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Haiti Has Never Needed More Prayer ~ Update

"It is just more of the same....always the same. We do not even listen to the news anymore." - **Pastor Jean Garry Auguste** (From The Dominican Republic)

The words of a very disheartened Pastor Garry, just one of 3 of the pastors that we spoke with today. He was speaking of the repeated horrific and shocking stories of gang violence coming out of Haiti over the last 2 to 3 years. The gangs continue to hold that country by the throat. It has touched everyone, and no one is immune to the effects. Many times we have asked for prayer for various situations and people since we began serving the churches there in 2001, but they need our prayer and God's intervention more than ever! Will you please join us in prayer? Details below.

The majority of this letter has the simple intention of providing you with a brief update of each of the men and their families as of today's date.

Pastor Leon — After returning to Haiti following an extended visit last fall with his wife Rosaline and 3 daughters in New Jersey, Leon has resumed his many duties, both for his own church, as well as **The Baptist Haiti Mission**. He continues to serve in many leadership roles for that organization. You might remember that his sister and niece were kidnapped with the niece being violated by the gang. Understandably, Rosaline did not even want him to return to Haiti, but they are tentatively planning on him returning to the States in June or July. Permanently? Yet TBD!

Pastor Faude — Pastor Faude, his wife Clercine, and their 3 children live in St. Marc, along with Pastor Leon. Pastor Faude is no longer able to travel north to serve his church out in the countryside of Danache. That would be an almost certain kidnapping, if not "appointment with death". You might remember that Clercine's brother was tragically killed by a gang in that area. They have applied and paid for all to get passports. Once those are obtained, they will seek to come to the U.S. on The Humanitarian Parole Program. However, they do not yet have a sponsor which they will need to have established before they will be allowed to travel.

Pastor Garry — Still living and serving in The D.R., Garry, his wife Lucette, and their 2 boys have also applied for The Humanitarian Parole Program which would allow them to come to The U.S. without a visa. They had attempted to relocate to several other countries, due to the inhumane treatment of Haitians in The D.R., but no country would accept them. They have an individual who has agreed to sponsor them in Tennessee, but they are still awaiting approval and praying for God's will.

Pastor Gaunick — Pastor Gaunick has already made it to the U.S. and blazed a trail for his family north into Canada where he sought asylum. He currently lives with relatives in Montreal, a french-speaking community. His wife Manougka arrived in the U.S. this past Sunday with their 2 children. After a brief stay in Florida, the 3 of them will travel to the Canadian Border, as well, to TRY to follow Pastor Gaunick's path, so that they can be reunited as a family. **NEWS FLASH:** The Roxham Road between NY and Quebec was just closed! Gaunick asks us all to pray!

Pastor Lucien — For now, Pastor Lucien is staying put in Haiti. He has no younger children to consider. One of his daughters is Lucette, Garry's wife. Please pray for this dear servant. He has already been attacked, robbed & threatened at gunpoint.

One Bright Ray of Sunshine!

We are happy to report that our school assistance program at Pastor Leon's school continues! However, the funds have come to an end. **If you can help, please do!** We still have the months of May and June to cover at a cost of \$1,200/month.

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