

# MINISTRY NEWS



## FROM THE FOUNDER

I pray you are enjoying the new year. Our ministry team is excited for what 2021 might bring, and, Lord-willing, we will accomplish significant projects in Haiti in the months to come.

Although the Haiti's political climate was tense at the turn of the year, the unrest seems to have settled and people have returned to their day-to-day activities. Poyis and the ministry team continue to serve the community well. During our visit last month, Wiley and I were encouraged to spend time with some of the pastors we have worked with over the last several years. Please continue to pray for this group of men as they faithfully proclaim the gospel—some, in very violent cities.

The children in our homes continue to thrive, and we have been able to rescue several more already this year. More than 120 children now call Regency or Mercy their home.



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This act of love and service continues to shock the surrounding communities, and we pray it will open more hearts to Jesus.

I hope you'll enjoy reading Steevenson's testimony below and continue praying for the children in our homes. Thank you for being a faithful friend.

In His Grip,  
Greg Barshaw



## TESTIMONY SPOTLIGHT RENE STEEVENSON

Steevenson was brought to the Regency Children's Home by the Brigade for the Protection of Minors (BPM) in September, 2018. He had run away from his owner to escape the abuse he had been suffering and was rescued off the streets.

While Steevenson enjoyed being off the streets, he was unruly and extremely disobedient. In fact, he was setting such a terrible example for the other children that one day,

Poyis had to show Steevenson extreme discipline. Poyis placed Steevenson in the car and drove him away from the Home, explaining that since Steevenson couldn't behave, he would be better to live on the streets again.

It was then that Steevenson realized how much he needed Poyis and everyone at the home. Over time, he came to know Jesus personally and accepted Him as Savior.



Steevenson (middle) with his new brothers (September 2018)



He loves to strike a funny pose (September 2018)



Steevenson is also a pro at hacky sack (September 2018)





In January 2021, Steevenson was baptized! When asked why he wanted to be baptized, he shared: "I was baptized because I wanted to accept Jesus as my Savior, and I wanted to be different from those who are living and doing evil things with their lives. After I listened to Pastor Poyis preaching the gospel, I realized that the world doesn't offer anything valuable, but in Jesus, we can find eternal Salvation."

Steevenson admits that prior to accepting Jesus as His Savior, he was a sinner. He said, "I was disobedient when people around me instructed me, and I would even insult them. I was full of sin. Now, I am pleased to serve, and I am living the way God wants me to."



Steevenson enjoying some free-play time with his brothers and sisters (July 2020)



Steevenson always enjoys when his friend, Dr. J, comes for a visit (November 2020)

Jesus is transforming Steevenson's life! He says, "I am very happy because Jesus came and He forgave our sins. My joy comes up when I am worshiping, praising, and praying to the Lord with other brothers and sisters—Christians, like me."

Will you join us in praying for God's continued work in Steevenson's life? He would love to be an engineer or architect one day, and his goal is to "always be in the gospel." Steevenson asks, "Pray for me to always be able to avoid temptation and to always be close to Jesus."

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## JOIN US IN HAITI THIS YEAR

We have some exciting projects in the works, including:

- Constructing buildings, chicken hutches, swings, and more
- Children's Bible Clubs
- Church-based Medical Clinics

If your church is interested in supporting us by sending a team, please get in touch! We would love to show you the ministry in action.

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