

Livingston—8 May, 2019

Update on Haiti and plans

The adventure to Florida went well except for swarms of love bugs. You know it's bad when the locals say this is the worst they have seen it in years! I was not tempted to use my wipers, even though the windshield was covered with smears. That would have made it much worse! There was much beauty to see and enjoy along the way.

The church families were very welcoming and encouraging. It was good to see people I remember from past visits, and to know that they were pleased with how well I was walking. I also enjoyed seeing friends and spending time with them (and even speaking a little Creole). Some day we will unite before our Father's throne and share all the blessings He has given us in an eternal family.

Several people asked about the situation in Haiti, and I have heard concerns about returning too soon. I talked with a couple of workers, and the biggest concern for everyone is that prices have just about doubled for everything. For example, the price of rice was already high, and now it is about twice as much. Fuel is \$5/gallon when it can be found. There are reports the fuel is being watered.

I had heard that there was a man responsible for much of the violence in the central part of the country. Today, I got a name—Anel/Arnel Joseph. There was information on the web about him. Here is the link.

<https://www.voanews.com/a/haiti-police-offer-reward-for-capture-of-gang-leader/4646300.html>

I just saw a note that this man was wounded on April 30. Here is that link.

<https://www.haitilibre.com/en/news-27604-haiti-flash-the-gang-leader-arnel-joseph-wounded.html>

Corruption is not new in Haiti, but the amount of money is huge and the ordinary people are hungry and discouraged. Much of the unrest is over a report released by the Superior Court of Auditors about large scale corruption over PetroCaribe funds. Here are links for information about those disturbances.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-haiti-politics/haiti-vows-to-trim-expenses-and-investigate-petrocaribe-amid-protests-idUSKCN1Q60PK>

<https://www.france24.com/en/20190215-petrocaribe-challenge-social-media-campaign-mirambeau-haiti-corruption-moise>

Some of our problems are tied to what is happening in Venezuela. Here is a link for that.

<https://www.miamiherald.com/news/nation-world/world/americas/haiti/article228172349.html>

There are other articles available that blame the US for what is happening in Venezuela, and for controlling other countries in the region, e.g. Haiti and Dominican Republic. So, it will not be surprising to find anti-foreign sentiments in many areas.

That is the information from the news services. My workers report shortages for everything, and there are rumors of possible serious problems on May 18. While they would like for me to return, and patients say they want me back, the advice right now is to wait until the end of June. I have rescheduled my flight with MFI for June 25. Thank you for already praying about wisdom. Please continue to pray for the people of Haiti, and for me to have wisdom for future plans. Praise God, He is in control!

In our Lord's service,

Dr. Anne