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- CHRONICLE OF A STRESSFUL MISSIONARY WEEKEND -

Dear Friends and Partners,

I want to thank you all for your prayers for us and Haiti. It has truly been a dark weekend. It all started on Friday, July 6 after the news of fuel hike from \$4 to \$6 broke over the radio around 4pm. On this day early in the morning Marie and I along with a local pastor went to a small village called Neply which is 1½-hour drive from the orphanage to pick up my grandson who came with a mission group from his church in Florida. We wanted him to spend the day at our orphanage before he returns stateside with the group on Saturday afternoon. But after we got home around 2:30, a radio news update indicated that people were taking to the streets to protest the fuel hike and cursing the government.

Saturday July 7: Very early around 6am we learned that more people were protesting in the streets. The protests were spreading fast and turning violent with roadblocks and riots. Hours later the protesters started to loot grocery stores, lumber stores, and some government offices, spreading from Port-au-Prince to other cities. By 10am we realized that this is serious, and all airlines were cancelled. Around 2:45pm I was preparing to email a prayer request to my mission agency, the World Baptist Fellowship when suddenly my internet went off. When I called the company, I learned that protesters entered one of their building causing serious damages. At the same time, they took the city power. Then my generator broke down, the solar panel system was acting up and could not power anything. I spent most of the night trying to solve the problem but was unsuccessful. At 9:30pm the Haitian president made an address to the nation in which he said he heard their message, canceled the price gas hike, and asked the protesters to stop and go home.

Sunday June 8: Marie and I, along with the orphanage staff, all the children, two visiting partners from Texas, and my grandson had a good time of morning worship. After the service I panicked a little when news broke that the protesters unsuccessfully attempted to burn down a hospital. I was wondering what is next on their list. I spent the rest of the day, praying, checking on the news, interacting and evaluating the situation with national pastors and other missions while the children were having their normal time. In the evening, we could hear scattered sounds of gunshots by looters attacking nearby grocery stores and places. We saw the smoke of burning tires and could smell it.

Monday July 9: The protesters began to leave the streets and remove the roadblocks. All airlines resumed their flights. I took my grandson to the airport and my two other guests were able to reschedule to return to Texas on Wednesday. Psalm 23:1,4,6 says, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want...Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me...Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever". We are thankful that life is starting to return to normal.

CONCLUSION: Just last month in the country of Jordan there was the largest protest for 4 days threatening to topple the government because of gas price hike. On January 5, 2017 in Mexico, a 20% gas price hike fueled riots, looting, vandalism, and robbery. These were reported by all US medias. Hiking gas price can be dangerous. In Haiti, as of Tuesday, July 11 the protests have died down and as I finish this Chronicle I had to stop for almost 5 hours to go and hunt for groceries for Marie and me just like many other Haitians. God our provider provided miraculously. I was able to find bread, dry fish, and other basics food to help make it for several days. The weekend protest with all the looting, rioting and death was like an attack by forces of darkness over the island. We want to continue to be the vessels of the Holy Spirit to retain and push evil back from this land where God has placed us to do his works. We are more than 100% sure that security is NOT the absence of danger, but to be and remain in God's perfect will. This is where we are fulfilling the great commission...there is no better place to be while journeying through this evil and passing world.

We count on your continuous prayers. Thank you for your monthly support!

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