

We have a critical food shortage and need your help!

God has opened a door for us to get food into our ministry community.



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Famine is defined as extreme scarcity of food. We are hesitant to use the word famine, but that is the situation we are quickly approaching in our ministry site in Monwi Haiti. Just this last week there has been a out break of Cholera, in addition to the ongoing gang rule. Famine, Cholera, and Violence are the words no one wants to be described by; however, that is the current reality in Haiti.

- Violent armed gangs have tightened their chokehold on several parts of the country.
 They are blocking the movement of critical humanitarian aid and normal commerce. The
 G-9 federation of gangs has for several weeks blocked access to the main fuel terminal
 there, forcing businesses and hospitals to reduce their hours or shut down altogether.
- Fuel in Haiti is the main power source for purified drinking water, cooking, electric for hospitals and stores, communications, and transportation. We supply water to our zone by a generator pump from the river water for subsistence farming. Without fuel we cannot operate our generator-without water, crops die.

 More than 50 cases of <u>Cholera</u> in Haiti have already been reported and at least 7 deaths reported with the numbers rising daily. The 2010 outbreak resulted in over 10,000 deaths from Cholera.

What does all of this mean to Supply and Multiply? Specially it means that we have entered into a critical food shortage. It means what food exist in Haiti is very expensive. Haiti is an island and heavily dependent on imports. Prior to this crisis there already was a food shortage.

Haiti's agriculture sector is forecast to produce just 70,000 tons of rice between 2022 and 2023, but will likely import 515,000 tons, or 85 percent of what it consumes. This means Haitians who can't afford imported food have no local alternative to turn to and it means that the food not able to leave the port will have a great effect on the population.

According to World Food Program "Haiti is on the shortlist of acutely hungry countries featured in last week's (September 29, 2022) latest Hunger Hotspots <u>report</u> by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and WFP. We expect food security to further deteriorate this year, surpassing the current record high of an estimated 4.5 million people facing crisis or emergency hunger levels." Remember the other 5.4 million are suffering as well with limited stock and inflation. The only difference is they are supported by non-government organizations and ministries trying to assist; however, with no fuel and imports increasingly they are not able to address the needs either. There are an estimated 9.9 million people in Haiti effected by the critical food shortage.

God's has opened a door for us to get a food into our ministry area. For security reasons we cannot discuss the specifics of this endeavor. We can tell you that every step of the process is being overseen by people of the highest moral character and with the best interest of our ministry family in mind.

We need your help:

- The cost of logistics, supplies, and food is estimated to be around \$6000. This is totally unexpected. We do budget to pay for food and many of you sponsors families for home deliveries. To be completely transparent the food sponsorship of \$35 does not currently cover the cost of even a half of sack of rice currently. Our monthly budget has been greatly effected by no mission teams, global economic crisis, and inflation. We are doing the best we can to help with food, but to afford food is challenging and to find food is almost impossible.
- We need prayers for safety and protection as "Operation Matthew 25:35" is carried out.
 We pray for eyes to be blind to the process. We pray for the food to be multiplied.

We will share updates after everything is completed!

We appreciate every donor, ever dollar, and every prayer over the last eight years. Together we are sharing the compassion of Christ.

Donate today: Operation Matthew 25:35

Donations can be mailed or made via PayPal. Our mailing address is: Supply and Multiply, 15202 NW 147th Drive, Suite 1200 #245, Alachua, Florida 32615. All donations are tax deductible.

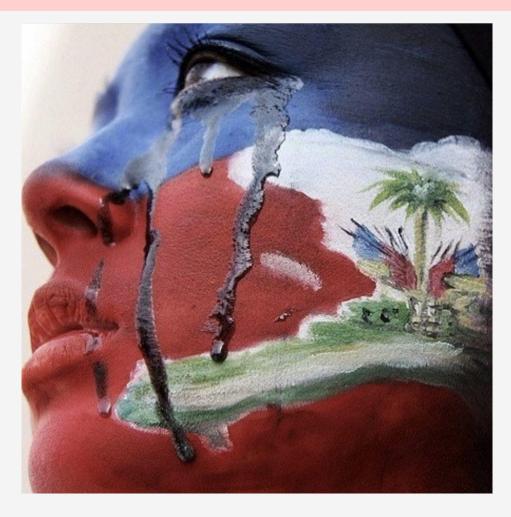


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