

# MINISTRY NEWS



## FROM THE FOUNDER

I hope the New Year has found you well. When I look back at the last year of ministry, I am filled with joy knowing that God has continued a great work in the life of Pastor Poyis and, by extension of his faithfulness to the Lord, our 116 children. According to Pastor Poyis, we know that twenty-five of our children have professed faith in Christ—praise God!

Poyis and the children had a good and quiet Christmas celebration. Before evacuating the compound, Poyis packed some VBS supplies from storage to bring when they left. He was able to use these for gift-giving, as part of the Christmas celebration. I always appreciate Poyis's ability to find ways to make ministry happen.

Poyis and his 116 children have started the new year off strong, continuing to implement school as they are able. As I've shared with you over the last several months, every day



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varies and pivots according to gang activity in the immediate vicinity. However, we were able to send all the kids new backpacks and school supplies just in time for the new year. I am so thankful for all the ways our God provides and shows His love towards our children.



As the crisis in Haiti has continued, the majority of our indigenous staff have moved to other areas that are too remote to travel in and out of for work. Poyis did not waste this opportunity to train up our oldest children. He has given them important responsibilities to share in and practice leadership. This has also helped keep Pastor Poyis from being spread too thin between all the responsibilities that come with caring for the physical and spiritual needs of 116 children

Later this month, the Kenyan government will convene to determine whether or not it will send its own police officers to help with the crisis in Haiti. While we wait, it's not without hope or assurance of our God's sovereignty. Please be praying with our team as we continue to trust God's plan for ministry in Haiti. We are eager to get back to our original ministry model and equip churches to share the gospel while meeting practical needs. There will be many practical needs, too—likely more than we can imagine.

Thank you for standing with us in prayer and in ministry. I am so thankful for your constant prayers and support.

In His Grip,  
Greg

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# WATCH FOUND SHORT FILM



Watch *FOUND*

Our new short film, *FOUND*, premiered late last year and is now available for viewing on our website! *FOUND* tells the story of Natascha, a Haitian child who is sold into slavery before ultimately finding a home at the Connect 2 Ministries Children's Homes.

This short film sheds light on the harsh reality faced by countless children who are thrust into slavery, providing a call to action against the injustice of child exploitation. As Christians especially, it is an invitation to put feet to our faith.

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Read our latest newsletter for more updates, prayer requests, and stories from Haiti. All newsletters are archived and available on our website.

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The crisis in Haiti has continued to worsen. Human Rights Watch has noted that more than 42% of Haitians need humanitarian assistance due to the ongoing and strategic gang control of Port-au-Prince and its surrounding regions. Food supply has become increasingly scarce, and at least 40% of Haitians are facing acute food insecurity. More than 3,156 Haitians have died in this year alone as a direct result of gang violence. This number does not include those who have died due to cholera, malnutrition, or other medical needs.

As I shared in last month's newsletter, Pastor Poyis and our 117 restavek children had to evacuate our compound and Homes in Onaville. Poyis was able to find a temporary residence for all the children and himself still within the Port-au-Prince area. The presence of police is greater, so they are in a somewhat safer space. With the food supply becoming increasingly scarce, it has become very difficult for Poyis to find a steady source to feed the children. We are working towards delivering food to Port-au-Prince via

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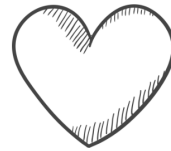
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## JANUARY PRAYER REQUESTS



Praise God for continuing to meet our basic needs. The Lord has kept His hand on us for good.

Encouragement and growth for the church in Haiti. We pray God would save the lost in our communities.



Provision for medical needs. Resources are scarce in Port-au-Prince and the surrounding areas.

Resolution from the UN. Foreign intervention in Haiti is necessary, and we pray for quick action.



*"Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His presence continually!"*

*—1 Chronicles 16:11*

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