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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

FACES OF RVS

In our last newsletter, we began 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! Today, we hope you enjoy reading this story of

God's hand in the lives of RVS Founders and Directors: **Wismith & Rebecca Joseph.**

A PASSION...

WISMITH

I grew up in a small town in a poor area of Haiti. My father farmed a small piece of ground, but it wasn't enough for our family to live on. It's not easy to think or to understand life when you grow up in poverty. It's hard to feel hope or have vision for the future.

My first hope in life was trusting in God. After I put my trust in God, I felt like I had to start somewhere. When I looked around me the only thing I could see to focus on was my education, even though my parents would not be able to afford it. God, in His goodness, sent me a sponsor and I was able to go all the way through high school.

While in school, I was learning and studying. I kept watching people and asking questions. I saw different styles of life. I saw people who finished school sitting and waiting for a job. I saw other people without much education go out on the street and get involved in small businesses like selling water or phone cards. In a short time, as their business grows, they can provide for themselves while the educated person is still waiting for a job. I realized that I wanted to do both. After I finished high school, I started doing business. I was able to provide for myself and to afford a visa to go to the United States.

My mother was a Christian and I grew up going to church. However, in Haiti it's hard to find people that truly understand what it means to be a born again Christian and so I lacked a lot of understanding. After my mother died and I lived with one of my sisters, I decided to quit going to church, but God kept calling me. For several years I often dreamed Jesus was coming back and I wasn't ready. I began seeking God and reading my Bible. One day I stood in church and asked them to pray for me to become a Christian. My life began to change and I was baptized. I became youth president at my church and began to work with young people.

REBECCA

I grew up in several different states but some of my most formative years were spent in a small town in Kentucky. I was the second oldest in a family of 12. I was 10 years old when I came to faith in Christ and I was still 10 years old when I first felt the call of God to missions. I don't know why God put such a strong calling in my heart so early in life, but I never seriously questioned it. There was such a certainty in my heart that if that's what God wanted for me, He would also lead me wherever He wanted me to go. I had a heart that was tender towards God and I spent my teenage years dreaming of serving God on the mission field. I loved reading biographies of missionaries. I never dreamed of a beautiful home or a life in the United States because I didn't expect to spend the rest of my life there.

GRADUATION



Graduation is always a rewarding time for us.

We love celebrating our students!

This year we graduated 11 Computer Class students and 1 Sewing Class Student. The students themselves plan the graduation.





The RVS Mechanic Shop is in full time operation and completely staffed by former students with oversight and assistance from Director Wismith Joseph. Since the departure of teacher and mechanic, Michael Galdonik, everyone has been investing much time and effort into the shop. We are excited to continue seeing progress!

In the shop, we work on everything from newer to older vehicles—and if you’ve ever been in Haiti, you know that the description of “older” vehicles can be quite interesting! Some of the vehicles brought to our shop are ones that street mechanics could not fix, so those are usually the most challenging .

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, we do still see a need for an experienced mechanic to mentor our shop staff and work alongside them as they continue learning and gaining experience. Additionally, this person could contribute to the administration aspect of growing 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 the person suited for this role. We will be spending a few weeks of Oct. and Nov. in the US and would enjoy speaking in person with anyone interested. Our board members are also available to answer any questions.

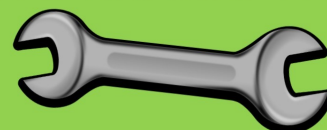
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Computer classes continue to be well attended. There is always interest in sewing and auto mechanics as well. In addition to the English class that is in session all year, we once again hosted Summer English Classes. These are usually attended by younger children and teenagers on vacation from school. They have lots of energy and are excited to learn English!

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FOUNDER & DIRECTORS — WISMITH & REBECCA JOSEPH — CONT.

A VISION...

WISMITH

I asked myself many questions: What do I gain if I live my life for myself? What if I have a good business? What does God want for my life? What if I serve God with my whole heart?



God put in my heart a great desire to help others, especially young people. When you want to start something it's good to ask yourself questions. Is my dream good? Does it fit the situation? Is the time right?

I worked with many people and God continued to give me vision. I saw organizations giving food to people, some also provided jobs. However, I saw that whatever you do to help people, if their mind never grows or changes, any help that you give them is only temporary. If everyone can think and work for themselves, then their life can change.

Through my work with youth, I saw many young people leave schools unable to find jobs and unable to work with their hands to provide for themselves. I saw that many young people, even though they went to church, lacked solid Bible teaching. I began to wonder, "What if I

opened a school to teach young people skills like sewing, baking, mechanics, computer, woodworking, and so on? What if I could teach them to really read and understand the Bible? God gave me a vision.

REBECCA

At 21 years old, I left home for the first time to spend a year teaching school in another state. God stretched me in so many ways that year and after I finished teaching I spent a month in Guatemala the summer of 2006 on a short-term mission trip. I was a very shy 22-year-old and it was a great experience for me. Later that same year I went back for 6 weeks of language school in Antigua, Guatemala.

An opportunity opened (in 2007), through my church, to spend time at an orphanage in Colombia, SA. It was a life-changing experience but when that door closed I went through a period of a lot of confusion. I had felt clear direction from God to go to Colombia and since I had felt such a strong calling from God to the mission field I assumed that I would be spending a lot more time there. I spent a year at home working and really came to a place of rest and trust in God even though I wasn't sure when or how to take the next step. When the opportunity came to go to Haiti (under International Faith Missions) I went, simply because it was an open door and God didn't close it. I had no idea how much my life would change.

I worked hard at learning another language but I also ended up using my Spanish when I spent time at IFM's mission in the Dominican Republic. My language teacher in Haiti was a young man by the name of Wismith Joseph. I so clearly remember one morning in class when he was telling us about his plan for a school he was going to build. I was impressed with his vision but I also remember thinking, "He really believes that he's going to do it," even though, at that point he didn't have anything besides a piece of property. Just a week before I went back to the United States, I also remember his excitement when he came back to Haiti and told us about the offering that the young people at SMBI had given him for the school.



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[YOUTH SEMINARS]



This summer we also worked with International Faith Missions to hold two seminars for young people: one here in Fond Parisien and another in the mountains. Solid Bible teaching is definitely lacking here in Haiti. We feel that these seminars are filling a critical need for young people, giving them a solid Biblical foundation, and encouragement to live a Christian life.



A BEGINNING...

WISMITH

I had a passion to live for God. I had a vision to help others. But, I wasn't sure how to begin.

I didn't have the strength or the resources. Many times I gave my dream to God and He began to send His people. Explaining the vision was difficult at first. Sometimes I was encouraged and sometimes I was discouraged.

International Faith Missions sponsored me to spend six weeks studying the Bible at SMBI in 2009. My classmates were the first people God used to financially support my vision. God kept opening more doors and friends began to invite me to share my dream in their churches.

I didn't know how far I could go, but I was trusting God for the rest. Matt. 6:34 says, "So do not worry about tomorrow for tomorrow will care for itself." We have nothing, but through faith in Christ, we have everything.

I never expected to get married before I started on my vision for the school but God had other plans. It didn't take long after Rebecca came to Haiti for me to realize that I wanted to pursue a relationship with her. We started dating November 2009 just a few months after she went back to the US and got married two years later.

In March 2010, I began construction on the school building! It was an exciting day, but it was only a beginning.

REBECCA

I was impressed with Wismith's heart for God and his leadership abilities as I watched him lead the young people at our church. We didn't spend a lot of time together but I was always fascinated by him and I remember questioning the other missionaries about him. I was still taken by surprise when I found out that he was interested in me. I had always imagined myself marrying a missionary, but I never imagined that that missionary might be from another country. We started a relationship the fall of 2009.

On November 26, 2011, we got married. Just a week later, we flew to Haiti to begin our life together.

In June 2012, we started our first classes: a sewing class and an English class. Today our regular classes include English, Sewing, Computer, Fixing Computers, and a class on Auto Mechanics. In 2016, we had two missionary families living in Haiti and helping with the school, but our current staff are all Haitians, including the operation of our full time mechanic shop.

"God has been more than good to us and we have so many stories of how God has moved to make this little school in Haiti become a reality. Over and over again, when we weren't sure how to press on or what was next, God has proved His faithfulness to us. God has poured out his blessing on our dream and we want to honor and glorify Him in all that we do."

Wismith & Rebecca Joseph



A VERY BIG THANK YOU...

**TO EVERY PERSON WHO PRAYS, VISITS, DONATES,
ENCOURAGES, AND SHARES ABOUT RVS**

FOR INVESTING A PORTION OF YOUR LIVES IN HELPING RVS FULFILL GOD'S PURPOSES IN FOND PARISIEN, HAITI



A VERY BIG THANK YOU...

TO JONATHAN SOMMERS

FOR ORGANIZING THE 2ND ANNUAL GLOBAL FOOD FAIR

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