Dorcé Family

Wilckly, Dee, Ashley, Kelsey, Josiah

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"For the word of the Lord is right and true; He is faithful in all he does.

Psalm 33:4





Dearest Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Throughout our years of ministry whenever we have sent news we have always endeavored to emphasize the positive and good things happening and growth occurring among the people. Yet those of you who have partnered with us for many years will understand that the nature of the place to which God has called us often provides numerous opportunities for us to draw attention to the truth that God is still at work when we can't see that growth or when the good appears hidden from view.

Conditions in Haiti continue to deteriorate, (gangs running rampant and taking control over most major cities and roads, with those in leadership either too fearful to intercede or apathetically turning a blind eye to the suffering), and much of our ministry there right now consists of ensuring our peoples' safety by providing necessary funds to move them to more secure locations and meeting other physical needs by making sure they have

enough money for food and supplies (which are rising in price daily). School did open, and we are so grateful for Petite Homme (the school director) and the other teachers (many of whom have to travel from the city) who so often choose to put the childrens' education above their own safety. They are cautious, and have to wake each morning and watch the road and listen for signs of unrest before they open the school (which means some days it is closed for the safety of all involved), but they are refusing to let the uncertainty of the times stop the work completely!



We miss our family in Haiti so much, and our hearts break for them with all they are having to endure, especially since we are not there with them.

Please pray for their safety and for an end to the unrest and violence.

Wilckly spent over three months in the Dominican Republic and much progress was made, from establishing a church (holding 2 services weekly, one in Haitian Creole and one in Spanish), to making connections with local Haitian refugees, to building relationships with two local pastors who have been very encouraging and helpful in the entire church-planting process. He is back in Iowa for a short time to regroup and make future plans.

We long to keep building and keep growing, but the unrest in Haiti has now spread to the Dominican and made it very difficult for communication or travel between countries. Our plans were for some of our people (and equipment) in Haiti to be able to come back and forth between the two countries and serve in both places as needed, but disputes at the border have created a temporary snag in these plans.

The border dispute also makes it increasingly unsafe for Haitians who are living in the Dominican Republic, as it has stirred up anger, misunderstandings and past prejudices. Please pray for wisdom as we navigate these difficulties, for safety for our people there in Santiago, and that we would be able to display the love of Christ to all within our reach.

There are still several needs as we strive to settle there in the DR, and we are attaching the updated list to this newsletter.

We are SO THANKFUL to all of you who have given towards these needs already! The next best way you can help us is to GET THE WORD OUT. Maybe you are unable to give yourself, or maybe you already did! Would you be willing to take another step and tell someone else about the need? The more people who know, the more people are given the opportunity to partner with us, and the more God is glorified as we work together to bring His message of hope to the people of Haiti AND the DR!

Yours in Christ, Wilckly and Dee Dorcé



Left: Our new drum set and one of the boys attending church. He really wants to learn to play! Above: The vehicles in Haiti that we plan to transport to the DR as soon as the border opens. Right: Kiki and Freddy, the Dominican Pastor of our Spanish services held every Sunday afternoon.



REMINDER:

We have a NEW NAME, a NEW WEBSITE, and a NEW EMAIL ADDRESS:

Blessing Hearts Ministries

https://blessingheartsministries.com/ shaina@blessingheartsministries.com

We also have lots of giving options on our website, from automatic regular donation set-up, to "Round-ups" (a neat way to use those extra few cents on your credit/debit card each purchase!), to one-time gifts. Check it out at https://blessingheartsministries.com/donate

Do you want a live update?



Wilckly and Dee or Shaina are all available to come visit you and give an in-person update on the ministry!

Contact Shaina Thiner at (309) 255-5393

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Expansion in the Dominican Republic



Through the generosity of one of our partners we now only have **\$4,000** left to pay on the land in the D.R., with NO interest!! We are SO ready to make this vision become reality...please pray about how you can partner with us in this area!

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

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