

# MINISTRY NEWS



## FROM THE FOUNDER



This month marks one year since we've been able to send a team to Haiti, and our prayers for the country are very similar now to what they were then. The government has been unstable for so long that the gangs have gained even more power. One of the main things they're doing currently is taking restavek children and initiating them as gang members. Where the Bureau for the Protection of Minors would have acted in the past, we're witnessing a void that leaves much to be done.

Our primary goal in light of this ongoing reality is to find ways to continue ministry. These restavek kids are a high priority. We're prayerfully asking that God would give us wisdom and opportunities to intervene with more of these children before the gangs can, and extend the gospel light in a very practical way in this dark situation.

The effects of Haiti's governmental turmoil have been wide-ranging. Pastor Poyis recently got two more of our food containers out of the port (still controlled by the gangs), and

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one of the containers was half empty when he opened it. Gang taxes. We're also starting back to school with our kids soon, even though the government hasn't made any plans. This requires courage and determination from our teachers, since education in Haiti is so connected to the government.

With the Children's Homes, we're close to a point where a lot of our older kids could start moving into staff positions. Some of the current needs include positions for security guards, drivers, mechanics, house moms and handymen. We have seen amazing growth in these young people over the years, and we are prayerfully considering how to move forward regarding these opportunities.

Thank you for your continued prayers.

In His Grip,  
Greg



## REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

*REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 17 TO GUARANTEE YOUR PREFERRED T-SHIRT SIZE*

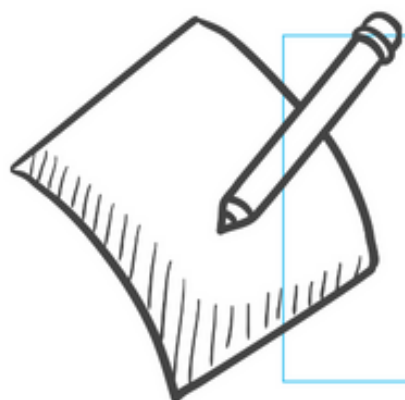
**Saturday, October 8 • 8:30–11:00 AM  
Rancho Simi Community Park • Cost: \$25**

Join us for a fun morning walk as we work to raise awareness about restavek children in Haiti.

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Saturday • March 11, 2023



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### WHY WALK FOR RESTAVEKS?



Wonder why we're walking for restaveks this October? Watch our recent video to hear the story.

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## SEPTEMBER PRAYER REQUESTS



Salvation for Prime Minister Ariel Henry, his staff and cabinet, and Haitian gang leaders and members.

Endurance for Poyis, C. V., our Children's Homes' staff, and the Mercy Network pastors.



Rescue for the many restavek children being taken daily by Haitian gangs.

Wisdom for our US leadership team with ministry decisions and cultivating new church partners.



*"Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His presence continually!"*  
-1 Chronicles 16:11



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Shaina Grill has served with Connect 2 Ministries for more than eight years, and she currently serves as...

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