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God's Provision Amongst Obstacles

We've shared visions for our ministry's future with you in previous newsletters and you may have heard some of it directly from the board members. We are eager to implement change, increase the reach of the ministry, and most importantly continue to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

As with any type of growth comes challenges, but we must press on. We feel that it is vital for us to share some of the obstacles we face in operating a ministry in Haiti. We want our faithful donors and prayer warriors to be aware of these challenges so that you can join us in prayer, encourage our efforts by spreading our ministry's story to others, and assist in continued financial support and fundraising efforts.

Some of the obstacles we face:

Limited mission trips – Due to the unrest, these trips are limited and group mission trips are at a temporary halt.

Gas prices - Gas in Haiti has been more difficult to get and the price has risen drastically in the last couple of years. This has been an additional cost in regards to trans-



porting the children to and from school along with other necessary errands.

Price of food in Haiti - Food prices have continued to rise.

Price of building supplies - Building supplies have continued to rise.

Difficulties of working with IBESR - IBESR is the governing body over the Haitian orphanages. Although we are a Children's Home and not an orphanage, our accreditation is still through the IBESR. There is difficulty for an American backed ministry to maintain the expectation of IBESR as they tend to "move the goalposts" of requirements.

Political crisis - These issues lead to unrest among the citizens of Haiti.

Gang issues - Gangs have grown in power since the 2021 assassination of President Jovenel Moïse. They are now estimated to control up to 80% of the capital, Port Au Prince. This has had an impact on our mission trips. We were once able to take teams for revivals, VBS, Bible classes, and medical missions, but now the trip to and from the airport through the capital of Port Au Prince is unsafe.

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Land ownership questions - it is difficult when looking at land to determine who owns the land and has the rights to sell it. There are ministries tied up in legal battles over land purchases, so we are taking careful steps to ensure that when we do make a purchase, it will be a wise decision.

Despite the obstacles, we are confident that this is where God wants us and that our mission field is to remain here in the country of Haiti. Our Lord has been faithful and continues to bless the ministry and its efforts.

As mentioned above, during this time of unrest in Haiti, we have not gotten to travel and be amongst our Haitian family. This has resulted in being unable to host vacation Bible School for the children, distribute Bibles and tracts throughout the villages, host medical clinics, and distribute food and meals for widows, families, and those struggling to survive. But God is always working and has continued to get His Gospel to the people through His faithful servants, Brothers Tom Berry and Arnold Smallin. Brother Tom and Brother Arnold continue to make trips to Haiti to check on our kids, staff, school, and home. Most importantly they have been able to share God's Word and preach the Gospel on these trips. We praise God that he is still saving sinners. We know that God will use these salvations to further spread the Gospel in Haiti.

We are also encouraged that our kids, both in the home and school, will be able to make a difference in the country of Haiti with having obtained a solid education, Bible knowledge, and a foundation in the Gospel of our precious Lord.

So, although we cannot control the obstacles along the way, we can control our outlook and approach. We will continue seeking God's wisdom and guidance during these



times. We know He is all powerful.

It is important to us to have you all pray alongside us as we continue our efforts in Haiti.

We are truly thankful and encouraged by your partnership in ministry and in serving our mighty God.

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Tom Berry Missionary Visit In June

Tom Berry left for Haiti on June 1, 2023. He was to spend the night at a small hotel close to the airport and fly to Jacmel the next morning. The weather was bad with storms and a lot of heavy rains. The plane took off as scheduled, but the rain was a problem. They had flown over halfway to Jacmel when the controls on the plane all turned red. Tom could see the warning red glow from the controls and the pilots conferring with each other. The pilots decided to turn around and go back to Port-au-Prince airport. Due to the bad weather, it took Tom four days to get to Jacmel. Bello was finally able to pick him up and drive him to our children's home in Gressier.



It was a good thing that Tom did not get to Jacmel the first day. The heavy rains caused a huge mud slide from the mountain. Roads were washed away and impassable. Houses were flooded and cars were swept away. Several people were killed in Haiti due to the flooding. It was a hard trip, but they finally made it to the children's home.

Our children's home was also flooded. There was over two feet of water in the downstairs rooms. There was a lot of cleaning required to clean up the house. Tom has taken steps to try to stop the flooding in our home. He hired a man to knock holes through the wall at the back of our house. The water now flows out and into a ditch that drains the water away from the house.



Food and gas prices are very high right now. The gang violence has caused shortages of supplies. The severe storms have added to the problems. The store shelves are almost bare. The supply of bread is very low in the stores or the bakery. It is hard to find food and clean drinking water. A bag of chicken that was \$50 has now risen to \$85. A 50 pound bag of beans was \$60.00 a few weeks ago, but now the beans are over \$100 per bag. Gas prices have fluctuated a lot. When Tom left Haiti on June 16, gas was around \$20 a gallon.

A lot of missionary organizations have given up and left Haiti. Tom only saw a few missionaries in the Gressier area when he was there. It is impossible to travel to the surrounding cities of

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Carrefour and Martissant due to gang violence. Tom Berry and Arnold Smallin plan to make another trip to Haiti in October 2023. Please keep our ministry in your prayers. We need your prayers and support more than ever during these difficult times.

The children in our home are growing up. Our oldest boy is 19 years old, but he has two more years of school. Manace was 9 years old before he began school due to his very difficult childhood. Manace is keeping an “A” average and is working toward learning a trade that will help him get a job.

Our other children are deciding what they would like to do in the future. Ivens became 17 years old in June. He wants to work in agriculture. Tom has talked to a well-established farmer in the area about some on-the-job training for Ivens. Some of our children are doing well in school and some are not doing as well. We have to deal with each child individually and help them decide about their future.



We have been trying to meet with IBESR in Haiti for over a year. During this trip, Tom went to Leogonne and met with the Regional Manager of IBESR. He has begun the process of getting our re-certification for our children’s home.

ANJUBO SCHOOL IN HAITI



Our principal, Volner Florvilus, has reported that the school is doing well. He stated all the students worked fairly well and they had an acceptable average grade. He has two third graders that have below average scores, but he is working with them, in particular, to help them improve. The 2022-2023 school year will end on Friday, July 28, 2023.

The temperature in Haiti is extremely hot through July and August. The school has no electricity so they are not able to use fans for cooling. It is difficult to teach in the heat, so school will be dismissed shortly after lunch.

The 2023-2024 school year will begin on Monday, September 11, 2023. We need to begin working on raising more support to help cover the costs of books and uniforms for our school.

Principal Volner wanted to thank everyone for all we do for the children. He said all is well only by the grace of God. We are thankful for a Principal that loves the Lord and sets a good example for all of our children.



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- 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

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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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