

Haiti Current Status

The Mission is blessed to report that our compound at Bremen and church plants at Boucan Moran and Cote de Fer are all operating safely. We give all thanks to God for His protection and the perseverance of the communities. The progress today is measured in food supply, water supply and operation of the churches and schools on a routine basis. There is some building activity when supplies and funds are available in both Bremen and Boucan Moran. We have had a wedding recently on the Bremen compound. All these events are not the norm for the larger cities and suburbs of Haiti.

The large cities are still suffering daily crimes against humanity in the killing, kidnaping, and rape of citizens. Their homes are either destroyed or taken over by the gang members. Several large missions have had their entire compounds taken over and used by the gangs as storage depots for the weapons and vehicles the gangs operate. This activity occurs daily in the Port au Prince area and other major cities in Haiti. The Haitian police (PNH) are out manned and out gunned by the gangs. Many of the police are even members of the gangs. Currently there is no government in Haiti. The elections are years past due and all the terms for the presidency, parliament and judges have expired. The only remaining official is the appointed Prime Minister, Henry Ariel. He is powerless to help Haiti. The UN Security Council recognizes the situation and is calling for an intervention of volunteer militia to go into Haiti and neutralize the gangs. So far, no United Nations Country is willing to commit troops to carry out this task.

Many of us are asking why this situation in Haiti is allowed to continue. While there are many events of larger proportions occurring in the world today, does this lessen the importance of Haiti's trials? For those working, supporting, and pouring the love of Jesus into our Haitian communities, there is nothing more important than helping Haiti. The resilient Haitian people know that God is in control. They have faith that He is and will continue to be with them. They pray every day for peace to return. They praise God for His protection and goodness to them. They fully understand that God allows trials and tribulation in our lives. He uses those difficult times to test our faith, grow our faith and strengthen our spirits to continue His purpose in each of us. Just as we see in Daniel 3: 12-33, the Lord walks with us through the fire and uses our faith as an example of the love, security, and His power to take us safely through the trial. The results observed can change the hearts of unbelievers and offer Hope and Love through Jesus to an entire nation. May it be so for Haiti.

Praise, Prayers and Projects

Our Praise and Thanksgiving for the family of Agape supporters. You are the reason that our mission continues to work with the Haitian communities in Bremen, Boucan Moran and Cote de Fer. Your prayers, volunteer hours and financial support keep us preaching, teaching and caring for those in need.

Special thanks to Central Christian Church Way Café Class and First Christian Church of Abingdon for providing groups of workers to pack a total of 48 boxes of Kids Against Hunger Meals. These boxes total 10,368 super charged nutrition meals. You guys are amazing and we love you.

Upcoming Projects:

1. Linda and Steve along with Jenny and Paul Gebhart will be traveling to Underwood, Indiana on March 9-10 to review and observe the Water for the World purification system for possible use on the Bremen compound in Haiti. Please cover this team in prayer for safe travel and wisdom. I will report our findings on this trip as soon as we return. The unit we would use costs approximately \$3,000. That includes a solar system for powering the unit and the purchase of a new 500 gallon clean tank for purified water.
2. Fundraiser for the Mission in late Spring. We will be auctioning three storage units of garage sale items through a local auction company. Please pray for wisdom as we search the company to use for the auction and the volunteers we will need to sort and transport the items for auction to the auction location. I will provide more details in the coming weeks for dates. We will need lots of bidders in attendance for the auction to be a success for the mission. I will need everyone's help to advertise and talk up the great things to be auctioned. The proceeds from this sale will be used for the construction of the Medical Clinic on the compound. This would be the home of the Malnutrition Clinic with our current 75 infants and toddlers as patients. We have \$10,000 of the \$30,000 needed for this project.

Prayer Requests:

1. Pray daily for Haiti. The population grows weary of the food insecurity and daily violence.
2. Pray for our School and Clinic that they may continue to stay open for service to the community.
3. Pray for the churches at Bremen, Boucan Moran and Cote de Fer. Our church at the Bremen Compound is the larger church with the most potential for a harvest of believers when this violence ends. We believe that God is getting us ready for this harvest all across Haiti.
4. Pray for the leadership of this mission to continue to walk in God's will for His work in Haiti.

We continue to press on with the mission work knowing that our God is in control and will provide our needs to win Haiti for Jesus. Please let Linda know if you have any questions or have fundraising ideas for the mission. Let her know if you are available to help with any of the projects. You are the Agape family.

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