

VanDervort Report



Prayer Needs:

- For Haiti's country, churches, and leaders
- Safety and wisdom during the political unrest
- Protection for our son-in-law during his deployment

Haiti Happenings

Greetings from Haiti. Spring is well underway and hopefully the cold weather is behind you. We experienced a few "cool" months with the nighttime temperatures dipping into the low 70's. It makes for comfortable sleeping, though it's starting to heat up again (in more ways than one).

Haiti continues with political problems. Opposition to the current president remains active. For two years, we've dealt with "peyi loc", the roads all closed with barricades and burning tires. Though we still see this on a lesser scale, we are now dealing with well-armed gangs and many kidnappings. This past weekend alone twelve kidnappings took place, including priests, nuns and doctors. Several hospitals have closed until their staff are released, although they will still treat emergencies. We seldom go to Port-au-Prince and only go to St. Marc when necessary. We are so thankful for the internet. It allows us to stay connected and informed.

We are doing well, thanks to your prayers. We are planning on retiring at the end of this year. Please pray for us and Global Reach as we make plans for PHH for the near future. There are many decisions to be made and we ask for God's wisdom and grace as we make these plans. We also ask for prayer for Rod and Mila Ayers as they continue to seek God's will for their ministry in Haiti.

Thank you, again, for your partnership with us in the ministry in Haiti.

Mike & Dawn



Love is all around



Such a thoughtful gift presented by one of the local churches as a token of their appreciation.

God's work never stops

In spite of the political and socio-economic problems, we see evidence of God working in Haiti. Our churches remain open and well attended. Pastor Watson just sponsored a conference for the chaplain ministry, the Friday and Saturday of Easter weekend. It was well attended and three people accepted Christ as their Savior. PTL!

We are currently working with Pastor Dorcé Saintçoit, planning a pastors' conference. Pastor Dorcé is the pastor of our church in Gilbert and he also serves as the President of all of our churches in Block B. The Haitian Conference of Churches of God is divided into three Blocks, A, B, and C. Each Block has a president and they serve on the administrative council along with Pastor Luc Jacob and Pastor Milus Tilus. Pastor Luc is the current President and Pastor Milus the V.P. of the conference. The current Block Presidents are Pastor Walner, Pastor Smith, and Pastor Dorcé.

Please remember these men in prayer as they serve in their various rolls and, also, pray for our churches. The hospital continues to be busy. Between the clinic and the hospital many people are having their physical needs attended to.

Currently, we are working with a clinic in St. Marc to provide cervical cancer screening clinic. This cancer is one of most leading causes of death in Haiti for women. They are hoping to reach 3000 women.

We are thankful for the Chaplain Ministry and Pastor Watson for serving as Chaplain, attending to the spiritual needs of our patients.

The nursing and physical therapy school are operating in Frecyneau, and training a new generation of nurses and physical therapists.



On a personal note...



Though we seldom share personal pleas, we felt it was necessary to let you know when our head cook Foufoune, needed help with a new roof.

Foufoune, and those of us who love her, extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who so graciously donated towards a replacement roof!

As you pray for us and our ministry in Haiti, we also ask that you keep our family in prayer. Though we know that we are where God wants us to be, it's difficult to miss holidays, birthdays, anniversaries, and other special events. Additionally, our son-in-law is still deployed to the Middle East. We look forward to reuniting with our family and spending special time together.

Again, thank you for partnering with us on this unique, special, and impactful journey!

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