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VISION: St. Vincent

In 1995, I had the unique privilege of visiting the Caribbean island of St. Vincent for the first time. During the two weeks that I was there, I preached every night all up and down that 20 mile long by 7 mile wide island. One-hundred and thirty-three souls came to Christ during the two weeks. Without doubt, the highlight of the trip was conducting the first service of what would ultimately be a church plant in the 5000-6000 person community of Baroullie. Since that first service, where approximately 30 were saved, Missionary Alan Berry has built the Tabernacle Baptist Church.

The week of February 10-15, 2008, our H.O.P.E Ministries team will have the privilege of taking our tent to the community of Baroullie (which now numbers between 6000-8000) for an evangelistic crusade. According to Brother Berry, we should have thousands attend each evening, with the potential of hundreds coming to Christ. Our tent will be located on a large soccer-type field right in the middle of town. Not only will our crusade be the biggest thing in town, it will be the only thing going on in town.

St. Vincent is an island steeped in false religion. Religious book stores abound on the island, with the advertisement on their signs, "Spiritual Baptist Book Store." What is being advertised is a blending of anemic Baptist doctrine, a drug induced state and spirit-ism. Reggae music had its origination on the island with, now deceased musician, Bob Marley as its chief proponent. The people speak a dialectic version of English, but understand us perfectly since they watch American television regularly.

Since this is the first time that we will conduct a crusade outside the United States, there is much, logistically, that must be done. Dr. Larry Gaetano (a H.O.P.E. Ministries board member) and a medical mission team from Faith Baptist Church in Toms River, NJ, will be accompanying us on the trip. This is the first time that we have attempted both a crusade and medical missions outreach. We need your earnest prayers for God's provision of the financial resources for the trip (approximately \$17,000 total: which includes transport of

our tent to the island, travel for our team, lodging for the week, etc.). Above all, we need God's power on the music and preached Word, that hearts might be open and attentive to the message of the gospel. Will you partner with us, financially and in prayer, that God's glorious kingdom might be advanced on this beautiful, but needy island?

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