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# MINISTRY NEWS



## FROM THE FOUNDER

As we enter the second quarter of the year, I would like to update you on where the ministry stands with ongoing strife in Haiti. The reality is that God, in His sovereignty, has chosen for our ministry to be without in-country assistance from our American partners in this season. Simply put, our presence in Haiti would draw too much attention and limit ministry opportunities.

What is exciting, though, is what is happening in our physical separation. It reminds me of the child who goes off to college. That adult child is at a place in life where they have to take responsibility, and you begin to see the fruits of your rearing. This is what we're seeing with the ministry. Pastor Poyis and the other pastors in our Mercy Network are doing a great job. They're continuing in their work, under very difficult circumstances with the intimidation of the gangs, but they're keeping their focus. They're maintaining their energy and holding fast in their excitement about Jesus' powerful work in their lives.



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As of now, there is not much on the horizon for sending U.S. church-based teams. When God does sovereignly allow us to go back, we will certainly be excited, but in the meantime, we couldn't be more thrilled to see what God is doing in Haiti on behalf of Himself.

As the ministry continues to grow while we're encouraging from a distance, I'd like to ask you to pray specifically for the children of Haiti. It's estimated that there are about 300,000 children in slavery—restaveks—sold for what their parents believe will be a better life, but rather enslaved and treated terribly. The issue is currently aggravated while the government is not functioning properly. While the Brigade for the Protection of Minors (BPM) tries to do their job, many restaveks are running away from their owners to live on the streets. Rather than BPM taking them in, the gangs are capturing them, turning the boys into members and likely mistreating the girls.

It breaks my heart, as I'm sure it does yours as well, to think about what these children are going through. Please pray for God to rescue these children physically and spiritually. It is one of my greatest hopes to see our Regency and Mercy Homes filled to capacity, and, prayerfully, we can see this growth despite the current state of Haiti.

On another exciting note, we do have some things in the works that will allow us to see each other face-to-face. I look forward to sharing more about this with you soon.

Thank you for your continued prayers and faithful support. I know God is using you for the growth of this ministry and His Kingdom, for which I am very grateful.

In His Grip,  
Greg Barshaw



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### A HEART FOR THE NATIONS

I went with a team from the US one day to visit the children at the Regency Home. Dr. Jarvis, one of our faithful volunteers, brought them a jump rope, and the games began.

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