

In February 2007, twelve men came from all over Haiti to become the fourth class of the Center for Biblical Training in Cap Haitien, Haiti. One was from a fishing village named Bor de mer (By the Sea), another from a remote mountain village named Bas la Riviere (Down by the River) and one from near the capital, Port au Prince. Half of them had never known an American before. Most of them weren't quite sure what they were getting into, but they all wanted to be better preachers.

These men will graduate the first week in December and return to their villages to share what they have learned. These are some of the things they had to say about their time in preaching school:



"The school has helped me very much in my ministry. I did not know before how to teach from the context of a passage. This caused me to teach many errors in my preach-

ing. But when I came here, I learned to look for the context of a verse before I speak, also the time when it was written." -- Madsen



"For me personally, it has been an assurance for my soul because during this time and through the courses I have come to understand what kind of God I'm serving and how to

do His will." -- Diony

The students developed a bond as brothers during their three years together. They all

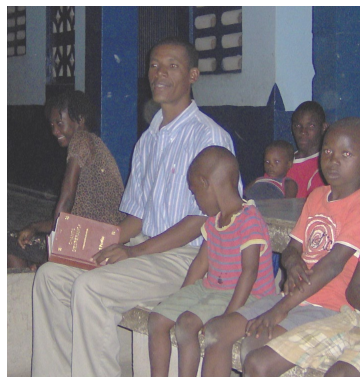
admitted that they were apprehensive about living with strange men from faraway areas of the country. But as they grew spiritually and socially, they grew together.



Learning to splint a leg

The students also shared some of their hard times:

"The most difficult thing for me was leaving my family, my work and my friends and going to a new place. The saddest times were when sometimes someone would call to tell me that my wife or one of my children were sick. The thing that gave me strength was that God never let things totally fall apart." -- Jonathan



Jonathan leading singing at the Children's Home

Because they realize that you have made sacrifices so that you can help the school, the students asked us to express to you how much they appreciate your help with this mission which has meant so much to them and their congregations.

"It is a great pleasure for me to say a great thank you to everyone who works together to allow many Haitian people to come and gain more knowledge of the Bible." -- Diony

We want to join the students in thanking you for your prayers and financial support that have made it possible for us to train these men to preach the gospel in Haiti.

Now, as we prepare for the fifth class, we are excited about the future of the Church in Haiti. Our Haitian brothers are now taking a leading role in the day-to-day operations at the Center for Biblical Training. Some of our graduates are teaching classes at the school and sending men they have mentored to the school as students. The Church is growing in maturity and numbers. The life of a preacher in Haiti is hard, and they ask that you will pray for God to keep them strong and give them wisdom to fulfill the great work He has called them to do.

"I ask you to pray for me to have more devotion to do these great, blessed works and for me to take seriously the work of God. My brothers and sisters, thank you for the help you have given to the school during these three years. Continue praying for us."

-- Edouard

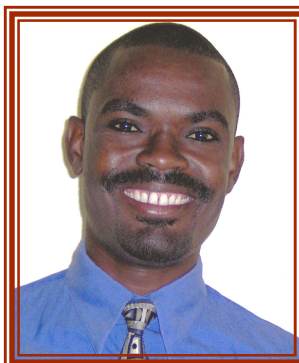
To read more the students had to say about their time at the CBT, go to our website at www.haitianchristianfoundation.org and click on the "Students" link.

More Thoughts from the 2009 Graduates



I have big plans for the future: After I graduate I will return to my congregation so that I can feed them with the word of God. I want to train the preachers, their wives and the young people so they can know the doctrine well. I want to go with some trained preachers to evangelize areas which have not been reached with the gospel of

Christ. There are many areas in the northeast which have not been reached with the gospel.



Personally, the three years I have spent at the CBT have been very, very good for me because I have gotten more knowledge of the Bible so I can do the work of Christ better. Before I came to school, there were many things in the Bible I did not understand, but because I came to the school, I understand them. I have more training so that I can work as a minister better. Because of the

school, I can preach and teach better.



The Bible school has helped me to have a ministry with more nobility, respectability and richness. It has helped me to develop discipline in all that I do. I've learned how a ministry can make progress when you know that Christ is the head of all things.



Because I've spent three years at the CBT, I've discovered many beautiful things which help me personally in my life. I've also gained wonderful training which has helped me so that I can walk correctly as a servant and child of God. I've gained more moderation in all things. The time I've spent in school has changed me completely, like the apostle Paul

because there were things I used to do in ignorance. This time has also helped me as I lived together with the other students. I would advise a new student to know that they will need to have a lot of discipline. The school will not do everything for you. You will need a gentle character in all circumstances; you cannot be arrogant. If things are good or if they're not good, don't get discouraged. The one thing you need to do is put all of your confidence in the Lord, because He can do all things.



I feel truly happy and thankful for the three years I've passed in school, because this time has helped me have a new vision for the growth of the church in Haiti. The school has helped me to have a better training so that I can do a better work as a minister. My preaching is better. After I graduate, I will continue to

help the Christians at Lagosette. I have already begun evangelization in Trou du Nord to establish a church and school in this large town which has over 11,000 residents. There are only five people in the church now. Trou du Nord is situated in the middle of a large area with no churches.

