

# THE SAÜL FAMILY

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## Praises

We thank God for my wife's alma mater high school in Hawaii and the students there who raised four months' worth of food packets for the clinic feeding program!

## Upcoming Events

This month, we are looking forward to welcoming our Bethesda Elementary School staff and students back for a new academic year.

In October, we plan to hold a VBS program for the children in our community. Thanks to a very generous gift from the children in a supporting church in Hanover, each one who participates in our VBS this year will go home with a goodie bag filled with toys, food, and items to share with their family members.



Bethesda Elementary School



Overnight Youth Retreat



## Update from the Field

Dear Friends & Partners in the Gospel,

A month ago, a popular Haitian radio host shared on air her frustration with the rising insecurity in the country. She stated, "Anyone who stays in this country will most likely die by gunshot." Unfortunately, that same night, coming from the radio station, she was gunned down while entering her house.

When things get bad in Haiti, people are encouraged to stay home. By now, I'm sure you all have heard how President Jovenel Moise was brutally murdered in front of his wife, *in his own home*. Not even the head of the nation, who was supposed to have the highest level of security, was safe at home. The US embassy has been flooded with Haitians desperate to flee Haiti and be granted TPS (Temporary Protected Status) in the US. Almost no visas are being approved or renewed at this time, even for those who have held US visas for years without problems. Since 2020, an estimated 80% of missionaries in Haiti have returned back to their home countries.

Because of the security situation, as well as continued COVID-19 regulations restricting large gatherings, we decided to cancel Salem Bible Institute this summer. It was a difficult decision to make and very discouraging to the staff and pastors who were looking forward to the event. However, I have witnessed many things revealing that God is clearly not finished with Haiti yet!

I'll detail one of them. A few Sundays ago, one of the government officials in our community attended our church service. That morning, he responded to the invitation to receive Christ as his Savior and got saved! While it may seem that there is nowhere in Haiti this man could possibly go to be safe, he has chosen the most secure destination of all - Heaven - for his soul (John 14:2). The miracle that is God's salvation plan is still being fulfilled in Haiti. Amen!

We continue to minister to the youth in our church through small gatherings on campus. The first week of August, we hosted 27 teens for an overnight retreat, while the rest of the community partied in the streets all night long in "honor"

Dani's Cooking Demo



Computer Class



## Thank You!

We thank you for remembering the work here and ask that you continue to pray for us to do His will, whatever and wherever that may be. Thank you as well for contributing financially to our ministry for the cause of Christ.

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of the patron saint of our area. Unfortunately, there was nothing honorable about that celebration. The parents in our church were so thankful that we provided an alternate, Christ-honoring activity for their kids. One of the highlights was Dani's cooking demonstration, teaching them to make corn dogs!

We are very excited to announce a brand new project that we started on campus. As technology becomes a part of our everyday life, even in the most remote areas of Haiti, many of our people see the need to have a basic knowledge of computers. In the current situation, where gang power and wealth are so desirable to the Haitian youth especially, we want to break the cycle of destruction and empower them to build a better life for themselves. Our goal in starting **SALEM Technical Institute** is to create a safe and supportive environment for them to learn computer skills.

At the moment, we offer two typing classes for our youth group that meet twice a week. During the school year, we will offer weekend classes to the children in our elementary school, as well as classes each fall for the pastors who attend our SALEM Bible Institute. The computers we are currently using are Compaq desktops that were donated to me by Bob Jones University after I graduated in 2008. After noticing that they filled a warehouse with old computers which had been replaced by newer models, I asked the IT department if they would be willing to donate some to our ministry in Haiti. They were happy to share, and about two dozen units found themselves in Haiti shortly after, thanks to a generous organization in NC who shipped them for free. They have been a huge blessing over the last 13 years, but these computers have reached the end of their journey. *A good deed can last forever, but the object through which that good deed was accomplished may not last.*

## ***Needs for SALEM Technical Institute***

Initially, we will need to raise \$4,800 to slowly replace our outdated desktops. After that, we will need \$900/month for teacher compensation, materials for the students, software, maintenance, and electricity. Please pray with us for this new outreach and for the needed funds to accomplish it. We believe that the investment of time and finances it requires will be invaluable to those involved.

His servant,  
Royden Saül

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