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*Go, stand and speak in the temple  
 to the people all the words of this life. Acts 5:20*

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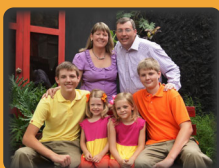
## Gener: Forced Into Slavery, Free In Christ



Men at Church volunteer to help Ariste build his home

In 1976, when the U.S.A. was celebrating its 200th year as a free nation, Gener Jean lost his freedom. Growing up in a rural farming community in Belle Anse, Haiti, Gener was visiting family 2 miles from his father's goat farm, when a Haitian lady with dual citizenship named Criciana, entered the home of his grandmother and trafficked him to La Romana, D.R., to work in her illegal Haitian Clairin (high proof sugar-cane rum) business. Beaten by Criciana and locked up at night for 14 years, Gener's life, family and friends became a distant memory. At home, the

relationship between his father and his grandmother became non-existent as the family suspected the grandmother and another man by the name of Tibabito in their sons disappearance. With no proof and knowing nothing of Criciana, Gener's father, who had received Christ that same year, drew close to the Lord and prayed for His son. Hard labor, fear, deception and hate were Gener's constant companions until Criciana married another man named Federico. Federico could not stand the way Gener was being abused and secretly helped him escape from Criciana to Ranchito de la Vega, D.R. in the 1990's. In the small pueblo of Ranchito, Gener learned a lot about agriculture and construction yet real freedom still eluded him because of the bitterness he held against Criciana. In 2007, a group of traveling Christians from the U.S. presented the gospel to Gener on a street corner and he received Christ as his personal Savior. Shortly after receiving Christ, Gener understood the truth of John 8:32 and he forgave Criciana. Providentially, Gener was able to develop a friendship with a Haitian man in Ranchito who knew where Belle Anse was located and agreed to travel there to help Gener find his family. That trip was not immediately successful but eventually his father was given a phone number that the man left behind. This year, after 39 years, Gener was reunited with his father of 81 years who had never stopped praying for him. Many tears of joy were shed and the reunion was a picture of the one we will experience with our loved ones in heaven. The Bible teaches us that the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much and even though Gener nor His father can read the Scriptures, both know God honored their prayers. Gener's new best friend? His younger brother, born in 1978 - Pastor Jean Dial, who can read the Bible now for both of them. The days have been sweet and many have heard the story of God's amazing grace.



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