

# Haiti News & Updates

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## Assassination

Haiti's President Jovenel Moise was killed during an attack on his private residence. Moise's death takes place against a background of extreme violence in the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince that has claimed the lives of many citizens and has only continued to worsen now with the death of the president. The Haitian government that is left is trying to sort who will now take his place to serve the country. Please join us in praying for safety and peace for the people of Haiti.



## Earthquake & Storm

For those who are unaware, there was a 7.5 earthquake that hit Les Cayes, Haiti on August 14th. Les Cayes is where we do most of our ministry and where both the orphanage and school are located. While we are very happy to report that our missionaries, the orphanage, and our community families are safe, there is much damage following this devastating earthquake. We are discovering more information daily regarding the extent of damage and rebuilding that will need to take place. There was some damage to the orphanage building, though it is still standing, and many of our sponsored community families have either lost their homes or are in need of critical repairs and rebuilding.



The current sleeping setup outside the orphanage

A few days after this earthquake took place, the devastation continued as a tropical storm hit Les Cayes. Aftershocks continued throughout the first week, making it unsafe for many to return indoors. Many people were sleeping outside in the mud during this dangerous storm. The orphanage has taken in an additional 20 people from the community who have lost everything. Please continue to pray for Haiti as they search for survivors, grieve those lost, and rebuild their lives once again!



## Current Relief Efforts

We are so encouraged to know we have a community covering our Haitian family and friends in prayer and support. Thus far, your contributions have helped support the orphanage and the extra people they have taken in for safety. We also have been able to help 13 community families with temporary shelter and food!

With so much of the market turned to rubble, food scarcity is a reality for much of Les Cayes and the surrounding cities. We are so thankful that our team was able to find some food for the next couple of days, but it will not last long. Please be praying for the people of Haiti and the long road to recovery. If you'd like to donate to relief efforts, please visit our website at [heartshandsheroes.org](http://heartshandsheroes.org)



## Needs & Ways to Help

We are in need of monetary donations for immediate shipments of tents, flashlights, ready to eat food such as protein bars, electrolyte packets and lifestraw filters. We are also going to begin collecting items locally to send down for general relief efforts through Agape Flights, a ministry we partner with often to ship items to Haiti.

If you are interested in donating items or having a donation drive at your local church or place of business, please send us a message!

As we pray for physical safety and rebuilding, please remember to pray for emotional trauma and the reopening of old wounds as well. Many of our kiddos in the orphanage lived through the earthquake in 2010, some with an immense amount of loss and grief. This earthquake is bringing those memories back to life, along with new fear. Please pray against PTSD, anxiety, depression, nightmares and fear as you pray for the people of Haiti.

