Dorcé Family

Wilckly, Dee, Ashley, Kelsey, Josiah November 2021

"The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer, my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call to the Lord who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies." Psalm 18:2-3

Dearest Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Blessing 🔂 Hearts

A fellow missionary and friend posted this last week and since it describes the current state of Haiti and much of what our own workers on the ground are facing we wanted to share it with you in an attempt to explain the crisis we are in:

*(Dee has been serving and loving for Haiti 28 years and Wilckly an entire lifetime...this describes their emotions and thoughts as well)

"Dear Friends,

It is with a heavy heart that I write this letter. I have waited one week to send you this update, hoping that things would get better. But, they are not...they are actually getting worse. This country that I have loved and served for 22 years has become a battle zone with the world's highest kidnapping rate per capita.

As many of you know, on October 16, 17 missionaries were kidnapped for a ransom of 17 million dollars. The FBI arrived last week and is in Haiti working to recover the missionaries.

This is the painful truth:

. There have been over 600 kidnappings this year - 40 of those have been foreigners.

· Since the president's assassination on July 7, the gangs have been controlling Port-au-Prince.

 \cdot Truck drivers are being kidnapped and roads are being blocked, making it almost impossible to get the fuel and food to those who desperately need it.

• Major hospitals are shutting down because of lack of power and supplies.

· Neonatal intensive care units are out of oxygen

· Bus transportation has been grounded due to the fuel crisis and lack of security.

• Food prices have skyrocketed and gas is selling for \$15 a gallon.

· Many banks and businesses are closed.

 \cdot Many missionaries in Haiti have left or have chosen to send their families back to the US, while they remain and ride out the storm.

There is no safe place. Four Sundays in a row, gangs have entered churches and kidnapped pastors and church members, some of them wearing police uniforms. They are attacking the rich and the poor. Children have been abducted walking home from school. Physicians, nuns, truck drivers, missionaries - anyone is a target."



From Dee:

"We are still loving and hoping and seeing Christ make a difference in lives in spite of the current situation. Our hearts are in Haiti. Wilckly and I have become part of the displaced people groups.

We are counting on you as our faithful supporters to continue to give and help us minister from here. The phone calls never cease. Calls to remain here for our safety. Calls for help each and every day. Calls of people in need. Our employees are still working and taking care of things . Our churches are still functioning and thriving amidst it all. The name of Jesus is still being proclaimed. Our school is functioning with 40 students. Our teachers need to receive their salary. We still have people who are sick who need to see a doctor, medication or hospitalization. People are still dying. We are still called on to orchestrate and pay for a funeral from here.

Wilckly, ever the optimist and realist says it always gets darker and the storm rages before the sky clears. He believes that and prays for it for Haiti and that God would somehow bring the change that would allow for good days in Haiti again."

> Yours in Christ, Wilckly and Dee Dorcé







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Photos from top to bottom, left to right: 1. Pouring concrete on the roof of the building where we hope to hold school this year ... next on the program is pouring a concrete yard for recreation time. 2. "Training for Service" in action...aka graphic design school for adults. 3. Some of our students from last year...these were some of the refugees from the unrest in Carries who lived at the beach property who were able to just walk out the door and go to school on our property. 4. The Kindergarten classroom at the beach...we can't wait to have more space again!

Help us build the wall!



Nehemiah Project: \$250 per 500 ft. section

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

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.

If you would like to send a gift, please check out our new online giving option!!

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