



# Haiti Update

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*Dear Friends,*

*Greetings in the lovely Name of our Lord Jesus! I'm so thankful for His faithfulness, His tender care, His compassion, His continual guidance in our lives! I'm grateful for the privilege of working with Him in the Harvest fields of this world....*

*Haiti remains a country in much turmoil and instability with no elected government, the capitol city (Port-au-Prince) overrun by violent gangs, costs of everything skyrocketing, poverty and starvation levels increasing dramatically. Because of this instability, schools all over the country have missed many days, even months of functioning this past year. Many hospitals and clinics have closed. It has become difficult to get fuel, causing organizations that depend on generators for electricity to have to shut down their operations. Things are dark and difficult, with no solution in sight.*



*But, even in the darkness, God is working! He has not forgotten His children there. They are continuing to cry out to Him for help in the midst of trouble and are finding Him faithful. I was able to be in Haiti for almost a week over Memorial Day weekend. Frank Vaughn, our Haiti Field Director, was able to be there also. On our first day, we met with our National Committee, which is made up of 5 of our pastors. Each one had encouraging reports from their churches and districts about how the Lord is helping their people. There was no discouragement there! Please do remember our nine churches and pastors, that they will keep encouraged in the Lord and be a bright light in the darkness surrounding them.*

*On Saturday morning, I had a Bible study with our orphans and the director's children. They have all grown up so much! Some are now in college, some in high school, and three in elementary school (including the director's youngest boy). Our time together was precious as we read and discussed the words of Jesus in Matthew 5-7, ending our time with singing and prayer. That evening, we had a special meal and a party together - something they all look forward to when we are there, with lots of laughter and fun.*



*On Sunday, after the morning service, I met with some of the boys individually. As we talked and prayed together, the Lord's presence was with us. The first boy (Perside) asked forgiveness for some wrongdoing and told me that he had asked God's forgiveness the night before. The next one (LaCroix) had never given his heart to the Lord, thinking that the Christian life was something he could never attain to. As I shared with him that Jesus would actually live in him if he would give his heart to Him, that He would give him the power and grace to daily walk with him, he was ready to give his heart and life to Jesus! What a delight to pray together with him as he surrendered to the Lord! And then there was another.... Belky, who will be graduating with an Associate Degree in Building Construction this August, gave his heart to the Lord as I told him that the Lord will forgive when we confess our sins, and that He will cleanse us completely from those sins. He sobbed as he prayed in repentance and put his faith in Jesus....*



*What joy! What delight! Through tears I told these boys that the angels in Heaven were celebrating that afternoon. I'm sure that my dear husband was joining in that celebration!!*



*Please do help us pray for these boys as they grow in their spiritual lives, learning to walk with Jesus moment by moment. Please also pray for Djohnsly, who has one more year to finish Bible College in Carrefour (near Port-au-Prince). He is doing well and continues to grow in his walk with the Lord.*

*Through our Good Samaritan Fund, we continue to help with desperate needs: hunger, medical, educational, etc. If you would feel the Lord directing you to contribute to these needs, funds may be sent to Hope International Missions, designated for the Haiti Good Samaritan Fund. May the Lord bless you as you shine for Him wherever you are!*

*Blessings in Him,*

*Daryl Hobbs*