



The Drydens

Caribbean Director

A SECOND GENERATION TO MULTIPLE GENERATIONS

April – July 2026

The beginning of April always reminds me of my dad, Don Dryden, and how he got us with a “really good” prank one year. Reminders of my dad are not only in my thoughts and memories, but also in the great examples he left me. I am so thankful for parents who gave us Biblical principles to live by and also balanced ministry and family life. Although Dad has been with the Lord nearly three years, his legacy continues.



Peniel Baptist Church (PBC) was the first church my dad started in Port-de-Paix, Haiti, and the current pastors are graduates from Grace Baptist Bible Institute where we had the privilege of teaching and administrating. PBC Academy recently celebrated 50 years of ministry. Maranatha Baptist Church (MBC) was a church-plant out of PBC Academy. Pastor Nader is now faithfully preaching, teaching, and growing MBC. He, his wife, and I attended Maranatha Baptist during our teen years, and it is a great honor and privilege to continue working with him from afar. During our two decades in Haiti, I worked in the ministries of Desroulins Independent Baptist Church teaching and training others for the ministry. It was a great blessing as administrator of Grace Baptist Bible Institute to assist men in their church planting and growing efforts. Praise the Lord for 78 men who closed out their year of study in June! As you read this letter, classes will have begun with about 80 students. Thank you for your continued support of the ministry of training current and future spiritual leaders in the northwest region of Haiti.



Serving others is what God has called us to do. We are privileged to serve the ministries in Port-de-Paix, Haiti, as well as the dozens of missionaries and ministries throughout the Caribbean. During the past four months, Kerri and I have had many opportunities to serve others. We participated in a service honoring a missionary who spent decades serving in Jamaica. Fran Young (her husband Richey passed away in Jamaica in 2014) has been with Baptist International Missions, Inc. (BIMI), for 53 years showing faithfulness no matter the circumstances.

The first half of May was spent serving my family and home church in Illinois. June began with 41 missionary candidates attending BIMI Candidate School. BIMI works alongside the candidate's sending church to train them for the field God has called them to serve. Enrichment Week, the last week of June, was an opportunity to minister to ten missionary families while they took time from their summer travels to be encouraged spiritually and physically.



It was a joy during the two weeks in July to be able to serve a total of 81 young people during CAMP BIMI while they are finding where they fit in the Lord's mission field. Would you consider serving in the Lord's mission field of the Caribbean?

Serving our Lord,

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