

# Haití Happenings

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*“He has made everything beautiful in its time.  
Also, he has put eternity into man’s heart,  
yet so that he cannot find out what God has done  
from the beginning to the end.*

*Ecclesiastes 3:11*

Please continue to pray:

- 1. Protection over our people as they serve in Haiti during a time of great instability.**
- 2. For peace and hope as Wilckly and Dee move forward in expanding the ministry across the island.**
- 3. For wisdom, clarity, health, energy, and peace for them and all under their leadership.**
- 4. For the means to continue providing for all those under their care in Haiti and the DR.**
- 5. For peace for Haiti and its people.**

## **Dear Family,**

There are moments, too often for me to recount, when I wish I wasn't stuck in time, or at least that I could see more of the timeline...sometimes I just long to understand why something happened in the past, or why something I or a loved one desire so greatly just isn't happening. There has been a lot of this pondering and meditating on time and timing in reference to Haiti and the ministry there. Right now very little about the Dorcés' life and ministry is going as they planned or hoped. They feel very stuck, in time and place, and several factors which are out of their control are contributing to this. We all KNOW that God is still working in Haiti through our people there; we all KNOW God has not forsaken His people in Haiti; we all KNOW He still has a plan for Haiti, but sometimes it can be hard to BELIEVE that when we can't see much evidence of it.

And yet...when we look back at our past...at GOD'S past faithfulness...our hearts are lifted in hope. He miraculously used dozens of willing servants to save a little girl's life...He provided when Haiti was rocked by the devastating earthquake of 2010 and expanded the ministry with a new church plant and many coming to Christ...He proved His power and sovereignty by saving our lives in the terrible truck wreck in May of that year...He was with us through the devastating losses of life due to cholera and malaria later that year...on days when we weren't sure from where the next meal was coming He always fed us...in times of having to remain still due to danger on the roads He brought the ministry to them...and now He has opened the door for a new church plant and ministry base in the Dominican Republic, a long-time dream of Wilckly and Dee's. And all of this (and so much more I don't have space to write about!) is only since I joined them! They could tell you countless other stories of God's faithfulness and His perfect timing.

Maybe you are in a season of waiting or of seemingly hopeless circumstance. Take heart. God has not left you. He is still the same God. Remember His past faithfulness. Remember Who He is. Holding on to WHO He is steadies us no matter WHERE we are.



## Forward...

For the past couple of years I have chosen a “word of the year” ...after prayer, thought, and sifting through lists from others participating in this trend I would choose a word that I felt God was leading me to and a Scripture that went along with it. Two years ago, 2020, my word was “open”...how incredibly telling that word proved to be as God took me down many new paths and difficulties, teaching me to be open to His plan no matter how trying, teaching me to remain soft to His voice of truth and willing to change pre-existing ideas and mentalities. Last year my word was “steadfast”...oh, how I learned the value of remaining faithful to the Lord in seasons of waiting...of being faithful in using His gifts that may not seem like gifts at first...of how much more wonderful all His gifts are when they come in His perfect timing.

This year my word was “forward”. I am entering an entirely new season of life, and though the first half of this year still involved some waiting, there were several ways I could be intentional in the transition. I want to step into this new season and these new positions with purpose and with gratitude. I want to keep moving forward, my eyes fixed on Jesus, walking a path of portraying Him and His kingdom well where He has placed me.

I am so grateful God has brought Matthew and I together, for he shares this vision, and I am so looking forward to serving the Lord together as one. 13 days from when I am typing this we will be married and officially beginning this new season, moving forward together. We appreciate your prayers that we allow God to love through us in our words and actions as we serve the community in which He has placed us. We feel that for many years He has been preparing both of our hearts for each other, and for the work He is entrusting to us, and our desire is that we be faithful in this as well as willing and eager to keep following Him however He leads.

*With Love in Christ,  
Shaina Ascone*

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