



Thank you for your continued prayers

(2020 July) Continued Violence, Political Unrest, and Increase in Kidnappings

Haitian senatorial elections which were scheduled for the Fall of 2017 were cancelled due to violence and unrest throughout the country. As a result, as of February 2018, the Haitian parliament only had half of the senators and deputies it was supposed to have. The elections scheduled for the Fall of 2019 were also cancelled, leaving Haiti with no parliament as of February 2020. The president is now ruling by decree. Because no efforts have been made to schedule elections, political unrest and violence are increasing in an already unstable country. The chaotic situation is made worse by an increase in kidnappings and a police force divided by the same frustrations besetting the population.

(2020 August) The Haitian Monetary Exchange Rate Drops

The Haitian government has begun regulating the national currency exchange rate. In the beginning of August, \$1US exchanged for 105 Haitian Gourdes. At the end of August, it was announced that \$1 US would be exchanged for 65 Haitian Gourdes. As of October, and continuing through to December, the exchange rate has been set at 65 Gourdes for a US dollar. What this means is that all of our expenses increased by more than 60%. For example, in August, we bought a sack rice for 2250 gourdes, which was \$21.42US dollars because we have to exchange from US currency. After the exchange rate dropped, the same sack of rice still cost 2250 gourdes, but it cost us \$34.61 US dollars. That 61% increase is caused by the devaluation of the US dollar and the exchange rate drop. Since then, we have struggled to cut expenses and discontinue certain ministries to lower expenses so that we can meet the budget ceiling and carry on with what is most important.

(2020 September) Furlough

We are thankful for Colonial Baptist Church's gracious permission to stay in their missionary house during this school year. We are using their location in Indianapolis, IN for our base of operations during our furlough. Indianapolis is a central location which will allow us to easily travel to visit our supporting churches. Our children, Hannah and SarahAnne are enjoying attending Colonial Christian School this year. Hannah is in grade 11, and SarahAnne is in grade 9. Tim has also been able to teach at the school on occasion and volunteer time during the week to help with maintenance at the church. He has also enrolled in his last doctorate class and is looking forward to his pending dissertation. RoseAnne teaches bi-weekly at the school as well and volunteers when needed. We travel as a family each weekend visiting churches.