



# THE SAÛL FAMILY

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There have been times in the past few years that my wife and I reminisce about how “good” things were in Haiti 16 years ago when we were newlyweds starting out as full-time missionaries. I also recall growing up in the 80s and 90s in a mostly peaceful environment. Furthermore, my parents often talk about the Haiti that they grew up in, when it was called “The Pearl of the Antilles.”

This somehow reminds me of when the builders completed the foundation of the Lord’s temple in Ezra 3:10-13. “But many of the priests and Levites and heads of the fathers’ houses, old men who had seen the first temple, wept with a loud voice when the foundation of this temple was laid before their eyes. Yet many shouted aloud for joy.”

While it may seem that the only thing we can do right now is to mourn what Haiti used to be, the truth is, we cannot but praise God for what He continues to do in our midst.

We are very grateful for so many friends and supporters who have kept in touch, praying and giving to our ministry faithfully.

As Haiti has received much attention in the news lately, I won’t go into length about the political situation. But I can confirm that it is indeed as intense, if not more so, than what is being reported.

Our family, including my parents Lucien & Maude, who founded this ministry, my wife and I, and our two boys are still here running the ministry in Haiti. And we are still very thankful that He continues to use us to reflect His image during this dark time.

Despite the U.S. government sending in military task force teams to evacuate all Americans, and others paying \$15k-\$20k for helicopter rides to the DR, we continue to stand firm.

We thank God that our church is able to keep functioning. We have seen an increase in attendance by those who had previously moved to the city but have now returned home.



The clinic is also still open. Two weeks ago, our doctor made it safely back to our village after taking a few days off to visit his family in the capital of Port-au-Prince, a city completely controlled by gangs. On his way back, he was stopped and strip-searched numerous times, walking by foot through rice fields for 5 miles to avoid gang territory. We thank God for His protection.

With the gas shortage in our area, many patients walk very far distances to come to our clinic. The grueling sun and clouds of dust only exacerbate their suffering.

Our elementary school also remains operational, feeding students a hot meal every day. Starting on March 20, we will take a break for Easter, but will re-open in April. In Gonaives, just 6 miles away, schools have been closed since January due to the gangs’ threats of violence if children are allowed to attend classes. This is a deliberate plan to keep our population uneducated, one that we continue to fight by staying open as long as we are able.





We are pleased to announce the completion of our building expansion project. The new space will provide additional classrooms for the elementary school, dormitories for retreats and SALEM Bible School, and rooms for staff. Thank you for making this project a reality!

I remember attending Bob Jones University as a freshman back in 2003. One of the things that impressed me the most was the four-year calendar that was handed to me at orientation. It included all the events that would be taking place during my course of study. And miraculously, everything went as planned, except for one ice storm that they could not foresee.



It is a little different here in Haiti, as we are unable to plan even a month in advance. In the days leading up to our annual youth retreat in February, the political situation was coming to a climax. At that point, we had raised less than 50% of the budgeted \$30 per camper for the 5-day event. Yet we were convinced that such event would

uplift, encourage, and strengthen souls that have endured a disheartening and tumultuous past year. In addition, it would provide an alternative to the “rara” voodoo festivals and parades leading up to Easter. More than 600 teens from various churches applied to participate, even though our maximum capacity is limited to 300.

Unfortunately, as the situation declined, food and supplies were not available to purchase, and it was not safe to be on the roads. We were forced to reschedule and then to cancel the youth retreat. There is no hope of things improving anytime soon.

We are very grateful for those who gave specifically toward this event. If you feel led to do so, we would ask that you continue to pray and give for when it will be possible.

We thank you for standing with and praying for us as we make decisions for our family and the ministry day by day.

#### Prayer Requests:

- Stabilization in the country and wisdom on how to continue running our various ministries.
- Financial support in order to continue functioning with the ever-increasing cost of supplies.
- We continue to raise funds for a safer and more reliable family vehicle.

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