

# The Bower Family

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missionaries to

# Haiti

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## Furlough Travels

This past 3 months we've traveled over 8,000+ miles. We've gone from Indiana, Wisconsin, Florida, Arizona and Utah visiting our supporters. We arrived back in Florida a week ago in time for our son Michael's wedding. Thank you for all the prayers, the wedding was beautiful. Aimee and Michael are happily married and living in Pensacola, Florida. They are continuing their nursing classes this fall at Pensacola Christian College.

## Our Return to Haiti Postponed

Our Immediate plans for returning to Haiti have changed. Tim was planning on going into Haiti on August 19<sup>th</sup> with Hannah, Sarah Anne and I to follow August 26<sup>th</sup>. We received many texts from our church family in Haiti that have urged us not to return yet. In their words "Haiti is on the brink of civil war." Since the assassination of the Haitian President, Moise Jovenel, on July 7, 2021, Haiti has become even more unstable, robbery, kidnapping, gang control is the norm. Inflation has also caused an extreme hardship for our church people. At this time, our presence as foreigners would bring unwanted attention to our campus ministries (church, seminary, radio station and Christian schools). We are now planning on going into Haiti after the elections. With the exception that Tim will take a short trip to our Haiti campus at the end of this month. He is going to have meetings with the Pastors, teachers, radio staff and watchman. He will then teach the seminar and work towards setting up the seminary to do online classes through the internet. Please be in prayer for him. He has a lot to do in a short week but staying longer would be too dangerous.

## Earthquake and Hurricane Damage

On August 14<sup>th</sup>, Haiti had a 7.2 earthquake in the southern Peninsula. Two days later Hurricane Grace hit the same area, hampering humanitarian relief efforts. We did not have any damage in the Northern part of the island where our campus is, but we have been very concerned for 2 of our pastors in the South. We have been trying to get a hold of them since the earthquake. Today we were able to reach them. Pastor Roland said that his home and church were not affected. He does have friends at the earthquake's epicenter close to Les Cayes that he is trying to help. Pastor Antoine, who has a church in Jacmel, has had damage to his church. We are following up with these two Pastors and will be working with them to repair the church and bring relief supplies to those affected by the earthquake. We thank you all for the many prayers on behalf of the Haitian people. God knows and can meet the physical and spiritual needs of each person.

## Continue to Pray for Baby Jephthé

We also want to give an update on baby Jephthé's health situation. Baby Jephthé and his mother were to leave Haiti for the Cayman Islands to have the heart operation the same day President Jovenel Moise was assassinated. God in His sovereignty allowed for the Cayman Islands to close their borders, which saved the family from being caught in a dangerous situation, but it has also delayed the date of Jephthé's operation. We ask that you continue to pray that Jephthé's little body will hang in there until the Cayman Islands reopen and he can get in to have his operation.

## Future Ministry Plans

We have to wait until next spring to re-enter Haiti because of the violence and chaos. We are looking at several temporary ministries so that we can continue to serve the Lord as we wait to return to Haiti. We are both looking into taking French classes and Tim is also seeking opportunities to teach Bible classes in other parts of the world. Tim will also continue writing Bible study materials in Creole and he will be continuing his daily contact with the many ministries in Haiti. We will send you an update when we have our next step figured out. As always thank you for lifting our family and the Haitian people up in prayer.

May God bless,

Tim and RoseAnne Bower

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