

"...show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end." Hebrews 6:11

### Dearest Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



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Last year into the beginning of this year we felt like we INTERNATIONAL were in a boxing match, taking blow after blow to our hearts, BUT (praise the Lord for that beautiful word) God has continued to show us His grace, His mercy, and His faithfulness. After over a year of unrest and upheaval in Haiti, bringing many of the visible parts of our ministry to a standstill, walking through the grief of losing loved ones with multiple members of our churches, over and over, including one of our churches losing a pastor for the second time in seven years, we then were asked to



say goodbye first to Dee's mom and only 6 months later, to Wilckly's mom.

We want to thank all of you for the emails, calls, encouragement, support, gifts, and prayers during this time. We truly felt held by all of you. We were grateful that God allowed Dee and the kids to travel Stateside for Reta's services and were blessed by visiting members of Wilckly's family who came to watch Toy's service with us on livestream from Haiti. Wilckly was also able to share about his mom via the livestream which helped us to feel a little more like we were there (a few of the photos in this update are from this time with family).

We know we have been more silent than usual, and didn't even get a "year-end re-cap" letter out to all of you, but we have been taking time to grieve, process, heal, and regroup. We thank you for your patience as this is a long, at times painful, and often frustrating process. We also thank you for being at our sides, holding us up and loving us all throughout. YOU are one of the greatest evidences of God's faithfulness to us.

Another example that God is still moving and working in and through us is that (despite every possible setback imaginable and so many speedbumps in our path) the work in Haiti continues!! The school is functioning at our beach property, providing Haitian teachers with a job and local children with a Christian education. Carries is still unstable, but lately the mountain people and the village people have been wanting to come to some kind of agreement. They all want a place to call home and finally want the violence to end. Please pray for peace in Carries and for us as we navigate being looked to for guidance and leadership in the community. Our churches are still meeting and some that have experienced division and difficulties are now growing again! Praise the Lord for reconciliation!!

One way to heal emotionally is through physical action. While our communication may have been less, the physical work here is anything but! In the wake of so much turbulence in Carries and the cities, Wilckly has spearheaded an expansion of the farm (Kyona) property, our mission headquarters, in order to provide a safe and stable location in which to "do ministry". We plan to have church, school, conferences, a restaurant, a souvenir shop, and even guest houses on this property. The construction has provided masons with work during a time in Haiti when it is more difficult to find a job than we have ever experienced. We are also currently providing other Haitians with a consistent salary to provide for their families through training in sewing, graphics (working on T-shirts for our souvenir shop!!) and computers. These Haitians are also being provided with housing and running-water utilities when they stay with us.

Please pray for the means to continue in this endeavor, and most of all that God would give us opportunities and that we would be courageous in loving and sharing the gospel with each one of these workers. Please pray that we would be steadfast, believe God and His promises, and display His Spirit of hope, peace, power, love, and a sound mind to those who are in such bondage to fear and despair.

With Love in Christ, The Dorcés

THANK YOU for your part in making this ministry possible. THANK YOU for having our backs.











Photos, from top left to bottom: 1. The papaya tree that sprang up from our compost pile! 2. Dee and Wilckly's cousin, Tabouz. 3. Computer lessons from one of our new workers. 4. Putting together a new windmill for another source of electricity. 5. Surveying the construction work.

#### Help us build the wall!



Nehemiah Project: \$250 per 500 ft. section

## Sponsor A Child's Education: \$40 a month



Sponsor a Teacher's Salary: \$100 a month

#### **Ministry Opportunity:**

Since Shaina's job changed to a State-side position we have been looking for someone to come teach the kids (Kelsey and Josiah)!

Please contact Shaina at <u>blessing.hearts.intl@gmail.com</u> for details on the job description if you are interested!

Please pray for me (Dee), as I will be homeschooling the kids until this position is filled, and for wisdom and energy to also accomplish all the tasks and demands of the ministry.

Do you want a live update?



If you and your church are comfortable, Shaina is available to come visit you and give an in-person update on the ministry! Contact Shaina Ascone at (309)255-5393 or blessing.hearts.intl@gmail.com

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