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CURRENT CONDITIONS IN HAITI

One step forward, two steps back. That seems to describe the state of Haiti these days; but why? Two common questions we are asked regularly are “What’s going on in Haiti right now?”, and “How are those problems impacting Trinity HOPE?”

During this school year, and especially in February, thousands of people in Haiti are resorted to street demonstrations and heated protests to send the government a message. Like so many things in Haiti, the issue is complicated, deep rooted and difficult to fully understand. However, the fundamental complaint of the people centers around the never-ending corruption of the government, with this most recent uprising being focused on the government’s misuse of humanitarian funds. Several years ago, Haiti received oil at sharply discounted prices under the Venezuela PetroCaribe program, with the understanding that the savings of nearly \$2 billion dollars would be used by the Haitian government to build infrastructure after the 2010 earthquake, help advance the country’s



economy, and provide humanitarian relief to the people. A recent Haitian Senate report following up on the program concluded, “The PetroCaribe fund has been the object of embezzlement, embezzlement, embezzlement.” The current president of Haiti (Jovenel Moise) is accused of personally benefiting from these funds prior to entering into office. The people of Haiti want answers, accountability, and ultimately, in some’s view, for the president to be removed from office. So far, President Moise remains in power and the prime minister (Jean-Henry Ceant) casually promises to look into the allegations further. The people are waiting. Beginning in March, demonstrations slowed and life is starting to resume a some-what normal routine. Schools are re-opening, limited fuel is becoming available, and street markets are beginning to open again so people can buy food, albeit at significantly higher prices.

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BRAVERY

“Don’t be afraid, don’t be afraid.” Our driver and one of the program directors, Lafleur, spoke these words to me as we wound our way up the mountain to visit one of the Haitian village schools. I was sitting in the passenger seat and I looked out my window to a drop straight down with no guard rails. I looked ahead to see a narrow road made of large rocks and dirt. I thought to myself there was no way our little Jeep was going to make it up. But Lafleur pushed forward. He fearlessly navigated the rough terrain and got us safely to our destination. Driving in Haiti takes bravery.

When we hear the word brave it is easy for our minds to jump to big heroic acts. We think of superheroes who save the world, soldiers who go to war, or firefighters who rush into a burning building. These are undeniably brave acts, but I think sometimes bravery can be things we overcome in our day to day life. Sometimes it is winning little battles that occur inside of us, but these battles can only be won with Christ.

Lafleur became a dear friend of mine. I had the opportunity to sit up front with him often as I was assigned to take pictures and that gave me the best view. He was a character and his quirkiness gave me many laughs. One of the moments with him that left a deep impact on me was when we were talking about the Voodoo religion. The Haitian government has made Voodoo its official religion. This

religion is real, it is scary, and it is evident that the devil is using it to bring darkness. I asked Lafleur about it. He gave me a brief overview and told me we would avoid the areas it was the most prevalent, but then he looked pointedly at me and said, “We don’t have to be afraid, we have Jesus.” And I could see it in his eyes, the complete



fearlessness. His gaze was full of confidence, courage, and Christ. He was ready to look the devil straight in the eye and say, “You have no power over me.”

As I thought back to the bravery of Lafleur, I couldn’t help but think about other ways I saw bravery in Haiti. The children who traverse many miles, often on foot, to school in order to further their knowledge about the world and Jesus, they are brave. The single mothers who were abandoned by the fathers of their children, yet still find a way to provide for them and show them the joy of the Lord, they are brave. The pastors, missionaries and all the people that risk their safety for the

advancement of the Gospel in a country that desperately needs Jesus’s light, they are brave. This bravery is all around Haiti. Christ gives them the strength to overcome whatever obstacles they face.

Witnessing this bravery and pure confidence in Christ gave me hope because I realized this same God who gives them this bravery also promises to be with all us of. Isaiah 43:2 “When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression you will not be burned up and the flames will not consume you.”

Read that verse again, and then read it one more time. Lean into this promise, believe it, and find rest in it. God is with us through everything that this life throws at us and because of this we have nothing to fear. We can find the courage to boldly share Jesus with that person the Spirit has put on our heart, to overcome that unhealthy habit or addiction, to keep on loving that person even when they are so hard to love, or to give a little more even when it feels like we have nothing left to give. We can be as brave as a Haitian. In Lafleur’s words, “Don’t be afraid.” Keep pushing up that mountain even when the road up looks impossible. Trust that God will always get you safely to your destination.

by Ari Rathke,

Mission Team Member, May 2018



TRINITY HOPE
HAITIAN FEEDING PROGRAM

All of our schools are funded by either our General Fund or through a dedicated School Sponsorship. When an existing school receives a new sponsor, it allows us to reallocate the money used from the General Fund to start an additional feeding program in a new school on our waiting list. A sponsor's support can be paid monthly, annually, or however it is most convenient. We would love for your family, small group, church or company to consider sponsoring a school together.



Amonica

Attends Carrfour school in Les Cayes district. She is 5 years old and loves rice. Her favorite Bible story is Daniel. When she grows up she wants to be a Nurse. She loves to sing and play with her sisters and brother. They all live with their mom.

Trinity HOPE Schools Available for Sponsorship 2018-19 Projected Number Fed and Costs

District	School	Fed Daily	Cost	Sponsorship	Funding Still Needed
Arcahaie / St. Marc	Cadieu	139	\$ 6,429	(Partial)	\$ 3,000
Arcahaie / St. Marc	Fond Baptiste	414	\$ 19,148	(Partial)	\$ 14,000
Arcahaie / St. Marc	Jean Calvin	125	\$ 5,781		
Arcahaie / St. Marc	Merotte	474	\$ 21,923		
Arcahaie / St. Marc	Nazareth	267	\$ 12,349		
Arcahaie / St. Marc	St. Marc	245	\$ 11,331		
Arcahaie / St. Marc	Toussaint Louverture	286	\$ 13,228		
Artibonite / Gonaives	Demesvor Delorme	80	\$ 3,700		
Cap Haitian—Northeast	Bon Berger	358	\$ 16,558	(Partial)	\$ 5,000
Cap Haitian—Northeast	Cap Haitian	808	\$ 37,370	(Partial)	\$ 17,500
Cap Haitian—Northeast	Classique de L'Universe	237	\$ 10,961		
Cap Haitian—Northeast	Dondon	340	\$ 15,725	(Partial)	\$ 7,000
Cap Haitian—Northeast	Foyer Baptiste	160	\$ 7,400		
Cap Haitian—Northeast	Messef	177	\$ 8,186		
Cap Haitian—Northeast	Ouanaminthe	366	\$ 16,928		
Cap Haitian—Northeast	Vision Globale	255	\$ 11,794		
Central Plateau	Grace	175	\$ 8,094		
Central Plateau	L' Univers Thomassique	299	\$ 13,829		
Central Plateau	St. Sauvuer Excelsior	281	\$ 12,996		
Jacmel/Southeast	Bassin Bleu	190	\$ 8,788		
Jacmel/Southeast	Kindergarten Les Poussins	165	\$ 7,631	(Partial)	\$ 5,600
Jacmel/Southeast	Oranger's	175	\$ 8,094		
Jacmel/Southeast	Sursum Corda	260	\$ 12,025		
Jeremie/Grand'Anse	Bon Berger	135	\$ 6,244	(Partial)	\$ 2,500
Jeremie/Grand'Anse	Bon Berger Moron	145	\$ 6,706		
Jeremie/Grand'Anse	Ducrepin	283	\$ 13,089		
Jeremie/Grand'Anse	Emmanuel	282	\$ 13,043		
Jeremie/Grand'Anse	Irois	205	\$ 9,481		
Jeremie/Grand'Anse	Moline	142	\$ 6,568		
Jeremie/Grand'Anse	Philadelphia	132	\$ 6,105		
Jeremie/Grand'Anse	Vendrebuche	128	\$ 5,920		
Les Cayes/South	Baptiste Christ Vivant	126	\$ 5,828		
Les Cayes/South	Baptiste Ducis	512	\$ 23,680		
Les Cayes/South	Cambry	436	\$ 20,165		
Les Cayes/South	Droit	273	\$ 12,626		
Les Cayes/South	Sanite	332	\$ 15,355		
Port-au-Prince	Bethel	155	\$ 7,169		
Port-au-Prince	Bon Berger	650	\$ 30,063		
Port-au-Prince	Fonds Parisien	580	\$ 26,825	(Partial)	\$ 11,000
Port-au-Prince	Heart of Worship	273	\$ 12,626	(Partial)	\$ 10,000
Port-au-Prince	La Providence	275	\$ 12,719		
Port-au-Prince	Lejardin	186	\$ 8,603	(Partial)	\$ 2,300
Port-au-Prince	Mixte Tout Petits	256	\$ 11,840		
Port-au-Prince	Petit Amis	208	\$ 9,620	(Partial)	\$ 2,000

UNSPONSORED SCHOOLS SPOTLIGHT

Could you help share the love of Christ with one of these schools? Contact us via email at admin@trinityhope.org to learn more about sponsoring one of these special schools.

FOYER BAPTISTE

Annual cost is \$7,400 providing about 160 meals a day!

Foyer Baptiste is located in Cap Haitian along the northern coast of Haiti. This Christian school has preschool through 4th grades, teaching the love of Christ. They just started their Trinity HOPE Feeding program in February 2019.



BAPTISTE CHRIST VIVANT

Annual cost is \$5,828 providing about 126 meals a day!

Baptiste Christ Vivant is located in Les Cayes along the southern coast of Haiti. This Christian school has preschool through 6th grades. They have been blessed to have a Trinity HOPE Feeding program since February 2010.



DEMESVOR DELORME

Annual cost is \$3,700 providing about 80 meals a day!

Demesvor Delorme is located in Artibonite along the west coast of Haiti. This Christian school has first through 6th grades, teaching the love of Christ. They just started their Trinity HOPE Feeding program in February 2019.





MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THEIR LIVES ONE BOWL AT A TIME



PERSONAL IMPACT
This young man is not old enough to attend school yet but because his brother attends school and receives a meal each day, more food is available to him at home!

THE ONES AFTER GOD



Often times we receive letters from students who genuinely write from their hearts. This young man wants each of you to know his deep appreciation for your sacrifice.

Hello
My Name is Jimmy I love you, we love you, I really appreciate what we done Because I love you so much. At Home I can't eat normally. My Parents can not pay The Food so it is bad At Home. But At School IT eat EVERY day.
So I love you For This Because we are The one After God.



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From Trinity HOPE's perspective, God has once again protected us. Although schools were closed for several days in early February, resulting in children not being able to eat each day, none of the schools Trinity HOPE feeds were damaged and none of the food was stolen. All of our Haitian staff and their families are safe and suffered no physical harm. We thank God for His protection, as well as the ability for schools to re-open so we can get back to feeding hungry children. Two things are very clear to us as we watch all this unfold in a country we love. First, the food these children receive at school is more important than ever as many families cannot afford to buy food in the market; and second, together we must all continue praying feverishly for the people of Haiti. We must pray for God to protect the people in this troubled land, and for Him to reach the country's leaders and stifle the

self-serving greed that is prevalent in the government. Change needs to occur; yet we know that only true, long-lasting change can be found in the love of Jesus Christ. The children are learning about this love in the schools we feed, and these same children will one day become the leaders of tomorrow. May God be with them.

Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support during this difficult time. We totally trust God and the plan He has for Haiti. We continue to serve Him boldly and confidentially while relying on His grace.

If you have specific questions or would like more detailed information about the current situation in Haiti, please feel free to reach out to Keith Logan at admin@trinityhope.org. God's Blessings to each of you!

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Mission Package (easily available on our website)

<https://www.trinityhope.org/kids-feeding-kids-program/>

- Overview video
- A video for each day of VBS
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- Activities for each day
- Individualized info cards of the children in Haiti
- Customized posters for your church with the date and church's address



ONE BOWL OF BEANS & RICE AT A TIME

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