

December 25, 2022



Merry Christmas our ministry family to yours! Gary and the elderly send along their prayers and well wishes! Not everyone is pictured here but all of their love comes along to you. This year has brought about a lot of adjustments for financial and security reasons. The nation has been in a state of *total chaos* for over six months and we have prayerful continued with your faithful support to meet the needs of those that have been entrusted in our care.

We tread lightly with words like chaos, but that is where Haiti is presently and we are doing everything possible to survive these circumstances with faith and hope - much of which your prayers supply and God multiplies.

Just a few months ago, with God's grace and favor, we were able to provide for our ministry family. They have been able to have food, clean drinking water, and their basic needs met. It has not been easy and it was a miracle that everything came together to meet their needs over the past few months.

Today, we are not in a crisis food situation, but we are uncertain for the months ahead. We are praying and trusting God for an answer to that prayer. We know that the solution will be out of the box and require faith, but with His strength and your prayers and support, we have met the challenges of the year. God's grace us abundant and evident in these trying times...

Some students have been able to resume school, though it is different. They are typically not in uniform and not all teachers are present. In addition, many do not have all the required learning resources like books. This is not a funding issue. It is a safety and lack of supply issue. Supply and Multiply paid a majority of our students tuition over the summer in anticipation of the school year. In addition, we had uniforms made and purchased backpacks and other supplies. Our hearts are burdened that students are not in school for many reason, some being that many of the students depend on the meal at school for their nutrition.

Without the schools meeting that need it has been an increased burdened on the ministry to try and ensure that we are providing assistance to the community during this difficult season. While not all of our students are benefiting from an education currently, we trust that the employees of the schools were paid and we will work with the schools as they open to ensure our students are back enrolled.

The elderly, widows / widowers, and other vulnerable individuals that we care for are receiving monthly support from the ministry. This looks different for each family, as they all have unique needs. Our staff is regularly checking on everyone and staying in communication with us as to specific needs as they arise.

In recent days we have been able to find fuel for the river generator to pump water to the gardens in the fishing village. The fuel has cost us as much as \$30 a gallon some days! We are prayerful on the days we can even find fuel and pay a lower price. Our fire hoses that deliver the water have started to have tears and holes. We are praying for a solution to repair the hoses and then eventually get new hoses there.

As we await the celebration of Christ's birth, let us keep in mind the journey that Joseph and Mary were on that day so long ago. Their journey can give us encouragement. Mary went into labor while traveling on a rough road, on the back of a donkey, with no place to spend the night. One could not imagine a more imperfect timing, or more difficult or inconvenient circumstances for the savior of the world to be born, but that is what happened.

Haiti and her people are tired, hurting, and in desperation. We wait in hope and anticipation of the work that the Lord will do in Haiti. We know that during this season we have been stretched, molded, and reshaped. We have seen our staff step out and up in faith. They have rose above every challenge and continued to serve. Just like the rough road for Mary and Joseph paved the path for our savior to be born, we know that Christ's light will shine bright despite the circumstances of the moment.

Merry Christmas to you and your family!

Pastor Chris Surber

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**Our Director Gary and his wife Pieremen want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas! He is thankful for all the prayers and support. He looks forward to the seeing everyone in God's timing.**





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