

The SAÜL Family



Serving the Lord in Haiti

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Family News

Just to give you a quick update on our family, last month Dani and our two boys traveled to spend some time her mother in South Carolina, who was experiencing some health problems. They flew from our nearest town (Gonaives) to PAP and continued on to the US. Two weeks later, we learned that the gangs had taken over that little airstrip in Gonaives, and it is no longer safely accessible.

On their way back, we took a 6-hour drive down a windy, bumpy dirt road from the north to arrive home. Dani's mother is doing much better, and we thank God for bringing our family safely back together just in time to celebrate Easter!

Prayer Needed:

We thank God daily for the opportunities to share the Gospel and Christ's love through the ministries of the clinic, elementary school, and church.

Recently, the biggest hospital in our region could no longer function and shut down. Countless schools and churches in Gonaives have closed because of kidnappings. We have neighbors, church members, and even staff who've been shot at, kidnapped and held for ransom, or held at gunpoint for even the smallest possessions.

You may have heard of the exodus of missionaries, NGOs, politicians, healthcare workers, business leaders, etc., who are fleeing the country at this time. In addition, thousands are being approved to leave on Biden's parole program. Being one of the few that have stayed has made things much more difficult and, in fact, put more of a target on our heads. Yet for now, God continues to make it possible to run the various ministries, albeit in limited capacities. Please pray for our safety as we work diligently at what He has called us to do.



Update from the Field

Dear Friends,

We trust that you all enjoyed the Easter holiday as we celebrated Jesus' sacrificial gift to the world. We cannot thank you enough for your faithful prayers and financial support. Even through the hardships and difficult circumstances, you continue to sacrificially make this work a priority. We praise God that in these uncertain times, we can always put our trust in the unchanging God and praise Him forever (Psalm 30:12). A friend living in the US told us that every time he gets a call from someone in Haiti, it's bad news. We hope this is not the case when you pick up our newsletters, but we will do our best to give a balanced report on what is happening here on the ground.

Youth Retreat 2023

We thank God for the 270 teens who were able to participate this year. Three different guest speakers presented the Word of God during the five-day event, hosting youth groups from over a dozen different churches in our region. Although we did our best to only invite churches that were able to safely get to our campus, we still had three churches regrettably cancel at the last minute due to



insecurity on the road. Nevertheless, those who did attend came away refreshed and full of the Lord's direction in their lives. Please pray and consider helping us to cover the expenses of this past retreat. There is still a need for \$7,690. This is a picture of the counselors at the Youth Retreat.

SALEM Bible Institute 2023

Each year at this time, we begin sending out and receiving application forms for our annual men's Bible school in July-August. Last year, although things were difficult, the Lord made a way for us to host 140 pastors, about half the amount we usually have due to many students who were unable to leave their families and churches. However, this year the situation in Haiti has greatly declined. Travel from town to town is almost impossible. The risk is just too great for kidnapping, theft, and murder. After much prayerful consideration and meetings with our staff, we have concluded that we will not host SALEM Bible Institute this year.

Safer Transportation Need

We have a new project that we are asking you to please consider as urgent. A few days ago, a member of our church was shot at while driving just down the road from our campus. Thankfully, he survived with a few bullet holes in his passenger side door. While we trust and take comfort in God's care and protection over us, we continue to be careful and ask Him for wisdom as we make every effort to move about safely. 11 years ago, the Lord provided our first truck, and we are thankful that it is still running today. However, it is now crucial to take additional safety measures when on the road. For this reason, we are raising funds for a safer, more reliable vehicle with more seating. When we shared this project with our mission board, they saw the urgency and approved it immediately. The total needed is \$60,000 USD. Because this letter is public, we are not sharing too much information about the vehicle. However, feel free to email us or our mission board directly if you desire more details in order to better pray for and give toward this need. Thank you for bringing this request to the throne of grace. Until we can see or write to you again, just as Paul did to the Corinthians, I am urging you to "be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58).



Thank you again for playing a major role in this ministry and for giving to the Lord!

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