

Self Denial 2017

“Sent in the Field”

Greetings in the Name of Jesus:

It has been just a year since Stephen and Kezia Mills returned to the land of their calling, Manaus, Brazil. Though they had worked with an adoption agency prior to their return to the States on furlough, they were ill-prepared for what was about to happen. Within four weeks, Sophia Grace came to bless their home with her charm and challenge. Looking back over the past year has convinced them that God's providence has placed this Brazilian child into their care and keeping. Sophia has brought a new dimension of delight and determination to the Millses' home.

In January 2017, President Peabody and Missionary Secretary Sickler visited Bro. and Sr. Mills. While the one project involved trimming an offending Mango tree at Nova Floresta, it became evident that the Lord had them there to be a support and guide for Steve and Kezia. The additional responsibilities as parents, the transition commonly experienced between terms on the field, and several significant spiritual battles brought on by satanic oppression took its toll on their joy and faith. God never lies, Jesus never fails, and the Holy Spirit came to quicken their feeble knees and strengthen their inner man. Ephesians 3:16.

The visit to Brazil in early October witnessed the effectiveness of the new direction in ministry for Bro. and Sr. Mills. They have focused on a single pastor and congregation for two months at a time. This has enabled them to become acquainted with and minister to the particular needs of that congregation. Community evangelism, revived Sunday school ministry and personal spiritual growth have all resulted from this effort. The Saturday evening ladies meeting held at Nova Floresta was blessed with the Holy Spirit's presence as a messianic Jewish lady spoke on 'Being Faithful in Worship'. Coming from all five churches, there was about one hundred in attendance.

The work in HAITI continues under the capable oversight of the leadership team: Pastor Roniald, Pastor Fleurimon, and Pastor Desil. The unity in vision and purpose coupled with a passion for holiness and evangelism has resulted in vibrant local congregations and revival spirit in the quarterly Pastors' meetings.

The Intercessors for Christ added to their ranks several young men that are dedicated soul winners. The instillation service was marked by sacred worship and personal testimonies of God's power and providence in their lives. Yes, the Pilgrim Holiness Church of Haiti is alive and well. The Holy Spirit is using those whose hearts are yielded to His tender call, are obedient to His declared will and are listening in hushed silence to His slightest whisper.

Please pray for our Haitian people. There has been continual political rioting since August. Bro. Don Mobley remains in the States for that very reason. He hopes to return to Carrefour in early November.

Would you pray for Rev. Dale Sherman and the work in Winnipeg, Canada? God has a plan to keep the message of heart holiness loud and clear in Winnipeg!! Pray that God will clearly direct Bro. Sherman during this time of transition.

Thank you for your interest and prayers for SELF DENIAL 2017. Thank you for standing by Conference missions with your finances. By comparison, the mission's budget is 125% larger than the budget for general expenses. Keep up the good work. The theme for this year is "Sent into the Field". The theme song is 'A Passion for Souls'

Laboring Together for the Kingdom,

Rev. Ken Sickler,

Conference Missionary Secretary