International Partnership Ministries

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THE SAÜL FAMILY



Praises

THE CHURCH

Church attendance is steady, and new followers are joining our congregation. Some believers who have fled Port-au-Prince because of insecurity rejoice at being able to worship peacefully in a sanctuary.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The school is also running well with a higher enrollment than last year. The hot lunch served at noon continues to be the highpoint of the day. Some little ones come to school so weak and need to be fed crackers to hold them until lunch.



We thank God for two supporting churches and an individual who supply about 90% of the funds for the school feeding program.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

While the children were on summer break, and SALEM Bible Institute was canceled, we were able to hold VBS in July. We made arrangements for 300 children, and were shocked to see 550 pour into campus on the first day! The logistics of handling such a crowd was no easy feat, but the week passed with no incident, thank God.



My memories went back to 47 years ago, when it was difficult to gather even 10 children in our Bible clubs. As Protestants, we were not welcomed by either the illiterate Catholic priest, or by the villagers rooted in satanic voodoo practices.



Dear Co-laborers,

"Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy." Psalm 33:18

It is always our desire that our letters be delightful to our readers, but it is equally important that they also be informative. As you read the following, we hope that you will be encouraged knowing that your missionaries are surviving and the work of the Lord continues here in Haiti.

On November 4th, a little after midnight, criminals once again entered our campus. This time, the clinic was not the target, but our (Lucien & Maude's) home. Armed and masked individuals aggressively banged on our doors, demanding for Pastor Lucien to come out. It was clear that they were determined to harm or kill. I did not open the door, but called to alert Royden next door and some neighbors. The criminals, realizing that there was some resistance, and that villagers had been alerted, rushed to escape. On their way out, they confronted and threatened one of our watchmen at gunpoint. Thank God there were no victims. Although we don't know the reason behind the attack, it is certain that as we live and operate as a light in a dark world, there will always be enemies looking for opportunities to put that light out.

GOOD SHEPHERD CLINIC

As large medical centers all over Haiti are closing their doors and shutting down, our clinic continues to serve the sick and ailing, five days a week, and oftentimes on the weekend as well. Once again, our memories go back to 45 years ago when my newly married wife started using her medical skills to serve in an area where healthcare did not exist.

One of the biggest challenges we face today is finding qualified staff to replace those who are fleeing the country. In the past year, the Biden parole program has claimed our main physician, a quali-



fied nurse, and just this week, our clinical supervisor.

We are so thankful for those who responded to the need of over-the-counter medications for the pharmacy. If you would also like to contribute in this way, please contact us or our mission board, IPM, for a list of items needed and the correct shipping address to our carrier in Miami.

YOUTH RETREAT

Youth retreat is just around the corner, scheduled for February 9th-14th. Three hundred young people are expected to participate. Please prayerfully consider supporting this worthwhile event. Our estimated operating cost is \$30 per participant.

TRANSPORTATION

Being anywhere on the roads in Haiti at this time is taking a big risk. Earlier this week, just five minutes from our campus, a band of thugs held a truck of market-goers at gunpoint, stealing all they could and eventually letting the people escape. We have been raising funds to replace Royden's 12year old truck. Please remember this important need, which will provide extra protection when it is necessary for us to move around the country.

Dearest friends and supporters, as difficulties continue to prevail in Haiti, the work becomes more and more demanding. But we thank God that doors are still open for the Good News and that you continue to stand with us to make our ministry possible.

*Please make note that if you would like to contact us personally, our new email address is salemhaiti4@gmail.com.

Contributions for our ministry should be made payable to IPM and sent to IPM, Inc., 100 Spring Ave., Hanover, PA 17331-2717 Be sure to include a note designating "Saul Support" or any other special designation you may have for us. Thank you.

If you have an email, please help us to help this missionary save postage by receiving his newsletter by email. Please take a moment to contact us at office@ipmworld.org with your email and home address and use "subscribe Saul prayer letter" on the subject line.

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