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The Impact of Gang Violence on Ministries in Haiti: A Plea for Prayer and Peace

In the heart of Haiti, where vibrant culture and resilient communities have long endured hardship, the ministry work of Christians like Sister Kristen Gordon has been a source of light and hope. Her experiences in the community of Gressier, a region now plagued by growing gang violence, illustrate both the beauty of ministry work and the deep pain of its disruption.

Sister Kristen recalls walking into remote parts of Gressier during outreach efforts, helping widows and supporting the vulnerable. The homes she visited were modest—sembled from USAID tarps, corrugated steel, salvaged truck parts, and blocks—yet filled with dignity and the warmth of community. “One time,” she remembers, “a widow saw me and ran up to hug me. She held onto my hand and talked to me in Creole about *Jezi* (Jesus), and I talked to her in English about Jesus. We were both blessed.” These moments of connection, though seemingly small, embodied the power of faith to transcend language and suffering.

However, the rise of gang violence has cast a heavy shadow over these communities. In recent months, the threat of gangs



has forced many to flee—including children from the ministry's children's home, which had to be relocated for safety. Friends and fellow workers have been displaced, and Pastor Volner, a faithful leader in the area, continues to serve amidst constant danger to himself and his family.

The gangs now control not only territory but basic necessities. Food prices have soared, and availability has become unreliable. This control has devastated already-vulnerable populations, especially

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4:14

Update from the Children’s Home in Massellan, Haiti (Area 44) – July 2025

We are grateful for the opportunity to share an update from our Children’s Home, now located in **Massellan, Haiti (Area 44)**. First and foremost, we’re happy to report that **everyone at the Home is doing well**—healthy, safe, and continuing to grow under the care of our dedicated staff and leadership.

Navigating Unexpected Challenges

Over the past two months, we’ve encountered a few **unexpected expenses**. Our **solar generator**, which powers the well that supplies clean water for the home, required urgent repairs. Additionally, our **vehicle**—vital for transportation of supplies and trips to school or medical care—needed about **\$800 in repairs**, and we also had to cover the cost of new **tags and insurance**.

While these were unplanned costs, we thank God for the resources to address them and the continued faithfulness of supporters like you, who make this work possible.

Preparing for the Future

Some of the children in our care have now **“aged out”**, having reached the age of 18. These young adults are finishing school this June, and we’re actively working to **enroll them in vocational programs** where they can gain valuable **life skills**—skills that will allow them to become **independent** and capable of earning their own income.

Please pray for **wisdom and discernment**

for our **Board members**, who are working closely with our team in Haiti to make the best decisions for these young adults as they take this next step in life.

Stability and Service in the Community

We are thankful to report that **Massellan remains relatively safe**. The gang violence that has impacted other parts of the country has not yet reached this area. We continue to pray that it remains that way.

Our **Home Director, Bello Vincent**, has stepped into a vital role in the community as well. With the regular pastor forced to leave the area, Bello has been **preaching and teaching at the nearby church**, providing both spiritual leadership and encouragement during a time of great need.

Prayer Requests

We ask that you please keep the following in your prayers:

- Our **young adults** transitioning into vocational training and independence
- Our **Board members**, as they make important decisions for the future
- Continued **safety** in Massellan and across Haiti
- Our **Haitian family**, that they would remain strong and continue to grow in their walk with the Lord

Bello Vincent, as he leads both the Home and serves the church

Thank you for standing with us. Your prayers, support, and love are changing lives—one child, one day at a time.

Anjubo School Update – Summer 2025

A Message of Gratitude, Faith, and Forward Vision

As the 2024–2025 school year comes to a close, we are filled with gratitude and praise for all that God has done through the Anjubo School in Haiti. Despite ongoing challenges in the region—including gang violence and instability—our school has remained a place of refuge, learning, and hope for dozens of children.



Leadership with Heart: Volner Florvilus

We are especially blessed to have **Volner Florvilus** serving as both the **Principal and Director** of the Anjubo School. In addition to his leadership role at the school, Volner also pastors our church in Anjubo. He is a devoted prayer warrior and a man of deep faith who continually intercedes for his students, staff, and community.

During **International Teacher Month** this past June, Volner took time to honor and appreciate each of our teachers by presenting them with a small but heartfelt gift. His leadership fosters a spirit of teamwork and respect, and we are so thankful for our **faithful teaching staff** who continue to serve with love and patience, even under difficult circumstances.

A Challenging but Fruitful School Year

Volner recently expressed his heartfelt thanks to **every supporter** of the Anjubo School. He shared that the past school year was **extremely difficult** due to increased gang violence and unrest in surrounding areas. Yet, by God’s grace—and with the faithful support of donors and prayer partners—the school was able to **complete the academic year successfully**.

Every student was tested at the end of the term and has now been **“handed over”** to their parents. While all students will graduate to the next level, a few will participate in **summer school tutoring** to strengthen their understanding and ensure readiness for the next grade.

Summer Projects & School Improvements

Looking ahead, Principal Volner has already met with each parent to plan for **school upgrades** over the summer break. The community has offered their time and energy to help improve the facilities in preparation for the new school year, which begins **September 1, 2025**.

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Anjubo School Update (Cont)

The school is planning the following updates:

- **Structural repairs** to classrooms
- **Additional chairs and educational charts**

General beautification and functional improvements

To support these efforts, we will need to **raise additional funds** over the summer. These resources will directly support the physical improvements and expansion efforts so the school can continue to serve the growing needs of our students.



🗨️ A Final Word from Volner

“Thanks be to God and to each of you who have responded to our needs this year. The children have learned, they are safe, and they are growing. Your help has made that possible. We are preparing now for another year of victory and learning. God bless you all.”

💖 How You Can Help

We invite you to join us in supporting Anjubo School this summer through:

- **Financial gifts** for facility improvements
- **Prayer** for the safety and health of our staff, students, and families

Sharing our mission with others who may want to get involved

With your continued support, we can ensure that Anjubo remains a beacon of hope, education, and

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widows and children—those whom Sister Kristen and her team have tirelessly served for years.

Despite these challenges, hope remains. Sister Kristen and others committed to the people of Gressier are calling for continued prayer. “Pray for Haiti as a nation,” she urges. “Pray for gang members’ hearts to change—that they will no longer want to destroy their own people. Pray for the Christian pastors who continue to serve in danger. And pray for the most vulnerable, especially children and widows.”

The spiritual and humanitarian crisis in Haiti is not just a political issue—it is deeply personal for those serving on the ground. As the violence continues, it is essential for the global Christian community and people of conscience everywhere to lift up Haiti in prayer, offer support where possible, and advocate for peace.

In Sister Kristen’s words, even a simple exchange—an embrace, a prayer in two languages—can be an act of resistance against despair. May those acts continue, even in the darkest of times.





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- Supporting and strengthening the family unit of endangered children of the area while maintaining IBESR certification
- Maintaining an organization of volunteers to ensure that 100% of funds raised are allocated to the support of the ministry

Giving (Become a part of our Team)

⁷Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed; 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

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