

Haiti Happenings

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***“For thus says the Lord,
‘The whole land shall be a desolation;
YET I WILL NOT MAKE A FULL END.’”
Jeremiah 6:16***

Dear Family,

I pray this season finds you well in body and soul. “Things” have really picked up for me with school being back in session and in-person. With so many changes the district needs more help so I am now scheduled four mornings a week rather than the previous three. I ride the bus to start out my day by taking riders’ temperatures, then help one of the remote teachers by teaching her students one-on-one. To my surprise I am actually enjoying teaching online.

I have been able to schedule a few speaking engagements at BHI supporting churches this fall, though many congregations are still understandably cautious about hosting visitors. Therefore much of my work for Haiti has been and continues to be done remotely.

I have lately been meditating on the book of Jeremiah. Usually my preference when opening the Scriptures is to study the New Testament and I have spent ample time in, and grown to love deeply, Ephesians, over the past year, but the Lord led me to Jeremiah for varying reasons, and I have been finding a wealth of encouragement and insight in its passages. Jeremiah’s task was to proclaim the Word of the Lord to a people who would refuse to listen to it. And he KNEW that they would not listen from the beginning of his calling, for God told him this. He knew his efforts would be, by all human standards, fruitless and pointless.

This speaks to me, for in many ways, as Wilckly and Dee and I have often stated to one another, this is reminiscent of ministry in Haiti. Now, please don’t misunderstand me: our ministry there has been incredibly rewarding and we have seen God move in mighty and seemingly impossible ways. I have seen fruit ripen and even bear seeds of its own. But often this fruit takes years, even decades to be visible. Due to the strong grip fear and superstition have on the people of Haiti change is very slow in coming. This can be disheartening to say the least, even in “average” years. But this year has been a trial beyond description. Wilckly and Dee and their faithfulness to the people of central, and really all of Haiti astounds me. They have served the Lord there together for nearly thirty years and have faced difficulty after difficulty, loss and betrayal, yet also miracle after miracle of provision and hope.

The book of Jeremiah, despite much pronounced judgement and doom, contains so many treasures of hope. It reminds me that God is not finished, with His people nor with Haiti nor with me. Praise His merciful name.



With Love in Christ,
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Please continue to pray:

1. **Protection over Wilckly, Dee, and the kids as they serve in Haiti during a time of great instability.**
2. **For wisdom, clarity, health, energy, and peace for them and all under their leadership.**
3. **For the means to continue providing for all those under their care in Haiti.**
4. **For the growth of the ministry.**
5. **For God’s protection over all of our students and teachers, and those in our churches.**
6. **For peace for Haiti and its people.**

Dorce' family update:

Dee's mom (known affectionately to me and so many as "Granma" – she spent quite a bit of time in Haiti) went to be with Jesus in July, so Dee and the kids flew out for the services. Wilckly was unable to come due to travel restrictions, esp. for non-US-residents. They were in Iowa for only a week (I got to visit them twice, attend services for Reta, and help them pack), then stopped in Tampa to stay with Ashley until they could get tickets to return to Haiti.

That turned out to be more complicated than expected. Ticket costs were very high and flights were limited. Finally in the beginning of September they returned, to a very weary husband/father eager for his family to join him again!

Ashley is nearing the end of her college career in Tampa (I can hardly believe that...I began teaching her in 4th grade!!). Kelsey and Josiah are registered through Dee's hometown's school and therefore able to join classes online. This is one significant blessing that has come out of such a trying year: a system Dee has been looking to try out for so long (online "home school") is finally, and readily, available! Please pray that they will be able to have consistent internet and electricity so the kids can keep up with their assignments, which, especially for Kelsey, are MANY.

Haiti ministry update:

Churches and school are reopened, including all of ours, praise the Lord. Please pray that protests, violence, and Covid stay far away so that our congregations can continue to meet and the students can continue to receive an education! Both are in dire need of this encouragement.

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