



HAITI UPDATE

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Dear Friends,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus, who brought us out of darkness into His glorious light! What a privilege it is to be part of the family of God.

After canceling our plans for trips to Haiti several times in the past two years due to unrest in the country, the Lord opened the doors for us (Jim Howard, Frank Vaughn, and myself) to go into Haiti in March this year. The unrest, violence, and instability is not getting any better, but the area we went into has been fairly stable. Many parts of Haiti are under terroristic gangs with people fleeing their homes, buildings burning, schools and hospitals closed, etc. The government is almost nonexistent. Though we keep in close contact with our people there several times a week, it just is not quite the same as being there in person.

It was wonderful to meet with nine of our ten pastors! They expressed over and over what an encouragement it was to them that we were able to come in spite of the troubled times in the country. Pastor Rodrigue and Pastor Dominique taught a two-day seminar for them, ending with a time of sharing from each pastor and a delicious meal together. It was exciting for us to hear directly from them how God is helping in their churches. Two of the churches are overflowing with no room even to put extra chairs! These churches need larger buildings. Two other pastors shared how their congregations are meeting in makeshift shelters. They do not have money to build, but each of these churches have begun hauling sand and gravel to be able to get started as soon as the Lord provides.

Our orphan boys are doing well. We had a party with them while we were there, enjoying a wonderful meal together and playing games. I also took time with each one individually to hear their hearts, to encourage them in their walk with the Lord, and to pray with them. Jamesley is now in his fifth and final year of civil engineering at a university in Cap Haitian. Belky graduated

from a two-year construction program and is still in the process of gaining experience by working with others whenever he can. Djohnsly graduated from Bible college this past February. He is such a delight to us! He really loves God and is a great blessing at the orphanage. He looks for things that need to be done and jumps right in to help. He is planning to enter a two-year program for mechanics this fall so he will be able to support himself.



We continue to support the education of several children not a part of the orphanage through our Vulnerable Children Fund. Most of these children are very young, but we do have one we are supporting in nursing school. Her mother is a widow with no outside income, so she was not able to help her with education. We have known Sandra for many years and have been impressed by her love for God and commitment to serve Him. She is currently in her second year of the nursing program and recently went through her capping ceremony. It is a joy to be able to help her in this way!

There are many financial needs for the ongoing work in Haiti. I am mentioning a few of them here so you will be aware and can help pray about these needs. If you or your church would like to help with any of these, funds may be sent to HIM at the address listed at the top of this letter.

- Orphan College Education - \$4,000/per year/per student
- Vulnerable Children Education - \$5,000/per year
- Orphanage Maintenance Fund - \$7,000/per year
- New Church Buildings (four) - \$25,000/each for the larger churches (200-260 people attending each); \$15,000/each for the smaller churches (approximately 80 people attending each)
- Good Samaritan Fund – any amount to help with urgent needs for food or medical expenses

Please do pray for Haiti that God's kingdom will continue to go forward in the midst of all the turmoil, violence, and instability in the country.

Blessings in Christ,

Daryl Hobbs

