



HAITIANS HELPING HAITIANS FOR CHRIST

NEWSLETTER

Special Edition: Elage & Betty Discuss the Grave Circumstances in Haiti

Dear Friends and Supporters,

We were hoping that this newsletter could be different. But, as we pen this letter, it is with heavy hearts that we report the situation in Haiti has not improved; in fact, it has escalated beyond what we had feared. When we thought it couldn't get worse, it does.

Unyielding Circumstances

Most of the roads and ports in Haiti are now under gang control, severely restricting travel and access to basic necessities. Due to heightened instability, cash withdrawals have been limited to just \$100 per transaction, further complicating the lives of our Haitian neighbors. But even in this bleak setting, there is a ray of hope, and we want to share some updates on how Haitians Helping Haitians is responding to this unprecedented crisis.

A Testament to Resilience

Thanks to our extraordinary Haitian team, we've continued



our programs to nourish the bodies and souls of the communities we serve. We are currently feeding 60 children weekly in one community and providing meals to 28 children three times a week in another. These are not just numbers; they are young lives brimming with potential, receiving a bit of stability in the midst of chaos. Our team adjusts feeding times to avoid hours with heightened gunfire, and we're praying

continually for the safety of our staff and children.

Filling Bellies and Fostering Hope

Though the obstacles are immense, our teams have successfully distributed food worth \$2,000 in several communities and orphanages, receiving heart-warming responses like "Mesi Jezi!" ("Thank You, Jesus!"). Meeting the immediate need for food is crucial, but the

psychological sustenance that comes from knowing that they are not forgotten is equally important.

The Forgotten Crisis

We are deeply concerned about the ongoing gang violence that has cut off food and other resources from reaching those in need. Nearly half of Haiti's population—almost 11 million people—are unable to meet their daily nutritional requirements. The current gang control exacerbates this issue, impacting even the distribution of locally grown food.

A Plea for Support and Prayer

The U.S. Embassy has evacuated its personnel, and the U.S. government has issued security warnings, underscoring the gravity of the situation. Haitians Helping Haitians is committed to serving those that God has entrusted into our care. During these summer months, when children are not receiving food at schools, we've even increased the frequency of our feeding programs in some areas.



We're constantly in touch with our teams, but our hearts ache knowing we can't be there physically. We have opted to focus on local community programs rather than larger events that could put more people at risk. As we await the outcome of ongoing United Nations talks, wisdom is needed to navigate this precarious situation.

How You Can Help

Your financial support enables us to continue and expand our critical programs. We also covet your prayers for the safety of our teams and the communities we serve, for resources to reach those in desperate need, and for wisdom in our decision-making processes.

In this challenging time, let us remember that even in the darkest hours, hope and love can flourish.

With gratitude and hope,

Elage, Betty, and the Haitians Helping Haitians Team



A Sad Loss for Our Community: Remembering Wolkensley Maurenvil

This summer, we faced a heartbreaking event. On his way to our food program, Wolkensley Maurenvil, who was only 11 years old, faced a terrible accident. He was walking next to the road when a big truck lost control because its brakes failed. Sadly, the truck rolled over and Wolkensley was caught under it. Even though he was rushed to the hospital, he didn't make it and passed away.

Wolkensley was a really smart and friendly kid that everyone liked. When something this sad happens, it hurts all of us who are part of this community and ministry. We care deeply about each child and family we get to know through our work.

To show our support, local leaders from our group, Haitians Helping Haitians, visited Wolkensley's family. We helped them with the funeral, which was held at our ministry center. The other kids from our programs came to say goodbye, and a local pastor led the service.

It was a tough time, but the community thanked Haitians Helping Haitians for being there and helping out in sad times like these. With your generosity and kindness, we're committed to continuing to support our community, especially when they need it the most.



The community came together to pour a concrete roof over the bathroom. As you can see, much of the work is done by hand. Men worked hard as a team to complete the difficult task

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