



Dorcé Family

*Wilckly, Dee, Ashley, Kelsey, Josiah
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"What shall we say then to these things? If God is for us who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?"

Romans 8:31-32



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We would like to thank you for the incredible love and prayers and support you have shown us the past couple of months as we mourn the loss of Reta (Dee's mom). A portion of her obituary, written by Dee, is included in this letter as she was very dear to the people of Haiti and many of you as well.

While much of 2020 has been for us what it has been to so many of you: discouraging, trying, disappointing, frightening, burdensome, inconsistent, dangerous, and often downright ugly, we have seen God working through it all. We believe He is still Who He says He is: LOVE. GOOD. TRUE. LIFE. LIGHT. We pray you are clinging more tightly to Him than ever before. He is our only hope and stay on this hard and shifting earth.

PRAISE:

School has re-opened in Haiti!!! A small group met on the first day at the beach property (the security of the village of Carries is still unstable from day to day so we determined after much prayer and many meetings to move the school). Fortunately, we haven't "put all our eggs in one basket". Meeting at the beach property is temporary but we have a couple of other options to consider. Each would require us to come up with a temporary structure for them to meet for this school year. Pray with us as we make this big decision.

Some of you may be wondering what we did during the "off" months. You may have felt helpless these past few months just as we have. We want you to know that it was during these tough days that your prayers and financial support has sustained us and many others through us. Our teachers, employees, churches and individuals have been cared for as the needs arose. We did whatever was possible in each situation. Food was shared and distributed. Clothing and shoes were provided for others. Some families were provided rent or a roof over their head. Others were given medical care. Spiritual guidance was sometimes given over the phone instead of face to face. Now this Sunday the church at La Saline, Port-au-Prince will celebrate 29 years of ministry. This was one of the first churches Wilckly founded. All of this because you have remained faithful in support of our ministry.

Some of the greatest sources of income we receive in the summer come from summer camps and Vacation Bible Schools. Due to the shut-downs neither these nor our regular summer speaking

visits were able to occur. Those are funds that we usually count on to accomplish our fall projects and jump-start school each year. We are asking you to pray about how you can help us carry the weight. We appreciate all of the sacrifices you and many others have made to help us through all of this. We can't thank you enough for your faithfulness in supporting our ministry, and we continue to pray for all of you as you navigate such uncertain waters in your own churches and areas.

Please keep praying with us for God to provide the finances and the wisdom to be able to continue ministering to people of all ages. Please pray for our students and teachers, and for clarity and wisdom for us as we are confronted every day with new decisions to make; decisions that affect so many. Please pray for safety as well; not only from Coronavirus and riots, but also through hurricane season the next few months. Thank you!!!

With Love in Christ, The Dorcés

Praise the Lord, the DOORS ARE OPEN!



Regular services are being held at most of our churches again.

These are photos from a service at our Nazon church that recently lost their second pastor in five years. The first was killed by a lightning strike, the second died of cancer. They have been dealing with a lot of fear as a result. Praise the Lord they are able to fellowship again. Wilckly and Pastor Quene were also able to visit and bring them some encouragement.





Left to right, top to bottom: 1. Kelsey, Jhemson and Josiah learning to cook fish! 2. Josiah has really improved his crochet game during quarantine. 3. Kelsey and Jeriah admiring honeycomb from a beehive found on our property. 4. Damage and a break-in at one of our houses in Carries. 5. Heading back to the U.S. 6. Wilner, a man who sat waiting outside our home every day until the funds became available for us to give him the help he was requesting for his family...he knew we were the only ones who would/could help him. 7. Fried plantain, breadfruit and sausage. 8. First day of school at the beach! 9. Sahara dust over the mountains...yes, we even had it in Haiti! 10. Older students leading the younger grades in school's opening. 11. Moving benches and desks from Carries to the farm property.



“Reta Verlee (Williams) Diggs was born March 16th, 1938 on a farm north of Clarinda, IA. Her parents were Donald and Una. She was the oldest of three children having two younger sisters, Geraldine and Kristin.

She was considered the tomboy of the family and she was always in the field helping her dad. She could drive any tractor, truck, car or anything that had wheels and moved. She could shoot a gun straighter than anyone.

She attended country school through 8th grade walking to and from school every day or riding a bicycle. Reta attended Clarinda Community High School and graduated in 1956. After graduating she started working at the telephone office in Clarinda as a telephone operator on the switch-

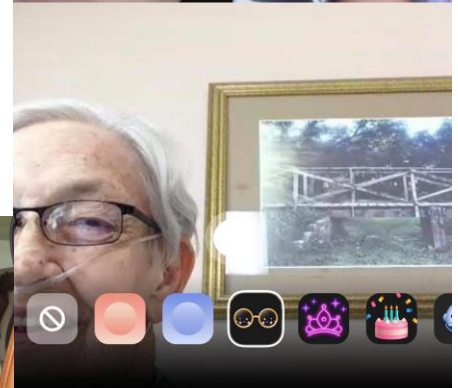
board. She remained single until she was 30 years old when she married Francis Diggs, 42, of Guss, IA on September 22nd, 1968. They bought a farm in Gravity, IA and had two daughters, Deana and Alice.

Reta could do anything, so she did. She planted a huge garden and canned everything that she could to have food for the winter. She worked as a waitress at the sale barn café in Bedford, IA. She helped Francis with the farm. She and Francis put up circle grain bins. She and her sister ran the sale barn café for 11 yrs. and lunched many a farm sale out of the back of Klakken’s pick-up camper. She cooked for the congregate meal site at the Purple Palace. She bought a little Ford tractor with a disc and plow. She made extra spending money plowing gardens for everyone in Gravity and surrounding area. She was a waitress at the Skylark Café. She also worked at the Bedford meat market. She worked in the kitchen at Clare Haven in Clarinda. They mowed the Ladoga and Washington cemetery and they mopped the HyVee in Bedford on Monday nights for years.

She was a member of the Gravity Christian Church. Whenever the doors were open she and her family were there, 15 minutes early or not at all! She was very proud of her children and would do anything to help them and she did. She was their number one fan and rarely missed any event where they were involved. She enjoyed her nieces and nephews and grandkids immensely. She lived life to its fullest. She helped her neighbors or anyone else who needed it. In later years when Francis passed away she joined Deana in Haiti and survived the earthquake in 2010. She then came back to Bedford where she took care of her grandkids, Ashley, Kelsey, and Josiah for 6 months. She also spent a lot of time with her grandson Micah who would keep her company most weekends, attend church with her and take meals she had made to Aunt Roberta and Uncle Bob to visit and eat with them. Her granddaughter Ashley came to live with her and attend high school in Bedford.

Reta was known and loved by many. You never had to wonder what she thought because she would tell you. This didn’t change when she became a resident at Bedford Care Initiatives. She made many friends with residents and staff alike. Known for her love of birds she was always after one of the staff, her daughter Alice in particular, to get those bird feeders filled because the birds were hungry.

She lived a full life and she never held anything back. She was always ready for the next adventure. She taught her children to work hard, be kind, share what they had with others. She said if you can’t say anything nice then don’t say anything at all. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.”



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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**

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
blessing.hearts.intl@gmail.com
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.

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