

MINISTRY NEWS



FROM THE FOUNDER

I cannot express enough how thankful I am for you. Your support in prayer, resources and participation is truly overwhelming. I am humbled by your faith in us and your trust of your resources. I am blessed to have you as friends and partners in the ministry.

Please read more updates below about the current political climate in Haiti and how this impacts our ministry efforts. We are so grateful for your prayers regarding these impacts and our ministry goals.

For years, Haiti has struggled with poor governmental leadership. These leaders have cared more about personal enrichment than the welfare of their own people. Over the last year, this has been proven again. Years ago, Haitian government officials agreed to contract with Venezuela to buy oil at a reduced fixed price. The government was supposed to make payments for the oil, and use the savings on cheaper oil to make infrastructure improvements and to help improve the life of the Haitian people.



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A recent audit revealed that over 2 billion dollars is missing, and they are years behind on their payments. Virtually nothing has been done for infrastructure improvements nor anything to help the people. It has also been revealed that much of the money has been taken by the presidents over the last ten years for their personal gain.

When the people heard the presidents had stolen this money, they responded with protests. The Haitians have few options to lodge their frustration: they burn tires, create roadblocks, and throw rocks. This has created a very unstable and fearful environment. The government's reaction to the violence was to raise taxes and the cost of goods in the country, which in turn caused violent protesting to increase.

The U.S. Department of State responded to the violence by increasing the security level to 4 (there are four levels of warning; this has recently been downgraded to a level 3). This has caused most of the U.S. volunteer teams that are a huge part of Haiti's economy, as well as a large source of help for the people, to cancel their trips. Once again, the Haitian people suffer.

This has been a challenge for many organizations, including Connect 2 Ministries. The biggest impact on ministry for C2M is the loss of mutual encouragement that happens between the U.S. church and the Haitian church. The teams from the U.S. also provide ministry funds that support everything from church operations, Children's Homes functioning, and ministry development. This has been challenging for us, but, as God always does, He has provided for all of our needs.

Recently, we were informed that the United Nations will be returning to Haiti in October as a peace-keeping force. This is great news for stabilizing the country. Our prayer is that this will bring an end to the protests and a calm to the country. We look forward to stability that should make teams feel more comfortable to serve with us in Haiti.

One of the amazing ways God has provided for our ministry has been through the funding of our second dorm at the Regency Children's Home for restavek children. In Creole, the word restavek means "to live with" and refers to situations in which families cannot afford to care for their children so they are given away to secure a better life. Tragically, this practice often leads to servitude, deprivation, and sexual abuse. These children have been rescued, and are now in a safe location receiving care.

Two days after we realized that we could not build the last dorm, a friend of mine shared that a grant was available from Children's Hunger Fund. As God would have it, we applied for the grant and we were approved. We will be receiving the funds shortly and will be able to complete the second dormitory as a result.

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This year, our biggest goal is to complete our second Children’s Home for those children who will be rescued out of slavery and brought to us. We look forward to having 100+ new children join us, and are excited about having the awesome opportunity to share Jesus with them.

We have a few other exciting goals for the coming year...

- Install a solar system at all of our locations
- Plant four more churches
- Further develop our Vocational Training Center
- Open a medical laboratory to support our Medical Clinic
- Begin construction of our secondary school



Our greatest need is for child sponsorships. Currently, only 40% of our Regency Home Children have sponsors. With the generous gift received from Children’s Hunger Fund, we’ll be able to complete the second dorm and fill our capacity to 200 rescued children.

It costs just \$40 each month to cover the expenses needed for a child living in the Regency Children’s Home. A sponsor’s faithful monthly gifts provide a loving and safe home, year-round medical care, a formal government-recognized education, and, most importantly, an opportunity to know Jesus and be healed from emotional wounds.

In His Grip,
Greg

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NEW MAILING ADDRESS

C2M has a new mailing address. Please send correspondence to this address:

Connect 2 Ministries
PO Box 942082
Simi Valley, CA 93094

SEPTEMBER PRAYER REQUESTS



That our children will develop deep, personal relationships with Jesus. Pray that they will love Him above all.

Stability for Haiti. The Haitian dollar has lost half its buying power in an already difficult economy.



Strength and endurance for our staff in Haiti. These have been challenging days.

Wisdom for our C2M team as we seek to serve our children and ministry partners in Haiti.



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

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