

OFCB Ministries News – November 10, 2010
Important news about the Cholera epidemic:

Dear Friends,

We continue to receive news from Pastor Actionnel Fleurisma (who is in Gonaives) and Eddy Leger (who is in Bayonnais). Their reports are a mix of stirring stories and solemn sadness. Four people suspected of having cholera are now under the 24-hour a day care of Dr. Faustin Charles in Bayonnais. There have been 11 people total who have been treated for suspected cases of cholera in Bayonnais at this time. We are grateful for the skills of Dr. Faustin and his ability to care for these Bayonnais residents who are extremely sick at this time. Dr. Faustin is a graduate of the OFCB school and has been generously sponsored by an American partner throughout his medical training. We are thankful to God for his ability to practice the art of healing in his home at this time. We are also thankful for Anne-Junie Saint Louis, an OFCB graduate who went to nursing school and is now assisting Dr. Faustin with treating the people who have fallen ill.

We also learned that Madam Etienne Charles, a resident of Bayonnais and person deeply involved with the OFCB community has passed away due to a suspected case of cholera. Peter Daniel was a great friend of the family and shared this sad news with us early this morning.

Eddy Leger reports the following: *"The INMAN Baptist Church trip had to be canceled at the last minute. Rightfully so... there is a shortage of drinking water, food, supply and fuel. I understand that Yolande has not been able to purchase drinking water and food at the supermarket. The markets are almost empty due to everyone snatching whatever supply they can find. Everyone is weary and selective in their groceries. They are bracing themselves for the worst. The people of Bayonnais can definitely use our prayers."*

Pastor Actionnel writes the following: *A young fellow living near the Market Place died this morning from cholera. There was a big protest in Gonaives this morning against the government and cholera. I am not sending my own 6 children to school tomorrow. If things remain the way they are, we will need to shut down the school here in Bayonnais. Let's give thanks to the Lord for Faustin Charles and Anne-Junie Saint-Louis. I am positive that they have kept some people from dying here in Cathor, Bayonnais today."*

As you can see from our friends' emails, they are in desperate need of prayer right now. There are signs of hope as Dr. Faustin and Anne-Junie have been able to offer medical help to people in Bayonnais. At the same time, we see unfortunate events transpiring in Gonaives, the home of Pastor Actionnel, Dimilsaint, and a few others. Please continue to pray for the health and well being of our Haitian partners. If there is a way that we can become tangibly involved in the relief process, we will let you know. However, at this time, all we can do is pray.

On behalf of Friends of OFCB,

Rev. Kevin Wright