

MINISTRY NEWS



FROM THE FOUNDER

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support of the ministry. At this time in our day to day life, it is so easy to be distracted from the most important issues. The coronavirus may appear to be our biggest threat, but I am reminded of the words of Jesus in Matthew 10:28, "Do not fear those that kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear Him who is able to destroy both body and soul."



This is why embracing the amazing truth of Easter is so critical. Jesus, on that incredible morning when He rose from the grave, gave us a way to no longer fear. By defeating death, Jesus removed the fear of physical death for those of us who embrace Him. Because of this truth, the coronavirus ultimately has no power over us. Praise God for His completed work on the cross. May the message of Easter consume our thoughts and give us perspective during these challenging times.

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As I write this, Haiti’s coronavirus statistics have been reported as twenty-five cases and one death so far. The Haitian government has closed borders similarly to the United States. This has created some challenging issues for our ministry. There are currently no flights going in or out of Haiti. Food is expensive and challenging to get. Propane and charcoal are also very expensive. Schools, churches, ports, and many businesses are closed. It has been estimated that there are only sixty-four ventilators in Haiti, and, as you are probably aware, the lack of a clean water supply makes simple hygiene habits, like washing hands, difficult. Even still, we are filled with hope in God’s faithfulness.

Despite the challenges, we have been able to use our current food supply to continue providing food for our churches and the most desperate in their communities. Pray for Pastor Poyis as he balances the needs of the community with our churches’ and our kids’. The children are being kept on the Home property to keep them safe from the virus. Since they have not been able to leave the property for church, the children requested that Pastor Poyis would still come and preach for them (see below for photos of their service at the Home on Sunday, April 5).



This is an amazing opportunity for the church and God’s people to be salt and light to a lost world. We look to represent a message of hope during this challenging time in our lives and during the celebration of Easter.

Due to travel restrictions in the United States and Haiti, as well as import restrictions the Haitian government has placed in attempt to protect their people, we are unable to deliver food as we typically would. We will be out of our current food supply by the end of April. This food supply supports our church, children’s homes and local community distribution.

We would like to plan for a minimum of three months of food supply to be purchased in-country, which totals an estimated \$6,000 outside of our regular budgetary needs. A gift of \$65 provides a full day’s worth of food for the children in our Homes, our staff, church body, and for the food distribution in local communities. With each pack of food distributed, our pastors and church members share the hope of Jesus Christ.

During this time of responding to the pandemic abroad, we realize that this crisis will have an economic affect on all of us in the United States, too. We want to be sure our supporters know our intent is never to burden you financially. Keep reading below for other important ways you can support the ministry.

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Here are a few easy ways you can help:

- Pray for Pastor Poyis as he leads ministry efforts in Onaville and encourages his fellow pastors.
- Pray for the protection of our Haitian staff and the children in our Homes.
- Pray for a slow and small spread of the virus in Haiti.
- Shopping from home? Use AmazonSmile and select Connect 2 as your charity (see above for details).
- Follow us on Facebook & Instagram for regular updates on ministry efforts.
- Share our social media posts and blog posts with friends and family to help expose the need for prayer and resources.

Our primary goal during this pandemic in Haiti is to continue providing much needed resources such as food, water, and clothing. However, we always pray for more opportunities to share the hope of Christ in Haiti. If you are interested in partnering with Connect 2 to help respond to this crisis, please send us an email.

In His Grip,
Greg

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CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

Our staff team is aware that this can be a very challenging time for our supporters. We would love an opportunity to pray for you!

Click the button below to request prayer. Our team will not share your requests, but we would love to follow up with you when you provide your name and email address.

[Request a Prayer](#)



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MAILING ADDRESS

Please send written correspondence to this mailing address:

Connect 2 Ministries
PO Box 942082
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APRIL PRAYER REQUESTS



That God would bless the upcoming teams traveling to serve our children in Haiti.

For God's hand over the ministry efforts of our pastors and churches in Haiti.



Smooth transitions for the twenty-one new children who have joined our Homes.

Economic and political relief for the country of Haiti. Pray for God's intervention.



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

EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT FROM HOME

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