

# Dreams for Haiti / ACH

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**Political:** The gangs are still controlling 85 or 90% of Port au Prince and a large portion of the rest of the country. They control the traffic and no one is allowed to pass unless they pay the gangs. Most people have to take public transportation because private cars are most likely going to be carjacked. The public buses and taptaps pay a fee to the gangs to be able to use the road. There is still kidnapping and murder going on and homes being burned. One of Pastor Gilbert's protégées had to run in the middle of the night with 40 of his parishioners. They left with nothing and no money to buy food. We were able to help them some but this is an ongoing need. We are happy that the Kenyan Army is arriving to try and help get the gangs under control.



**Pastor Gilbert and Doctor Legette Jules**

**Gilbert:** Pastor Gilbert was on a bus coming from the south where his wife, Dr. Legette was holding clinics and he was teaching seminars, when the bus he was riding on had an accident. He was thrown into the isle and many people landed on top of him. Many people died but he was fortunate to escape with a lot of bruises and was very sore and missing some teeth.



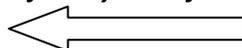
**Josue':** In February Josue' legally came to the United States with his wife and 2 children. We are very grateful to Mike and Terry Kickham for opening their home and hearts to this family. The kids are in school, they have their paperwork done and Josue' has a job and they recently moved into their own apartment. It is so exciting to watch them launch their new lives here.



**Ariol feeding a homeless lady living in a box**

**Ariol:** Ariol is on the waiting list to also come to the USA. But while waiting he is helping some of the most vulnerable. We were able to send him a little money and he found food to buy (not easy as food is scarce and the docks are closed so we can't send containers) and he and his mama cooked the food and hit the streets. They will be going out again this month and feeding the homeless. In Haiti there are many children that due to parent's death or poverty are homeless. Many of these sleep on the sidewalk or in the cemetery. Ariol talks to them about Jesus and he feeds them. We are so thankful for Ariol and his sweet Mom.

**Some of the graduates of Gilberts pastor training class after 3 years of study.**



**School:** We are fortunate that our school has been able to stay open. At the beginning of the year many of our kids families had moved away to try and find a safer area to live. They leave without telling anyone for safety reasons. We have been sending extra money for food because so many of the children are starving. Several of our young boys would like to take summer school classes in preparation for higher learning.



**A sponsored child with his goat and new baby!**

**Animals:** Charles said with spring came a lot of new animals. They passed out chickens, ducks and goats to families and to some of the older school children. This really helps the families with a little income.

**Church:** In May the Church celebrated its 10 year anniversary with a 2 week revival. There was sermons, food, games and a lot of singing. The pictures and video looked like they had a great time.



**Children singing at the revival**

**A very special thank you** to a friend of Haiti, Dan, who saw our need for shelving at the warehouse and donated a whole wall full of shelf racking. We are grateful beyond words. And to Joe Mica who (despite 2 major operations) has helped tremendously to get us organized and rounds up help.

**Our condolences** go out to the King family on the loss of Ron King. A dear friend of the Settles for over 40 years and a friend who loved and cared about children. They had one bio child and went on to adopt 11 more. Sadly they lost a daughter in 1988 and they lost a son in September 2022 and another son in October 2023.

**More condolences:** We are also deeply hurt with the loss of one of our young school boys, Valery Ceide. He was 15 and was ready to take the big National test this summer. He died from a stomach ache (no other explanation). Autopsies are rare in Haiti. The family can't afford to go to the hospital. Most hospitals have been closed or running with very little supplies for many years now. You die, you get buried. He has other younger siblings. If anyone would like to sponsor his younger sister it would surely help this young mother out. Or if she is already sponsored we have many other children in need of sponsorship.



Valery Ceide



Cherline Pierre (sister)

**Se anvi bay ki bay**

Translation : It's the desire to give that gives  
 Meaning : We give to others because we want to give and to be generous.