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We started the week full of optimism. We know that Haiti is fragile, but our hearts were delighted to hear that most students would be returning to school on Monday. Seeing the photos of students in uniforms was a sweet sight. Friends, these are the faces of those that we serve. These smiles hold hope for the future. Our residents that we care for have been able to have full meals and Maricile, who loves meat with her meals, has been so thankful that the ministry has been able to provide her long await plates of complete meals. God has carried us through. He continues to provide in miraculous ways on every step of this long road. However, Thursday we began to receive messages that the threats of the resuming of riots and unrest were resuming. This time it was the Haitian National Police (PNH) revolting along with gangs and others that are just fed up with the current conditions. A coup d'état was attempted.

“The message of frustration across the spectrum is clear, but relief remains elusive.” This was a headline from one news outlet. At the bottom of this email we will provide to you many links that you can go to and read on the current situation. Please know that this situation is complex and these are just articles. Many people on the ground have various personal experiences.

The airport in Port au Prince was overtaken in an attempt to locate Ariel Henry, the current Prime Minister of Haiti. An estimated 15 police officers were killed in the last two weeks. The police officers feel like the government is not protecting them. The bodies of the police officers are still being held by gangs. This is a huge cultural problem as in Haitian culture a proper funeral is of high significance.

“Gangs control large swaths of the Haitian capital, where residents live in fear of being kidnapped, raped or killed. Snipers on rooftops have targeted men, women and children, Helen La Lime, the U.N. secretary general’s special representative in Haiti, told the U.N. Security Council on Tuesday. Thousands have been killed in the violence; tens of thousands have been displaced.”

We will provide you with an update on our specific area with information from the ground and news sources in our area. Everything going on has an effect on the entire nation, but the immediate security from moment to moment is very depending on where you are at and what is the evil of that time.

In our region the various gangs and police have taken to the streets. Late on Thursday and for some on Friday, many of children were taken out of school as the threat of violence in our area increased. In a close by town several gang members that had been raided by the police began to retaliate against the police and government figures.

The largest prison in our region (The Artibonite) located in Gonaives was overtaken and there was a large prison break. The town of Liancourt, in the region of the Artibonite, just outside the city of Saint Marc had shootouts on Wednesday with the Savien gang and left seven officers dead, according to Haiti's National Police. Gary was on his way to Saint Marc when the trouble started in the town of Pierre Payen, about halfway there. He turned around and made it home safely. We praise God for His protection and for Gary's wisdom. However, this situation means that the gangs and violence is very close to Montrouis, 10 miles in either direction on Route National One.

Our hearts are burden for the people of Haiti. We have been able to get resources to Gary so that he can continue to provide for the people we serve and ensure our staff has payroll. We have food and fuel, though difficult to find and very expensive. All of our ministry family is accounted for and in touch with us regularly. We are taking every precaution necessary to make safe and wise decisions.

Supply and Multiply needs your prayers and continued support for the people of Haiti. We need prayers for the world governments to step in and provide relief.



Links to news articles:

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/haiti-news-airport-protest-ariel-henry-gangs-murder-police/>

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-64421308>

<https://www.cnn.com/2023/01/26/americas/haiti-police-killings-intl-latam/index.html>

<https://www.france24.com/en/americas/20230127-haiti-police-block-streets-force-entry-to-airport-to-protest-officer-killings>

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2023/01/26/haiti-police-protest-killings/>

<https://uk.sports.yahoo.com/>



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