

# St. Margaret Mary/St. Gabriel Parish

## Twining Mission

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### Interview between Father Fernand and Nurse Magdalena February 2018

Dear Sisters and Brothers of Saint Margaret Mary,

After what you did to help Magdalena Stimphil achieve her dream, she wanted to share with you her feelings. Please, I want you to be attentive to this interview.

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**Father Fernand:** Good Morning Nurse Magdalena. Could you, please, introduce yourself for people who are watching you.

**Nurse Magdalena:** Good Morning Father. My name is Magdalena Stimphil. I am thirty (30) years old. I have 4 sisters and 2 brothers. On January 12th, my dad passed away during the earthquake. He was died in Beau Sejour. My mother's name is Margaret Jean Baptiste.

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**Father Fernand:** Thank you. Magdalena, now you are a nurse. Tell me, how do you feel?

**Nurse Magdalena:** Father, you know, it is amazing. I am very blessed for having this privilege.

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**Father Fernand:** You said: "privilege"! Why?

**Nurse Magdalena:** It is a privilege. Because I am nurse thanks to people who helped me. Yes, I am really grateful to those wonderful people that God put on my road to help me. I mean, my family, my teachers, especially my dear friends from Canada who helped me so much. Dear, I thank you so much. For because of you, I am what I am today. Smiling.

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**Father Fernand:** Nurse, what is the importance of being educated?

**Nurse Magdalena:** Being educated is really important. For me, I can say that School is so helpful. I am what I am today because I went to School. Again, I want to express to each one of you who invested so much in my Education, and in the Education of all children in Beau Sejour. Education is a Power. It is the best gift that a person can give to someone.

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**Father Fernand:** Now, you are Nurse. And, you are working. Tell me, how do you see your life?

**Nurse Magdalena:** My life is beautiful. When my dad died, I had fear. I wondered what I am going to do. By the grace of God, I got the privilege to be taken by Father Ronal and other people to go studying for the community. Let me take a moment to thank Msgr. Philippe, Father Ronal. They did so much to help Beau Sejour to have such extraordinary people as friends who came to help and serve my community. We have these friends thanks to Msgr. Philippe, Father Bill and Father Ronal. The Catholic Church plays a significant role in my country. In many places like Beau Sejour, children go to School thanks to the presence of Catholic Church. I also have to mention that each month, I have a salary. It is Holy Family Catholic Church in USA which gives me the salary. It is very interesting. Thank you to Deacon Peter and Mrs. Karen.

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**Father Fernand:** What are you doing in Beau Sejour?

**Nurse Magdalena:** I am here to take care of people. As Nurse, I provide healthcare to the community. People come very far to come here to get care. It is a grace. With my presence, people don't need to go down the mountains to go to seek healthcare. That's why I was sent to study. In the Pharmacy, there are materials for Dr. Steve. Each year, we have two medicals visit. Doctors and Nurses from Florida come to visit and do clinic mobile. They also bring medicines for Pharmacy. They visit us in March and in December. They are doing great job in the community.

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**Father Fernand:** How do you impact the community with your presence?

**Nurse Magdalena:** Yes, Father. I do impact the community. If before many girls didn't take seriously their studies and their life, now they look at me. Many of the imitate me. Here, I advise them and encourage them to resist, to study and to work hardly in order to be successful in life. Many of my students would like to become nurses.

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**Father Fernand:** What other things you do in the community?

**Nurse Magdalena:** I am also teacher at the School.

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**Father Fernand:** Great! What about other former students?

**Nurse Magdalena:** Some of them became: Engineers, Agronomists, and Lawyers. Now, the principal of the School is a former student. You see, our community is moving forward. Because of the generous contribution of our donators.

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**Father Fernand:** What is the last thing you want to say?

**Nurse Magdalena:** Thanks. Thank you to all of you who invested in me. Thank you to you, dear Friends, you gave me the privilege to visit the USA during my last year in University. Know that you did so much for me.

Please, I do ask you to continue to invest in the Education of my community. Know that you are doing a great job here. Through your contributions, I am a Nurse. Through your contributions, you make Education possible to all of students in Beau Séjour. Through your contributions, you bring development in Haiti. I encourage you to continue what you began. It is beautiful. I am so grateful to you.

God bless you. I love you so much.

Thank you to my mom. I love her.

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**Father Fernand:** Thank you, Nurse Magdalena.

