



Helping Haiti's Orphans

James 1:27

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March 2020 Newsletter

Happy Spring Everyone!

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever – Psalm 118:1

Greetings from sunny Florida. We were hoping to begin our newsletter this month with a group picture of us with all the young adults in Haiti. When we wrote our last newsletter, we had no idea how much all our lives would be changing. Coronavirus is reshaping and remaking our world right before our very eyes. We had our flight planned to return to Haiti on March 26, but God had a different plan. During the week before our flight we packed up Dad and sent him back to RI. The week of our travel, we were given the news our flight had been canceled and the airport in Haiti was closing until further notice. We cannot thank God enough, once again, for directing our paths and having everything in place for us to be able to minister from here. Thanks to you, our wonderful sponsors, our young adults are all safe and continue to be provided for.

Accepting the fact we could not have a group photo, we thought it might be fun to ask the young adults to send us pictures from home, school, church, whatever they wanted. These are the responses we got. We hope you enjoy seeing their faces. Please keep them in prayer as Haiti currently has 18 known cases (at time of writing this newsletter) of the virus. There is limited/poor health care and testing. We have shared information with them about sheltering in place (which is currently mandated by the government), correct procedures about washing hands, social distancing, etc. We send daily scriptures, pray with and for them, text often and Dave is in the process of putting together a weekly Bible Study for them. They are doing all they can and are praying just as we all are. Many prayers came pouring in for all of us when the disease was here in the US and had yet to make it to Haiti. Now they humbly ask for your prayers for God's continued blessing and covering over their nation as they have so few resources at their disposal. Thank you.



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MIRLANDE AT A SCHOOL PARTY



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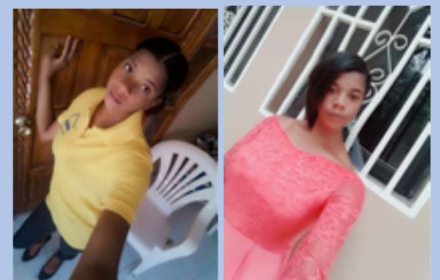
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God's Blessings

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus – Philippians 4:19



While here in Florida, God has connected us with a woman named Marcia who makes items to help support missionaries in their work. One country she makes things for is Haiti! Some of the items she makes are sewing kit cards, crocheted wall hangings, and notepad cards, all of which include scriptures and Biblical sayings on them in Creole. She also makes layettes for newborn babies which include much needed items. We asked if she would be willing to provide us some items for our ministry, Haiti Teen Challenge, and a clinic run by our neighbor's wife. She blessed us greatly with many things to take back with us when we return to Haiti. We can use these items to encourage and bless others as well as share the Gospel. She also blessed us with a delicious take out meal of barbecue. *LORD, we glorify you and thank you for new friends in Christ and for your unexpected provision for our ministry. May You continue to bless the work of Marcia's hands as she blesses missionaries like us.*

How can we help?

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do – Ephesians 2:10



With Marcia being such a blessing to us, we wanted to know how we could help her. She gave us the task of rolling bandages. We have torn sheets into strips for her to sew and have rolled fifty bandages so far. We are getting ready to return those and ask for more. She sends these bandages to hospitals in poor countries like Haiti. We are thankful to have this extra task to do while we spend time sheltering in place. While we continue to stay in touch with the young adults and run the ministry from here, we are also praying and asking God for ways in which He wants to use us during this time of waiting. We have reached out to the elderly population here and offered to do their shopping for them. So far no one has taken us up on this offer. Instead God has asked us to shelter in place and He has been placing people on our hearts to reach out to. We text or email and ask how they are doing. We offer to pray for them. In this time of isolation it's so important for the Body of Christ (the church) to lovingly reach out to our neighbors and loved ones. "Love your neighbors as yourself." (Matt 22:39). Just pray and ask God what He would have you do. Listen for the leading of the Holy Spirit and then do whatever He calls you to. He may ask you to check in with someone who is feeling lonely. He may ask you to share the Gospel. Who knows? Just do whatever He asks of you. You will find the days take on a greater importance when you are doing the Lord's work.

Prayer

The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective – James 5:16b

In this time of great uncertainty and trial, we have a choice to make. Are we going to run towards God or away from Him? In Luke 10:27, we are told to love God with all our heart, soul, strength and mind. This means staying rooted in Him, worshiping Him in all circumstances, and loving Him with all we have. We are also called to put all our hope and trust in God. It says in Isaiah 26:3 “You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.” When we pray to God, we are inviting Him into our circumstances and letting Him know we trust Him for the outcome. In return He gives us His perfect peace in knowing He is in control. One good thing that can come from COVID 19 is an opportunity for many in the body of Christ to slow down, be still, and pray. Are you feeling as if you have no control over this situation? Do you wonder if, and when, it will end? Are you stuck at home sheltering in place and feeling like you want to do something, but you don’t know what? How about praying. A wise man recently said, “If we, the body of Christ, are not praying for this whole situation, who is?” Think about that for a moment. We are the children who worship the One True God Who is All Powerful and Almighty. We can go directly to the throne room of God through the great intercessor, Jesus Christ, and ask Him to work on our behalf. Please join with us in committing yourselves to prayer each day. Whatever God’s Holy Spirit is calling you to. Call friends, family, loved ones and offer to pray for them. Pray through texts, social media, etc. It doesn’t matter how you pray, just pray because if we don’t, who will?

Some Possible Topics for Prayer:

- An end to the pandemic
- Many to come to repentance and salvation through Jesus Christ
- God’s healing power
- Leaders
- Workers
- Those dealing with mental health issues
- The elderly, caregivers
- Parents, teachers, children
- The economy (national and international)
- Unemployment
- Those in need
- For God to use this for His glory



This list is by no means exhaustive. Ultimately, it’s important for us to pray as Christ did in the garden by saying, “...not my will but Yours be done.” Thank God for all He has done, is doing, and will do. Remember Who you are praying to, the Lord Almighty, King of the Universe, our Abba Father who loves us. Nothing is impossible for Him and He always wants what’s best for us. Rest in His perfect peace and trust in His perfect plan.

We love you and are praying for you. Stay safe and be well.

In Christ, Deb and Dave