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“I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.” (1 Timothy 2:1-2)

Dear Praying Friends:

I was struck when reading this passage about how we are to pray for all men. Thieves and violent people? We need to intercede for them that the Holy Spirit will convict them to repent and place faith in Christ. Government officials, from local to national? We are commanded to pray for them, and we especially give thanks for them when they give order to society. Many people in our world would be grateful for an opportunity to live a quiet and peaceful life for God such as we have in the United States.

It has not been quiet in Haiti for more than two years. The original political protests were about claims of fraud in the previous presidential election. For more than a year, those have changed to demands that the president leave and a transition team take over. Crime has increased continually since March, 2019. We thought it was bad in 2004 when I was there, but everyone agrees this is much worse. There has been a major outbreak of COVID in the past two months. Haiti is ill-prepared to deal with this, having only about 200-240 hospital beds in the country, inadequate medical supplies, and medical staff who may not have been paid since last year.

The constitutional referendum vote scheduled for late June was postponed, citing COVID and crime as the reasons. I heard from my worker while writing this letter, and we agreed he had forgotten to mention the change, probably because he was more concerned about COVID and getting killed than he was about a delayed vote. Two weeks ago, gunmen blocked the main roads out of Port-au-Prince, which shut down transport of goods and fuel to the rest of the country. The only fuel available in Cap Haitien was on the street, and it was costing \$250 (more than \$20 US) per gallon. This past week, the cost was “only” \$100 per gallon, which is not a bargain. My worker was still able to get to the airport, pick up the box of medical supplies Missionary Flights took in, and then send it on to Wallondri.

Praise The clinic workers are all safe. Their salaries are up to date, which is a big blessing. The long-term patients are grateful they can get their medications. And they are all thankful for your prayers.

I was able to participate in the VBS at my home church this year since I was still in the United States.

The translation for the discipleship booklet is more than 75% completed (but not all the typing!).

Projects Workers are trying to finish a major upgrade to the Ministry Residence. I am grateful for the help that made it possible to send the needed funds in June.

Prayer The latest word is that the elections for all offices and the referendum vote will take place at the same time in September. Please pray that voting will be possible, and offices again be filled by elected officials.

Please pray that violence and COVID will decrease so people can do normal activities without fear.

Does all this news about Haiti sound confusing, challenging and sad? It is, and we do not have the ability in ourselves to understand such problems, let alone solve them. But our God knows all the details, has the ability and wisdom to deal with people in justice, and loves every person involved. Let us pray!

In our Lord's service,

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“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.” (Ephesians 2:8)
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