



Haiti Update - Summer 2022

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Dear Friends,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus! I pray you are well and are encouraged as you rest in His abundant love for you.... I have been growing more and more in the knowledge and awareness of that amazing love in these past few months—what an awesome Savior we have!

I was able to be in Haiti last month, along with Frank Vaughn, Don Mobley, and another group member. Though I have frequent contact with our director, his wife, our boys, and others during the week via WhatsApp, it was really special to be there in person with them. The insecurity of the country and COVID have caused us to cancel our plans to go several times.

Many people have asked if things in Haiti are “getting better.” From what we can see, the answer would be no. Most of the area around Port-au-Prince, the capital city, is controlled by violent, armed gangs. These gangs support themselves by robberies and kidnapping for ransom. Those who have their commerce in these areas must pay the gangs to be able to continue to sell their goods, causing the prices to increase. Cost of living has increased dramatically for the entire country. Gasoline is difficult to find and very expensive. Some say the country, already very poor, is on the verge of economic collapse.

But—our hope is not in the economics of a country, but in the kingdom of God! Our churches are continuing to grow strong in the Lord. We met with all our pastors and listened to them share about their areas of ministry. They did not try to minimize the economic and spiritual struggles of the churches but shared how the Lord is working in the midst of these difficult times to encourage His people.



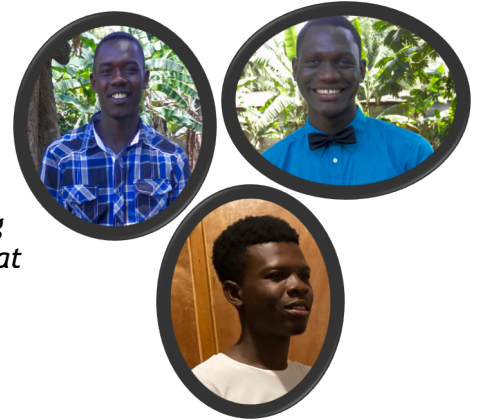
Just this month, several churches in Grande Riviere gathered together for a five-day conference on Christian living. They met in different churches each evening, with the pastors sharing the teaching times. Pastor Dominique said the churches were packed to overflowing every night with people who are hungry to learn more about the practical areas of following Christ! This conference was something they did on their own, which is exciting!





While there, we had a late Christmas party with the orphans. Though we had sent some of their gifts to them at Christmas time, they always want us to be there for the party. It is such a delight to see them eat the special meal with plenty of meat, something they get very little of. There is never a crumb of meat left over!

The school year in Haiti will be ending this month. Three of our boys—Jamesly, Djohnsly and Belky—are in college now. They each face a myriad of challenges. I have frequent contact with them, counseling, encouraging, and praying with them, continually pointing them to the One who loves them so deeply. Our greatest desire is that they will follow Christ with everything in them!



Our God is continuing His work, and we are thankful to be a part of it! Please continue to pray that His kingdom will go forward in Haiti and that His people will be encouraged to spread His love and His truth more and more!

Blessings in Him,

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