation, soil conservation, and plant care. Most importantly, every mountain landowner
and their families receiving young trees will be hearing the Gospel Message of Jesus Christ. Amen!



- Our moto taxi business in Les Anglais and grocery business in Deye Monn continue to operate albeit with challenges. Fuel and food
  price increases have made profiting difficult, but three men continue to be employed in these endeavors and each continues to speak
  with customers regularly about the changes that Jesus has brought to their lives.
- We're hoping to get our planned trucking business off the ground during spring 2021. Our donated truck (Thank you Harvest Field Ministries!) is slowly being repaired at a dealership in Port Au Prince. When repair is complete the truck will be moved to Les Anglais where brother LeClerc Sainvil will begin to regularly move people and materials between Les Anglais and Les Cayes. A generous individual donation was made to repair the truck and cover driver pay until the business is sustainable (Thank you!).



• The most important update of all - J635 supported businesses in Les Anglais and LaCohaune have been sharing the hope of Jesus with about 100 people per month on average. From December 2020 through February 2021 seventeen people committed their lives to Christ as a result of our marketplace ministry activities. (Amen!).

#### Support:

If you would like to support John 6:35 Ministries you can do so by making an on-line gift at www.j635haiti.org/our-support.html or by mailing a check or money order to John 6:35 Ministries, P.O. Box 343, Maineville, Ohio 45039.

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