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Complexe Éducatif et Evangelique L'Amour du Bon Berger
(Trns: Good Shepherd's Love Educational and Evangelistic Organization)
Tabarre (Port Au Prince), Haiti



Fig. 1 Jean Romain with family

Executive Summary

Jean Romain is married to Merese, and have a daughter named Samuelle. Jean is the founding director of the Complexe Éducatif et Evangelique L'Amour du Bon Berger organization in Haiti. (Good Shepherd's Love Educational and Evangelistic Organization). "Good Shepherd's Love" is registered in Haiti as a non-profit NGO, and is comprised of an orphanage, schools, medical clinic and churches. Jean has a Bible school degree with Christ for the Nations (CFNI) in Dallas, TX and a Law degree from the university at Port Au Prince, Haiti.

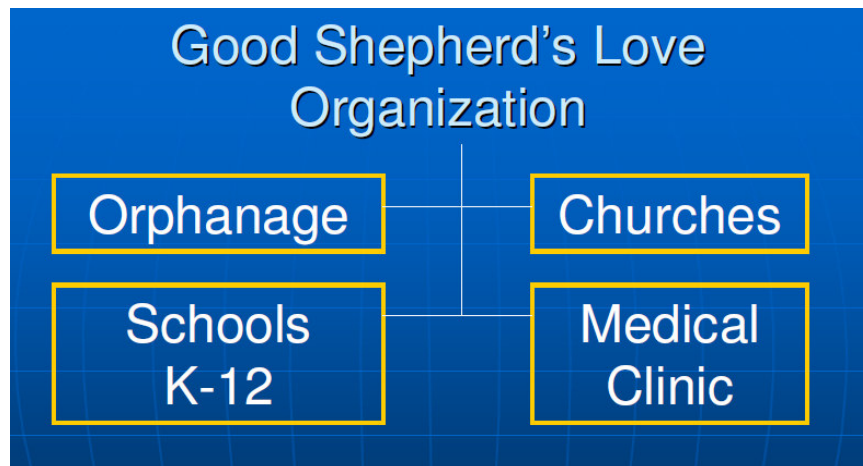


Fig. 2 Organizational Chart

Biographical Sketch

Jean Romain was born near Port Au Prince, Haiti, in the city of Tabarre, on 19 December, 1956. He lived at home until the age of 13 when his Mom passed away. Jean then befriended another family in the same area, who also had children, and who took him in as their own. One of the boys in this family was a Christian and had a strong influence in Jean's life.

The Vision

Jean received the Christian message and made a decision for Christ in 1978, at the age of 22. At one time, the pastor at the church had a prophetic word to three boys at the church, one of them Jean. The word for Jean was that God was calling him to be a pastor. At that time, Jean didn't know what a word of prophecy was, and if God was really speaking. Later, Jean became one of the elders of the church, and then was looking to continue education with a Bible school. In 1983, God gave Jean's pastor the address of a Bible training institute in Dallas, TX called Christ for the Nations (CFNI) and Jean applied to the school. Jean did not speak English. CFNI was offering a full scholarship for a Haitian student and many applied. Others spoke better English, but Jean was selected. At the end of the school year in 1984, at a final camp meeting, Jean felt called to return to Haiti and to start a ministry which would include an orphanage.

The Beginnings in Haiti

Jean had plans to marry his sweetheart, Merese, in Haiti, after graduation. As Jean returned to Haiti, he married in June 30, 1984. Merese also shared the same calling received by Jean. During the time in Texas, while studying at CFNI, Jean had made friendship with another student from East Texas who introduced him to churches, including LCF Church. Later, Jean would be recognized by this church's outreach program and supported to serve his own people. Others would follow to support the Romains as well. So with a vision and some financial support, Jean started a ministry in Haiti and began to prepare for an orphanage. The ministry would later be called L'Amour du Bon Berger, which translated means Good Shepherd's Love.

Orphanage

From 1985 to 1989, Jean and Merese purchased a property, and started building a house that would be adequate to house orphans. In 1989, the orphanage officially started with 13 boys. With the increase of financial support, the orphanage grew to 56 boys. Today, the boys' ages range from 6 to over 23. Jean felt himself as an orphan, since he was 13 years old. Per Jean, orphanages are a need in Haiti where there are thousands and thousands of orphans who live on the streets. As a result, they became thieves, delinquents, and became a danger to society. There is a need to help these orphans find a new way of living by accepting the Christian message, and be an instrument of

blessing to society. Jean's future goals for the orphanage is to extend the work further with up to 120 boys; to start a trade training institute and in the future possibly a university, in order to equip these young men with knowledge of a trade or technical skill, so they can be this instrument of blessing as strong spiritual men who can make a positive difference, and also be self-sufficient.

Meantime, the orphanage was demolished by the January 12 earthquake. Since then, a new property has been purchased for the orphanage of approximately 1.6 acres (0.6 hectares). This property is large enough to build a new large single story complex.

School K-12

At the time the orphanage started in 1989, the Romains felt the need to also establish a school, so these boys and children in general could also have adequate education in a Christian environment. The school would then not only serve the orphans, but also to the needy in the community. The main school campus, also in Tabarre, has grown in student count, from a few to almost 500 and who are educated by 48 paid teachers. Merese serves as the Kindergarten principal for ages 3-5, and there is a school principal for both middle and high schools.

Goals for the school is to have continued growth, with quality teachers, for good education is key to a strong and healthy society. The old three-story school building was demolished by the January 12th Earthquake, and so a new and larger complex will be required to continue operations and accommodate future growth. In the interim, since the Earthquake, the school is having class in Unicef donated tents.

The Tabarre campus serves as the main center, and it also coordinates six other campuses through Haiti. The six remote campuses are in the following villages or cities with the time distances listed from main campus.

Troutier, Haiti (15 minutes near the Tabarre Church) 6 teachers

Thomazeau, Haiti (90 minutes, near Medical Clinic) 4 teachers

Boc Banic, Haiti (5 hours) 4 teachers

Terre Blanche, Haiti (near Boc Banic, around 5 hours) 4 teachers

Loranette, Haiti (4 hours) 4 teachers

Biassou, Haiti (6 hours) 4 teachers

The different campuses are coordinated through the main Tabarre campus, either by phone or written communication. Supplies are distributed whenever each represented school comes to Tabarre.

Church

Jean Romain, in 1987, was serving as a pastor to a local congregation near Port-Au-Prince where he grew up. (Tabarre). He then had the opportunity to speak at another new church in Tabarre as a conference and evangelistic speaker. People responded to the Christian message there. Jean was networked with other pastors in the area, and was counseled to join the new church in Tabarre and eventually became the senior Pastor of what would later become Church of

God Christian Fellowship. The church has grown from 30 members to almost 700 members by 2010, nearly 150 new converts just in 2010 after the great earthquake. The church building was damaged but not destroyed in the earthquake, and Jean's goal for the church is to repair the building and expand the structure, and also extend the work and plant more churches.

Jean oversees other churches all located in the same location as the remote schools. Besides these, there is another church at Thomassique (90 minutes from Tabarre). There are leaders in each one of these churches. It is Jean's goal to raise up pastors to work in each one of these churches, so there was recently a need to create a Bible school.

Forty percent of Haitians are protestant evangelicals. It is Jean's goal to train young men and woman to answer the call by God into ministry, just as he did many years earlier. At the moment, twelve students are in the Bible school, which is held in a building at the Cazeau region in Tabarre. These young men and women are being trained for either general Christian service or for Pastoral training. This also provides Bible teachers the ability to also train these young men and women to better and effectively spread the Gospel in the churches.

Medical Clinic

The Good Shepherd Love's clinic in the village of Thomazeau, Haiti was founded as the result of the great needs there and surrounding areas. Thomazeau is located 90 minutes from Tabarre. It has a population of about 30,000 people, with no Hospital, and with only another medical clinic in the center of town. It has only a single interim doctor who doesn't serve every day. There is also a need in the community to have day and night service. Without any public transportation in the area, anyone living outside the city needs to walk up to an hour to get some form of treatment. Long ago Merese's mother, giving birth to Merese at Thomazeau, had to spend three days in labor before delivery. Both almost died without adequate medical attention there. Even today, the situation has not improved. So, in order to help this population with a place that provides medical care for all, and especially for women in labor, Jean has built the Good Shepherd Love's medical clinic that will offer health care to all sick and needy people, and provide the means for minor surgery. The building is complete and was not damaged by the January 12 earthquake. Jean has opened the clinic for day service and is ready to open for day and night service. At the moment, it is necessary to depend on outside medical teams to provide the constant medical support on site, but eventually it will be necessary to provide a more permanent health care solution. Jean says that they plan to continually pray for the sick, knowing that God wants to heal the body and may use the medical clinic to take care of typical physical needs.

In summary, the purpose of the "Good Shepherd's Love" organization and its different departments, i.e., the orphanage, schools, medical clinic and churches, is to promote the Christian message of Christ to all people by showing that God loves them so much that He cares for all their being: The body, soul, and spirit.