



Dear Friends, we hope you had a blessed summer. We had wonderful time vacationing and visiting with family and friends in the United States. We truly could not have asked for a more relaxed, refreshing time. While we spent this time in the US, our hearts were constantly being drawn to Haiti. Over the last few months they have had a presidential assassination resulting in political insecurity, a major earthquake, a hurricane, gas shortages, and ongoing safety concerns due to gang violence and kidnappings in many parts of the country. While all this was going on, we were able to stay in touch with the Young Adults through texts, by sending them daily scripture readings, praying with and for them and sending them money for school and basic needs. We are happy to say all are healthy and doing well, praise God!

### ***Church Visits - Big News!***

One of the great privileges we get to have during the summer is our ability to present at churches in RI. This summer we were able to visit with our brothers and sisters at North Kingston Assembly of God and First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist in Ashaway. We brought with us a video of testimonies from some of our older Young Adults. It was their opportunity to practice sharing their faith with others. Along with



the video, we also shared some big news regarding the ministry. We would like to share this news with you now.

***“To everything there is a season. A time for every purpose under heaven.”***

***Ecclesiastes 3:1***

We are entering into a season of transition as God seems to be closing one door and opening another. Five years ago, He called us to Haiti to live with a group of young adults from Loving Hands Orphanage who needed discipleship, a place to safely live and a way to make a future for themselves. It has been an incredible journey and we have seen God’s hand consistently guiding us. We have learned a lot about discipleship, Haiti and the culture, how best to help in missions and what it’s like to live and serve in a third world country.

***“Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and He will establish your plans.”***

***Proverbs 16:3***

Earlier this year we came to the realization that, with some of the Young Adults graduating and others leaving the program, our numbers are getting smaller. There will be a four year gap before another child ages out of the orphanage and our most recent addition to the program, instead of moving him to PAP, was reunified with his grandmother. We helped get their house fixed up and this is where he will live to go to school. This is called family reunification and is the way we hope to do ministry with the Young Adults in the future. With all these changes, as we prayed and sought God’s plan for us and the ministry, we began to realize God was telling us it was time to move back to the US. So that is what we are in the process of doing now.

***“Not to us, Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness.”***

***Psalms 115:1***

We would like to share some of the highlights of the past 5 years, not to glorify us but to give God the glory for all He has done.

- We have five Young Adults who graduated high school, one more hopes to this school year, two are in university and graduating this fall, one received an education for a trade and three are going to professional school.

- We had two Young Adults who made public proclamations of faith through baptism and we have seen many of the Young Adults grow stronger in their faith and knowledge of God's Word through Bible study.
- During our time with the Young Adults we encouraged them with practical applications of scripture as teachable moments arose in their personal lives. We showed them how to apply scripture to those situations in order for God to direct them. We also met with them one on one and prayed with them.
- While in country we had the opportunity to share the Gospel with the people who visited us in our home, as we went out and about the country and in our neighborhood. We had several come to Christ, prayed with many individuals and families and passed out numerous Bibles. We encouraged others in the Word as they came to our Bible study, at Haiti Teen Challenge, by having Bible study at the orphanage, by holding a huge neighborhood VBS and at a Celebrate Recovery seminar.
- We personally have grown in our faith by learning how to fully rely on God. Leaving everything behind to serve in a foreign country was not easy but God never failed us. We truly believe He has used all the events of these past five years, both positive and negative, for His good and for His glory. It has been amazing to be a part of His work. We wouldn't change a thing.

In conclusion, we believe the Young Adults graduating this year now have a good head start on their lives in Haiti and those who are following them will as well. They are equipped with an education and to share the light of Jesus wherever they go. Currently, the EK Program is running well. 2020 showed us we could support the Young Adults in every way remotely, which we plan on continuing to do. God willing, we do plan to return to Haiti at least once a year to meet with the Young Adults in the EK Program and to visit with the staff and children at Loving Hands Orphanage.

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## *Haiti*



At the end of September we returned to our beloved Haiti to begin the process of packing and moving. We were blessed to have a meeting with Osner, our director at Loving Hands Orphanage. He is such a godly man whom we are blessed to have watching over the children, running the orphanage and helping us with the reunification of our newest member in the EK Program. We discussed business, updated him on the young adults in Espere Kay and told him personally about our move back to the US. We are so thankful to the Lord for giving us this time together and for keeping Osner safe in his travels to see us.

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## *Prayer*

### **Praises Reports:**

Praise God for our blessed summer with family and friends

For watching over us in our travels

For keeping the young adults safe and well during all the turmoil in Haiti

For our blessed visits with area churches in RI and our meeting with Osner

## **Prayer Requests:**

Prayers for our meetings and Bible studies with the young adults while in Haiti

Wisdom as we pack and move

The young adult's safety, school year and continued spiritual maturity

A successful finish to the school year and graduation for our two university students

An end to gang violence and kidnappings, end of the gas shortage, relief for those affected by the earthquake and hurricane and for a stable, Christian government

For the Gospel to continue going forth in Haiti

Our continued wisdom in leading the ministry

Our transition to living once again in the US

Traveling mercies both in Haiti and the US

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***God has truly blessed this ministry. We thank you again for your prayers for the Espere Kay Program and for us in the the work we have been able to do and will continue to do for Jesus in Haiti.***

**God Bless,  
Deb and Dave**