HAITI OUTREACH MISSION

Pray For Haiti

We asked our partners in Mirebalais, Fr. Alphonse and Fr. Romel to update us regarding the current political problems in Haiti and how they and their churches, schools and the clinic are affected. Much of what follows was already sent via email. This newsletter version includes photos and will be archived on our website.

This HOM newsletter reports their responses, except for videos they sent, which show charred, discolored and smoldering metal gate entrance doors. Fires were set to warn the priests that school and some other activities must be cancelled.

At the HOM annual meeting held November 10, all in attendance agreed that without question, we must continue to support our partners in Haiti.

The one institution that has focused on most needs of the people of Haiti is the Church. We are part of the Church.

Those of us that have had the privilege to visit Haiti look forward to "returning home" after the current troubles end.



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Fr. Romel / St. Louis Church / The Current Situation in Haiti

For over a year, Haiti, my country, knows the most difficult days of its existence and its history due to untimely uprisings against the President of the Republic. These series of uprisings began July 7 and 8, 2018. They had intensified on February 7, 2019. Finally for about 9 weeks they became chronic.

On the leadership of some members of the political opposition in Haiti, from time to time and whenever the Haitian people are unhappy, they organize demonstrations. However, what has completely angered a large portion of the population is the embezzlement of about \$ 4 billion to implement infrastructures in Haiti.

According to a report of the superior court of accounts, the president of the country is largely involved in the waste of this money. Because of this, almost the whole country, except its supporters and the beneficiary of the PHTK (Pati Ayisyen Tèt Kale) scheme, is demanding his resignation. Finally, since February 7, 2019, protest movements have sprung up all over the country.

Mirebalais, following previous problems with the president of the republic, turns out to be the main zone of resistance. Their point of reference and their symbolic place is: "Lakou Dubay".

I myself since September 21 am prisoner at the rectory. Fortunately, we celebrate Mass every day and we celebrate the sacraments. Despite the protests and violent demonstrations, in spite of firearms firing, the faithful come every day to the church. I stay between the church and the rectory.



Baptism before the First Communion



First Communion May 1, 2019





Fr Romel after Wednesday Mass

The above are pictures after Wednesday mass this week.

4 people have already died in Mirebalais. When wounded by bullet and other weapons, we can not count it anymore. Last Saturday, the city of Mirebalais buried one of it's best journalists. He was murdered because he was fighting against the unjust political and economic structure that impoverishes the poorest.

After the funeral, the same day in the afternoon, another young boy was shot dead during the

demonstrations. 6 other people were injured.



Fr Romel during the funeral of Nehemiah (11/02/2019)



Life becomes almost impossible in Mirebalais. The streets are blocked. Patients are dying for lack of doctors because those who live in Port au Prince and who used to come every day can not make the crossing. Traders can no longer go to the market for their transactions. Some close their stores and leave the country. The small merchants who live from day to day are completely devoid of everything because they can not go out to look for life. They starve and languish in the black misery. The poor who depended on others starve and find themselves depressed. State offices are closed. Banks rarely dare to open their doors and when they open them, they have no cash since refueling from power plants is not always possible. This reality of life creates a situation of fatigue and generalized depression. Families who can, leave the country.

Since the majority of schools are closed, some families leave with their children to attend school abroad. Everyone, even those who block streets and barricades are tired with this situation. The gate of our school Mgr Remy Augustin High school, The gate of the school of the sisters of Saint Therese and the gates of Saint Pierre Episcopal church and school had been burned.

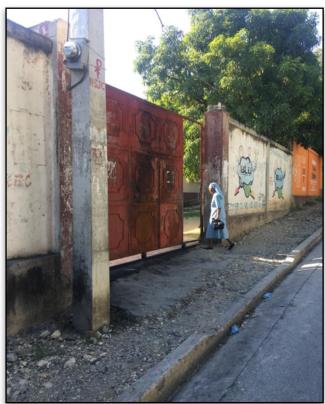
Gate of the school of the sisters of St. Theresa

Thanks to your support and through The Gift of the Heart I support a certain amount of families as best as possible. Each time we support, the parish CARITAS and I, different families. Thanks to HOM!

The country as a whole is stuck and the serious problem is that we can not count on either the government or the opposition to find a happy ending to this crisis. Many intermediate groups have risen but the results are long overdue for when?

Nobody knows.

In spite of everything, I do not despair for Haiti because I have the assurance that our God walks with us and slowly builds our history with the few honest Haitians and good will.



HAITI WILL NOT DIE. IT WILL LIVE AS THE DEEP ROOTS OF OUR HISTORY WILL BRING OUT THE SUNNY FAN!

Father Romel EUSTACHE
Parish priest of Saint Louis King of France of Mirebalais

Pere Alphonse / St. Pierre Church / St. Pierre Clinic / Mirebalais, Haiti / October 2019

Schools have not been open since September. The clinic is open, but we do not receive so many patients as we used to, and most of the ones who come are moneyless or short of money because of the crisis which has paralyzed the economic activities for several weeks. Of course, the protests do interfere with church life. Most of our weekly activities have stopped. We only have our Sunday morning mass. For instance, Daphnee, an employee of ours was getting married and stones were thrown at the church at the time of decoration.

I hope this email find you well. I am answering questions that you asked: First of all, concerning EDH (Electricite d'Etat d'Haiti or Electricity of the State of Haiti), We have to make use our generator everyday, because the electricity provided by EDH is too weak. I went to the office of EDH, and they told me, to solve that problem we will need to get a transformer (our own transformer) that will cost 2000 USD.

Secondly, the list below contains the names, function and salaries of the employees working at the clinic:

FULL NAME	FUNCTION	SALARY USD
1- Cadet Bodler	Doctor	1000
2- Charles Rose Kerby	Pediatrician	500
3- Valliere Lancie	Dentist	600
4- Yoldy Esterlin	Nurse	245
5- Pierre Clodette	Lab technician	140
6- Decamp Clodette	Lab technician	140
7- Gilles Roseline	Economical	115
8- Daphnee Guerrier	Receptionist	108
9- Eluisemene Clervoix	Dental clinic	50
10- Galencha Albenyr	Archivist aid	50
11- Francois Mytil	Archivist	113
12- Lichriste Dorsainvil	Auxiliary	126
13- Mirlande Pierre	Auxiliary	108
14- Marie Joe Joseph	Housewife	54
15- Williams Pacombe	Gateman	50
Total USD		3399

Thirdly, the situation is so difficult in the community that we exonerate more than enter money. An example for September 2019:

SEPTEMBER

Number of patients: 39 Examinations: 108

Money enrance: \$ 1300 HT Exoneration : \$ 2000 HT As for the drugstore (pharmacy), the situation is more complicated. When the patients come to the clinic and have no money for medication, we give them, although the drugs are becoming more and more expensive. For instance Digas goutte which cost \$ 52 HT goes form 52 to 70; Closa Compositum goes from 60 to 88; Vitalysine SP Gal goes from 400 to 550 and Histinol SP Gal that goes from 420 to \$ 511 HT.

DENTAL SECTION

Given the country's problems, the number of patients is really unstable, but the multiple services such as extraction, prophylaxis and restoration work from Monday to Friday. And, The dentist sometimes sees 11 to 12 patients a day.

Be blessed, Pere Alphonse

