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Feeling the affect of Gang Violence in Haiti

We have bad news about our Children's Home in Gressier, Haiti. In mid-May, we had to EVACUATE our children's home. Armed gang members moved into Gressier and took over the police station, the post office, the bank and the only gas station within miles of our home.

The Director of our home rented a large van and moved 14 children and his family to the mountains. The gangs were less than a mile from our home by the time they were able to leave. They made it to safety in a village about 2 hours away from Gressier.

The Gressier police were able to get help from two other police stations nearby and they ran most of the gang members out of town. However, some gang members are



still hiding in the area. They are promising to return again in the near future. This is still a dangerous area, and we are trying to stay updated on what is happening.

Please help us by praying for the safety of our children and friends in Haiti. We also need more financial support due to the rising cost of food and the necessary items for everyday living.



*“Your Prayers
and Gifts are
the difference
maker in the
lives of many”*

The Lord Continues to Bless His Church

The Anjubo Church currently has 150 members. We use the same building for our church and our school. It sits atop a small mountain with rough terrain. The people walk for miles to attend church and school. When Volner Florvilus first became the pastor, there were only 20 members. Volner says they have run out of room to seat the church members. (I wish we had that problem here in America.)

Volner stays very busy at the church. They have Sunday morning service for the entire church. On Sunday afternoon, they have service for the youth. On Monday afternoon they have prayer service for the entire church. They come to our Children’s Home every Monday afternoon and pray with our staff and children. On Wednesday, they have Bible study. Volner goes to our Children’s Home on Friday afternoons and has Bible study with our children and staff.

Volner has gotten some outside support from our ministry to help feed the people who come to church. They



walk for miles without breakfast and good drinking water is hard to find. Volner has prayed about being able to give them some food and drink before church. God heard his prayers!!

Please keep our church in your prayers. We have a longing to be able to be there in person with them in prayer and praise worship. We will return to Haiti when the gangs have been defeated and we are allowed back into this area.

Education is still our Focus



We are blessed to have a very dedicated Principal, Volner Florvilus, for our school in Anjubot, Haiti. He has a great responsibility in keeping the school running. We currently have 79 students and six teachers on staff. One of our second grade students was taken to the hospital and died in March. It is not always safe to go to the Haitian hospitals.

Volner told me that one of his biggest problems right now is being able to buy the food to feed the children every day. One 9-pound bag of rice is about \$54.00 U.S. dollars right now. We have increased the amount of money that we send each month, but the prices keep escalating faster than we can raise the funds.

In March 2024, we were able to have two classrooms added to our school. In the fall, these will be the new sixth grade classes. We have only had Kindergarten through Fifth grade classes in the past.

In April 2024, we were able to send the funds for the principal to have 8 new desks built for the new classrooms. Each desk will seat 4 to 6 students. Volner designed the new desk, and we are well satisfied with what our principal has been able to accomplish for the school.



Thank you so much for caring about the education of the Haitian children. Education is very important for the children to be able to improve their lives. We also teach from the Bible every morning as the first class of the day. It is more important to share the Word of God with every student. That is one reason that our church is growing and souls are being saved in Haiti.

Summer Raffle/Fund Raiser



We are excited to announce the start of our TVO-CUSA raffle. This fundraiser began on 5/1/24 and will continue until 7/31/24. The drawing will be held on 8/1/24. The tickets are \$10 each. The proceeds will partially fund the addition of the much needed 6th grade in addition to the subsistence for the children in the chil-

dren's home and daily feeding of the 81 children in the Anjubo school. In view of the unrest in Haiti, cost of goods are increasing quite a bit. Therefore, it is imperative we increase our giving to accommodate the ever increasing costs of even basic staples such as rice and beans. We are incredibly grateful for those who have supported us thus far. Because of you the school children enjoy food every day. In addition, because of the generosity of donors we are able to provide the staff and necessities to house, feed, and clothe the children presently in the children's home. We thank God for all He has provided through donors and pray earnestly for increased giving that we can continue to meet the aforementioned needs and expand to help even more families.

If you have a desire to join us in this fund raiser, please contact the board member who provided you with this newsletter or contact us by phone (865-405-0099). Your support and prayers are always appreciated.

There is Still Work to be Done!!

As you have probably read or heard on the news, gangs hold on the country continues to grow stronger as their presence continues to expand and impact the lives of the people. Families are being cut off from necessities such as fresh food and water. The people are tired of the violence and lack of food and have been protesting in the streets. There is a lot of unrest and uncertainty and there doesn't seem to be an end

to the issue in the near future.

Within the last couple of weeks gangs have made their way into the Gressier area and overpowered the local police force, causing many people to flee, but Our children and staff are safe. Praise be to God for His Mercy!



In spite of all these issues there is still much work to be done and many things to overcome. The school continues to grow and there is a need to continue to provide a good education and a solid meal each day for these children. We have two young men in the home that are close to graduating high school and will look to learn a trade in the near future. The other children are not far behind. Our truck and car both need mechanical repairs, but we know the Lord provides. On top of that the board is trying to manage the rising expenses due to increased food and fuel costs but we know **Our God is Able.**

HOW CAN YOU HELP THE SITUATION? As you support us financially, please continue to pray for the ministry and the many issues that accompany working in Haiti. Pray for the school and church at Anjubo, the children, teachers, and staff. Pray for the Children's Home and the children and staff there as well. Pray for rest for the people of Haiti. Pray for wisdom for the board members. And pray that the people of Haiti would be receptive of the gospel and call of our Wonderful Savior.



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We do more than care; we sponsor and serve, so that the children of Haiti may experience God's Love in their lives.

TVOCUSA supports our VISION thru:

- Church Leadership and Financial Support.
- An Umbrella Community Center that conducts Civic/Community Workshops that teach marketable skills
- Housing, feeding, and educating children in the local community
- 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)

⁷ Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And 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

At TVOCUSA we believe generous giving is a mark of the redeemed people of God. When you give you express the heart of our Savior, who gave up everything in order to reconcile us to God. When you give to TVOCUSA you support the feeding, education, Christian training and care of a people in need. 100% of your gift goes to the people of Haiti. Please consider

partnering with us as we continue this great work.

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There are two easy ways to give:

- You can set up a recurring gift
- You can choose to give a one-time donation

Giving thru our on-line portal is a

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