



REDEEMED

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

PSALM 57:9-11

**I WILL GIVE THANKS TO YOU, O LORD, AMONG THE PEOPLES;
I WILL SING PRAISES TO YOU AMONG THE NATIONS.
FOR YOUR STEADFAST LOVE IS GREAT TO THE HEAVENS,
YOUR FAITHFULNESS TO THE CLOUDS.
BE EXALTED, O GOD, ABOVE THE HEAVENS!
LET YOUR GLORY BE OVER ALL THE EARTH!**

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PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING...

- For God's love to be clearly displayed in all we do and say
- For wisdom, direction, and strength to fulfill our responsibilities
- For every teacher, student, and staff member and the role they fill at RVS

We thank God for his faithfulness every day. Amid so many changes, God is always faithful ~ and we rejoice in His mercy.

The biggest changes that have happened here in Haiti are all the goodbyes. Michael and Rebeca Gingerich finished their year in Haiti in January, but stayed until the beginning of

April. Michael and Courtney Galdonik left Haiti in June and are sailing back to Florida. We wish both families God's blessing as they seek Him for their next steps.

In the meantime, we are doing our best to keep the mechanic shop running with some of the students that graduated from

the class. They are doing well, but we are still looking for a mentor to work here in the mechanic shop for a year or so.

Pray for us and the students as we interact daily that God would be glorified and lives would be blessed.

Wismith & Rebecca Joseph

NEW BEGINNINGS



The start of classes brings with it the excitement of new knowledge, new skills, new friendships, and new levels of maturity and experience for both our students and our staff!

Please pray that we would all be filled with the enthusiasm, energy, wisdom, and

perseverance necessary to fulfill our responsibilities successfully.

In particular, pray that seeds of truth would be planted in each heart as classes begin with time of Bible discussion and prayer.

We know that encountering God will be much more life-changing for our students

than the practical skills and knowledge we endeavor to teach!

We currently have students enrolled in Sewing, Computer, Auto Mechanics, and English — both a summer class and a regular class.

MECHANIC SHOP UPDATE



Michael, his wife Courtney, and their four young children are now sailing back to the USA. We pray God's blessing and continued guidance on their lives.

During their time in Haiti, Michael earned himself a reputation as a very experienced and trustworthy mechanic who could fix anything. His departure leaves RVS with big shoes to fill and with great opportunity for a new group of mechanics to rise to the occasion. There has been a steady

influx of vehicles coming to the shop for repairs. Under Michael's guidance, several of the first class graduates had started working in the shop, gleaning all the knowledge they could from him.

Since Michael's departure, these



students are now doing all the shop work with oversight and assistance from Director Wismith

Joseph. It is so exciting to see students excelling in a newly acquired skill area!

We do still see a need for an experienced mechanic to mentor them and work

alongside them as they continue learning and gaining experience. Additionally, this person could contribute to the administration aspect of continuing to grow the mechanic shop into a full-service, income-producing business.

**ARE YOU THAT PERSON?!
COULD SOMEONE YOU KNOW
BE THAT PERSON?!**

Please pray with us that God would send us the person suited for this role! As He has provided in the past, He will do so again!

We are so grateful for all the time Michael Galdonik invested in getting our mechanic program off the ground! His incredible abilities as a mechanic, and his determination to learn the language so he could teach the class in Kreyol, made him an asset to our vision for a mechanic class and shop and to serve our community. Both Michael and his students particularly enjoyed hands-on training in the shop and had opportunity to work on numerous vehicles and parts.



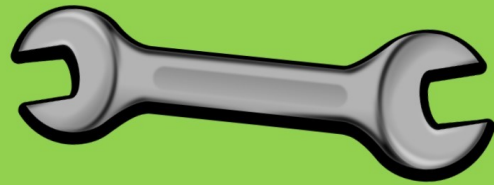
SPECIAL BULLETIN



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LIKE NEW FOODS, LANGUAGES, & CULTURES
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mechanic class and work with
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FACES OF RVS – THE BOARD



Floyd & Janice Martin became involved in the school through their daughter, Stephanie—who spent 6 months in Haiti, and worked with both Rebecca and Wismith during that time. Their first experience being in a third world country was in 2009 when they spent a week visiting Stephanie at IFM. During this time they saw first hand the desperate need for the people to have practical skills to help them provide for themselves. They felt a common vision with Wismith and Rebecca to start a vocational school and provide the community, especially the young adults, with the education needed to help them find jobs. Floyd serves as RVS treasurer. On an interesting side note their church was the first church that invited Wismith to share his vision for the school in Haiti and that gave financially. Floyd and Janice operate a dairy farm with their son in Pennsylvania. They enjoy spending time with their grandchildren, gardening, exploring different areas, and biking.

Beginning with this newsletter, we will be introducing the individuals that together make up RVS — students, teachers, board members, and support personnel.

They are the
“Faces of RVS”
and we thank God
for each one!

Kenlyn & Mary Sue Miller are from Rebecca’s home area in Ohio. We appreciate his servant’s heart and everything he has poured into the work in Haiti. Kenlyn serves as our chairman and tech support, and has lent his expertise to us by also installing our solar energy system after he raised all the funds for it. A personal word from Kenlyn:

My interest in Redeemed Vocational School began before the school was formed. I learned to know Wismith when he worked for IFM, another mission in Fond Parisien, Haiti. I remember him as a young, bright, outgoing, Haitian fellow who knew English fairly well. At one point, he shared with me his vision of starting a school to help others from his community. He came to the US and also shared his vision with our church people. I remember telling him that I would come help him by installing a solar/inverter power system to help power his house and the new school, once it was started. I knew Rebecca and her family and witnessed their friendship growing, engagement and their beautiful wedding.

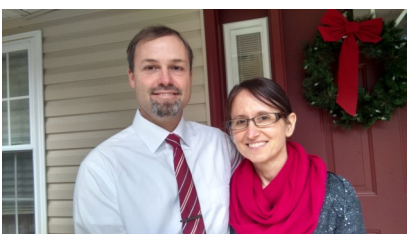
In my younger years, during the 1990s, I had begun working in Haiti with several different missions helping with radio communications, battery/inverter power systems, and wherever needed. I traveled to different parts of the country and learned to know several different missions and saw the needs of the Haitian people. Later I served on the board of IFM, which is when I got to know Wismith. In 2012, my family and I took a trip to Haiti to install a solar/inverter power system on the new house/school building that had recently been built. Soon after this, Wismith and Rebecca asked me to be a part of the new board for RVS that they were forming.

Practical job training and motivation is a big need in Haiti. Employment is hard to find and many people lack skills to find a good job or start a business of their own. RVS exists to help meet these needs. While working with Wismith and Rebecca over the past several years, I have really been impressed how well they work together as a team in directing the school. They both have a vision and passion to help the people around them succeed. Wismith also has a vision for Bible teaching and I've seen that the spiritual growth of the students is important to him.

I live in central Ohio where I have a business servicing and installing automatic standby generators. I enjoy building solar/inverter systems and like to help people become energy independent. My wife MarySue is a wonderful mom to our 4 kids and enjoys cooking, gardening and landscaping. She has had a big influence on my life by challenging me and encouraging me to do the right thing and by being my best friend and companion.

My father, David R, has probably influenced me the most through the years to love mission work, specifically work in Haiti. He has made yearly trips to Haiti for about as long as I can remember, taking groups of people with him, traveling around with missionary Eris Labady, so that they could experience Haitian life and culture firsthand. My Father has challenged me to see the needs of others around me and be a servant to them.

I ask that you please pray for RVS, Wismith and Rebecca, and the board that we would hear from God and see the direction that He would have for us to go. Pray for Haitian and American staff to help fill positions needed in the school. Pray for the students that come, that they would be encouraged to live their lives for Christ. In Him, Kenlyn Miller



FACES OF RVS — CONTINUED

Jason Manion connected with RVS when he set up our first website, and later when he did a fundraiser for the school. We feel privileged to have a Harvard law school graduate on the board. Jason's amazing capacity for simultaneously listening, summarizing, organizing and typing at incredible speed makes him well suited to his role as board secretary. In his own words:

When Rebecca first started spending time in Haiti, she and I attended the same church in Ohio. So I've been connected to RVS since the very beginning. I did some fundraising to help build the first school building back in 2011, and have been on the Board of Directors since 2012.

I serve on the Board of RVS because I believe in the power of education--vocational, spiritual, and otherwise--to help improve people and their communities. Haiti is one of the poorest countries in the world, and I love that RVS is working to change that one person at a time.

School and work have kept me almost too busy for hobbies in the last few years, but I enjoy digital photography, roadtrips, and playing the piano.

I think the best word to describe myself right now is "busy."

Over the 5 years that I've been on the Board of RVS, I've worked 6 different jobs, lived in 3 different cities, and completed law school through a combination of 2 different universities. Now that I've graduated, I'm looking forward to life slowing down a bit.

I've been blessed to have a number of role models and mentors in my life throughout the years. It's hard to pick out any one of them as the greatest influence on my life, but as I look back at every major decision in my life, God has always made sure the right person was there to help me navigate those decisions.



Jonathan Sommers became involved with RVS several years ago when Wismith helped him with a house he built for his adopted sister's family in Haiti. He has been doing building projects for RVS ever since, typically spending a month or more in Haiti every year. The mechanic shop is up and running largely due to Jonny's efforts and all the friends he has brought to help. We so appreciate him, his heart for ministry, his tireless desire to love others well, and his willingness to work and play wholeheartedly. Jonny enjoys traveling, good food, great coffee, riding motorcycle, restoring old vehicles, and meeting people. He lives in Ohio, works as a builder, and is developing a coffee roasting business.

Wismith & Rebecca Joseph live in Haiti on the grounds of RVS where they serve as Founders, Directors, and as part of the board. Their story will be featured in another newsletter, but here are a few words from them for now:

The school was Wismith's vision for many years and we stand in awe of the way God has moved to establish this little school in Haiti. After building the first building, we felt the need to involve more people for the accountability and input that more hands can give.

All the individuals that are a part of the board have been involved with the school in some way before we invited them to serve on the Board.

We want to extend a huge thank you to these individuals and families who have poured so much time and energy into the school and we trust that God will bless you.



FACES OF RVS — CONTINUED

Calvin & Jeanette Frey live in Canada with their three children and serve as our Canadian liaison. Our website, brochures, other publicity materials, and anything else we request comes from their graphic design and printing business. We are blessed by their friendship, generosity, and insight. It is very evident that they love God, love people, and truly enjoy life.



A little bit about them and their connection to RVS in their own words:

We first met Wismith in 2011 when he was in Canada visiting friends. We sat in one of his presentations and became almost instant friends! That weekend we printed some brochures for him on Saturday; Rebecca came up to Canada to surprise Wismith and they came to our house together on Sunday; on Monday we printed some more items for a fundraiser in the US; and on Tuesday morning Wismith popped in and invited us to their wedding! We were very honored guests ☺

Wismith and Rebecca are like family to us, and we love the people of Haiti. It is inspiring to see God work in Haiti. Our vision is to help RVS in being an assistance to the Haitian people primarily in a spiritual way, and secondly in physical/humanitarian ways.

We enjoy social events, campfires, dinners, biking, almost every sport ☺ With 2 little boys, some things have evolved. My (Calvin) biking has changed dramatically from more extreme dirt jumping to pulling a trailer ☺ Baseball and hockey are a 3 person game in the lawn or even in the kitchen ☺ Hanging out means running after little boys and soon their little sister too ☺

We are very social and we need family and friends to survive. Family/friends/church life are very important aspects of our life, although sometimes tricky to figure out ☺

Our parents have been the greatest role models we could ask for. My parents (Calvin) were/are very encouraging and supportive of our vision in reaching people via missions locally (our business) and in Haiti and Africa etc. Jeanette and I grew up in Christian homes with good role models all around us. We've been blessed beyond measure.

Michael & Rebeca Gingerich have both been involved in Haiti for over 20 years. In the first few years that Michael traveled to Haiti, he and Wismith became friends (long before either of them were married). When Wismith first went to the States he spent a lot of time in Florida with them. They recently joined the school in Haiti for a year. They were both an invaluable asset to the school – Rebeca with her teaching and design skills, and Michael with his heart for young men and the time he spent working with them in the shop, welding and building so many different things. We're praying that God calls them back to Haiti soon. In their own words:

Haiti is a special place for us for many reasons — one of those being that we met each other in Fond Parisien in 1998! Most recently, Haiti became the first location outside of the USA where we've lived with our daughters. The experiences and relationships we've built in Haiti are meaningful and memorable!

We enjoy traveling, learning, new experiences, building relationships, and doing things together. Our family vision is to be an encouragement and blessing to those around us as we live out our faith in every aspect of life. We are committed to helping RVS continue growing and developing into a platform from which God's greatness is clearly displayed.



UPCOMING

RVS is being represented at various auctions this year. We would enjoy meeting you in person! The next auction will be:

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GOOD-BYE

On January 13, 2016 we arrived in Haiti, ready to begin a long anticipated and much prayed for year of living in Fond Parisien and collaborating with RVS. Our extended stay ended on April 4, 2017 when we returned to Florida. Three months have passed since our return and we are re-adjusting to life in the USA while still missing our friends and the beautiful landscapes of Haiti.

In retrospect, being in Haiti and at RVS represents growth, learning, hard work, many adjustments, countless new sights and experiences, and a broadening awareness of God's greatness and human frailty.

Our work at RVS consisted of building relationships, facilitating communication, teaching, maintenance, projects, welding, discussing and brainstorming the past, present, and

future of RVS, hospitality, running errands, and all the daily tasks of living and maintaining a household in a developing nation! Not easily forgotten are the challenges of taking care of various insects and creatures, adjusting to the heat, attempting to learn Kreyol, living off the grid — sometimes not so willingly, navigating Port-au-Prince and traffic, and learning to wait...and wait...and wait!

Thankfully, not all of life was work and overcoming challenges! We enjoyed trips to various parts of Haiti and the Dominican Republic, ice cold Coca Cola in glass bottles, breathtaking sunsets, sunrises, moonrises, and night skies, an unforgettable view of the lake and mountains, games of cornhole, pizza parties, and movie nights.

Most enjoyable and missed, howev-

er, are our friends — the group of friendly little boys who visited daily and looked out for us, the young men at RVS with whom Michael spent most of his daytime hours and who enjoyed hanging out at our house in the evenings, the students in Rebecca's English class who she got to know through the lens of language and culture, old friends from previous trips to Haiti, other missionaries ministering in the same town, and the staff of RVS who we got to work alongside.

We are so thankful for God's provision, protection, and power. He most certainly went before us, encamped around us, and brought us back. We look forward to discerning God's next for us!

MICHAEL . REBECA . KEZIA . ELIAN . SOFIA
GINGERICH



A VERY BIG THANK YOU...

**TO MICHAEL, COURTNEY, KEZIA, MALACHI,
HADASSAH, AND CASSIA GALDONIK**

**TO MICHAEL, REBECA, KEZIA, ELIAN, AND SOFIA
GINGERICH**

FOR INVESTING A PORTION OF YOUR LIVES IN BEING PART OF RVS IN FOND PARISIEN, HAITI

◀◀◀ MAY GOD BLESS AND KEEP YOU ALWAYS ▶▶▶



A VERY BIG THANK YOU...

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