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The Warfare Continues in Haiti ~ Light Vs. Darkness

Speaking with Pastor Leon Joseph this past week from the St. Marc Area, it is clear that the situation in Haiti is only growing worse, as hard as that might be to imagine. Rather than us try and relate the details to you in this letter, let us simply pass along our brother Leon's words to you: (Reminder – Leon's sister was kidnapped with his niece, who was also violated while in captivity. Both are recovering.)

"Currently, there are many people attending our church because they have fled the areas where the gangs are operating, raping, and looting. The situation is getting more and more difficult. Every time I go out and return to my house, people are waiting for me to ask for something. These people have no food. They constantly knock at my door and say, 'Pastor, we have nothing to feed our children.' I am obligated to share what little I have." Knowing Leon's heart for his people, we wrote back and told him how sorry that we were and that we can only imagine how overwhelmed he must be feeling. His response:

"Yes, I am really overwhelmed by the situation. There are many church members who have been receiving people into their homes, but have no means of feeding them. These people fled their communities without clothes and that only adds to the suffering. After the service this morning, I could not go directly back home because of the local gang activity which worsens from time to time. Gangs continue to kill many innocent people, and this happens every 2 or 3 days."

Update and Call to Action: While many fight on **faithfully**, others have just as **prayerfully** felt the need to "pull back in retreat". Some, under direct threat, have left the country with their families entirely. Others have sent their wives and children away for safety, while they have stayed to minister, for now, at least. We can in no way blame or pass judgement on any of them for their choices or actions.

Pastors Garry and Faude have both applied to the U.S. Humanitarian Parole Program and await approval to travel to the U.S. Garry continues to minister in The Dominican Republic, while Pastor Faude works with Pastors Leon and Eddy in Haiti.

Pastor Leon plans to fly to NJ on August 12 to visit his wife and children. Return?

Pastor Gaunick and his family now live in Montreal, Quebec in Canada where he obtained a work permit and is seeking a Haitian Church to both attend and serve.

Pastor Lucien Jean Marie continues to serve his church in Haiti with the aid of younger pastors of integrity with whom we are familiar. Quite a story there!

Pastor Fritz Voltaire lives with his wife in NJ from where he ministers remotely.

We can not thank any of you enough that send in monthly support for these men! As you can see from this letter, your giving not only funds ministry, but it is not an overstatement to point out that your gifts are what God is using to keep these men and others alive from day to day! Please continue to pray for them all, as they each seek God's protection and guidance for their lives, families, and ministries!

Opportunities: The Haiti Relief Fund that we have been overseeing is now depleted. Bibles have been purchased, tuition has been paid, food and medicine provided, and pastors helped who serve side-by-side with our FITGM men. At this point, anything you can give will not just be a blessing, but may well save lives!

Also, as the Lord provides, we would like to continue our support of Pastor Leon's school. The Haitian children are literally starving for both food and a good quality education. Teachers' salaries, books, and a noon meal runs around \$1,200/Mo. Any help toward this would be huge! To give, see details in the margin or contact us directly. We do not ask for ourselves, but we have no shame to beg you for others.

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