

# God at work at UCI 2005 and since

## UCI Newsletter Excerpts

### 2005

We've arrived in Haiti!! Tana (6) and Kerri (2) are adjusting well to outhouses and bucket showers!

### 2006

We didn't get out of the airport until 4:15. The roads were the worst we had seen--even for JeanJean. We drove the last 1 1/2 hours with the lights of a small flashlight. But we made it-- almost 5 hours later! Remember, this trip is only 45 miles. It was good to be home.

The Beginning of Witchdoctor Conversions in 2006

JeanJean goes to a *vodou* ceremony and two witchdoctors came the next morning to follow up.

### 2007

- Fifteen people came from 6 churches...[the Haitians were] blessed to see how their American brothers didn't mind doing any of the dirty work with them...they could tell the team had the love of Christ i
- We started a new nutrition center at a small church. Twenty-two kids there are being fed.
- Our Sunday afternoon service is well attended...9 people have made commitments to the Lord.
- JeanJean's classes continue to have a long waiting list. The dorm is fully built, so the pastors have somewhere to stay!

Zouell (a witchdoctor) and his family have been attending church with us for the past several weeks. His brother, a witch doctor has been attending our Sunday afternoon service.

Saul has been busy teaching people from 18 partner churches how to graft fruit trees.

Christmas presents are starting to come in. We have over 7 churches participating in sponsoring children in our nutrition center or in our local churches...

### 2010 [after the earthquake]

Wow!! The first day of the prayer and fasting service was wonderful...one of the best experiences...such a spirit of unity and praise. ... people were packed into the worship center. ...common theme among the pastors: let us look forward to a brand new Haiti that will look to God for their leadership. God gave His people a peace that is beyond understanding.

Andre, the man who killed JeanJean's father, came to Christ!

RELIEF: ...we have been transitioning away from relief into development. UCI has purchased 6 water irrigation pumps and 2 cows for plowing.

HOUSING: people need places to live. There have been 76 houses that have received cement floors.

SCHOOL: So many parents have come to us and asked us to open a school that would help their kids

We decided to have a youth day and invited the 20 churches ...

JeanJean has also been witnessing to Frank-one of the most influential witchdoctors in the region. Frank and 2 other witchdoctors, we know that one is named Nelson, will be coming tomorrow morning (Wednesday) to talk to JeanJean and Dabou. ... a huge step forward to learning more about Christ!

### 2011

- We have started holding services on Sunday morning at 7 AM!
- We have begun work on a church plant in an area about a 2-hour walk from our place.

- The cassava business is up and running!
- what a joy to see UCI's drip irrigation garden and the pump irrigation in use in the communities.
- UCC school is going so well. The kids are advancing. Mirlange, first grade teacher, says 10 students prayed to accept Jesus in their lives! ..our team is putting up playground equipment!!

December is the month dedicated to more vodou worshipping than any other month.' But, this is not true of Caiman today. There are no witchdoctors practicing in our area.

***We have started construction on the School for Bible and Trade!***

## 2012

- We increased the number of irrigation pumps to nine ... there are 45 gardens in production during the dry season...nothing better than a large expanse of green ...in parched areas.
- The UCI Haitian board has met many of the farmers from the program at their gardens.
- Saul Louis of the UCI Haitian board recently was able to hold a seminar for the farmers on the proper use of herbicides and insecticides which was very well received.

## 2013

...we started our newest nutrition center in Terre Glissée. Our board decided this area needed an *estasyon*, a place where prayer and Bible study services could be held ... We set Tuesday morning (4:30AM !) ... and had 108 people!! This past Saturday, God... accepted another lost sheep...Nelson Presume, 27-year old witchdoctor, publicly prayed to accept Jesus as His Savior and renounced his position in vodou. Praise the Lord! It took 2 wheelbarrows to haul everything out of his 'house of magic.'

### UCCC

Both professors and students are using the university dorm. We have been joining them for meals to get to know them better.. Yesterday morning, at 3:00 AM, one of the students woke up to hand over his Vodou fetishes! We believe that the prayers that have been lifted for UCCC have contributed to this

## 2014

Mme. Liksen was another witchdoctor in Terre Glisse. Two weeks ago, she asked us to come out to pray for her. property of all vodou items immediately. She wants to be baptized to show publicly how she wants to live for Christ only. God is so good.

[Note: Eight of these theological students graduated in December 2016, the first graduates of UCCC in the theology program.]

## 2015

Who would have thought that a small mission in rural Haiti could have become a ministry with discipleship training in over 60 churches, an elementary school with 606 children, and a university with over 500 students from all over Haiti!

## 2016

### **Celebrating God's Growing Family**

We had a 6-hour service on Sunday morning with a feast for the 1000 people that attended. Many university students jumped in to help the rest of the church body to serve our guests. Of the 36 baptisms that took place, several were university students.! We also had 6 couples that had been living together decide to give their lives to Christ and not only receive baptism, but they also were married!

**First Graduation for the Universite de la Communaute Chretienne de Caiman (UCCC)!!!**

## 2017

The clinic is open for business.

Hurricane Matthew devastated so many homes and lives of people in the South of Haiti  
UCI has been able to put up more than 135 roofs in Anse-a-veau region, so far.

We are pleased to report that the gathering of UCI staff, board, partners, and friends went extremely well. Over 100 people came together

theological students decided, on their own, to start an Alpha program—a program to teach reading and writing.  
We are working on the new school—Union Chretien de Bohoc UCB,

This summer UCI will be hosting 350+ youth at a 5-day camp teaching about the Holy Spirit, as well as hosting a 4-day Volleyball with 100 kids/youth and 4-day soccer camp with 125 boys!

Due to all the new students, most of the dorm rooms have 6 or more students sharing space  
*UCI is planting 2 new churches in remote areas.*

## 2018

had another university graduation on Dec. 15. Students from the theology and agricultural sciences

God has blessed UCI with a Christian doctor/educator that is leading the medical program for the college. Dr. Guirlaine Raymond Charite had held the position of director in the Ministry of Health of Haiti.

On Friday, March 23, two helicopters landed on the soccer field in our sports complex and the President of the country of Haiti, Jovenel Moïse, stepped out to visit Caïman.

New High School under construction!

UCI has expanded the chicken houses to meet the demands of the community.

our school (listed on the left as UNION CHRETIENNE) was ranked top in our area for test scores

The UCI VB boys team ages 13-15 brought home the 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy.

## 2019

UCI was blessed with a well digging rig of its own!

Haiti has been experiencing a lot of turmoil due to governmental corruption

We are hopeful that all the schools will open again this week and things will settle down

Our biggest prayer is the governmental officials that are trying to bring about improvements to how the country is run will be allowed to do so.

volleyball players of CBL took 2 national championships and a runner-up victory.

Praise the Lord, 100% of our students passed!!

UCI usually hosts over 40 teams each year--we only had 6 this year

We also began an AWANA program at our church.

On May 1, the agricultural students put on a fair for the first time.

new church plant in the Bohoc market place is doing very well. This is located at UCI's satellite elementary school.

We have been praying about taking a Sabbatical. One of the affirmations that we have felt was that we have always put a high emphasis on national leadership

The sabbatical is going great. JeanJean is taking classes for his M. Div

2020

**UCI's first doctors!**



*L-R top row: Raoul, Sandra, Christofort, Jean-Mariot, Smith, Evens, Samuel  
2<sup>nd</sup> row: Sully, Dondy, Junie, Maxime  
3<sup>rd</sup> row: Naky-Love, Jonise, Berline*

***Do you want to help another student?  
There are many students at the university  
that need scholarships so that they can  
continue their studies.***