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Dear Concerned Friends,

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It is always our joy to keep in touch with you through our newsletters. What a privilege to remain yoked together with you in spite of the distance and time that separate us. Your continuous support means a lot to us and is highly appreciated. As I write this letter, my thoughts go back 45 years to when the Lord first sent me to the village of Bassin. I used to focus on the rough roads, the poverty, the lack of electricity, running water, supermarkets, telephones, police stations, and so on. I remember that most of the houses had grass roofs with just a few pieces of furniture inside. No one in the village had a gas stove or a refrigerator. Nobody owned a car. And the worst part by far was that the majority of the people were deeply involved in satanic voodoo practice. Through the years, many things have changed. Haiti, including Bassin, has made some progress towards modernization, which has made life more convenient. Unfortunately, in spite of those changes, living in peace has become more of a struggle than it used to be 45 years ago. Material changes are not what the world needs to be better.

“But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound.” Romans 5:20

God’s grace continues to abound toward us in that He gives us opportunities to share the Gospel through our different ministries. He also keeps us safe in spite of the continued rise of armed gangs, hijackings, theft, kidnappings, road blockades, etc. We are thankful that He faithfully provides for our personal needs and allows us to fulfill our financial obligations for 36 church leaders and child evangelists, a team of 22 staff on campus (including school teachers, cooks, and watchmen), 11 full-time workers in the clinic, 39 high school and university students, and occasional assistance to families and individuals in need. We have been able to continue our special projects, such as the elementary school feeding program, the clinic feeding program, child evangelism, youth ministry, Salem Bible Institute, construction, equipment replacement, etc. By His grace, the Lord puts Haiti on your hearts and uses you to make our ministry possible. Great is His faithfulness!

CHURCH

Attendance remains steady, with no social distancing or mask requirements. Our traditional Sunday school party that we missed last year was held Easter Sunday. Up until now, the Lord has spared our population from the ravages of COVID-19 and kept the mortality rate very low. However, a new variant from England started to cause a spike in cases towards the end of May. We pray that it will pass quickly and not cause damage to our population.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

We thank God that since reopening this year, classes were not disturbed by either the pandemic or political unrest. Lord willing, our students will complete the school year at the end of July.

CLINIC

The Lord continues to honor our faith and provide for this particular ministry. Our biggest problem is the overwhelming number of patients each day. Even before the gate opens in the morning, the number of patients waiting already exceeds our capacity for the day. It’s so sad to have to register their names and tell them to return the next day. We continue to pray for willing individuals who are experienced in the medical field to serve alongside us. In addition to the increase in patients, we’ve also experienced more attempted burglaries. Because of this, we’ve had to weld iron bars to all the windows and change all exterior wooden doors to iron.

YOUTH MINISTRY (Pictured below on left)

While most missions decided to cancel their youth retreats because of political unrest in March, the Lord guided us to postpone it a few weeks instead. We held it during the Easter holiday, which was a great success. Youth outreach is needed now more than ever. We thank God for the special attention Royden and his wife pay to that age group, whom the world with its pleasures covets so much.

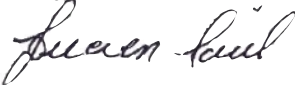
SALEM BIBLE INSTITUTE (Pictured below center)

We thank God for the Bible school, which impacts the whole country. As of now, it's not completely clear whether this year's session will be possible, due to the recent rise in COVID cases. But by faith, we are planning to hold SALEM on August 2nd-27th. Please pray for wisdom as well as financial provision to make it possible. Our goal is to host 250 students, and we are struggling to keep the cost at \$150 per student in spite of inflation. So far, 26.66% of the needed funds have been collected by our mission board.

CLASSROOM EXPANSION PROJECT (Pictured below on right)

We started construction at the end of April, and have made great progress. Yet, there are many obstacles to overcome. We still lack \$19,000 to fulfill the budget we set at the beginning. There has also been a scarcity of construction materials in the country, making it difficult to find the type of corrugated metal that we need for the roofing. We are hoping to find the materials soon, and that the project will be completed before SALEM Bible School in August. A lot has been done, and a lot is yet to be done. Thank you so much for standing with us to do the work that counts. May God keep you safe.

Sincerely,



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