

# MINISTRY NEWS



## FROM THE FOUNDER

News from Haiti has been heavy and challenging over the last two weeks. On May 23, President Biden and President Ruto of Kenya publicly addressed their partnership in the United Nation's MSS mission to Haiti, stating that the first 250 Kenyan officers had already reached the country. However, the very next day, President Ruto shared with media outlets that it would be another three weeks before the entire force would arrive in Haiti. To make matters worse, Kenyan officers completely pulled out of Haiti the next day, on May 25, claiming resources were critically lacking.

Sadly, on the evening of May 23, a young American couple, David and Natalie Lloyd, and Pastor Judes Montis on staff with Missions in Haiti, Inc. were violently attacked and killed by gang members. While heartbroken for the Lloyd, Baker, Montis and Missions in Haiti, Inc. families, our team continues to pray for these brothers and sisters in Christ. Natalie



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Baker Lloyd was the daughter of a U.S. Representative for Missouri, so this story has had expansive reach throughout U.S. media outlets. I can only hope this helps spur the U.S. government to push for quicker action to help the people of Haiti.



Not even a week later, one of our own staff members was attacked and killed by a gang while he was en route to help Pastor Poyis with the kids. The plague of gang violence has only grown worse as the weeks go on. The violence and oppression by gangs in Port-au-Prince and the surrounding regions is causing further disintegration of the Haitian infrastructure. The growing concern is that many day laborers are not going out to work the fields, due to fear of losing their lives. If the fields are not worked, there will be worsened food shortages throughout the entire country.

I am thankful to report that the Lord has continued to provide for Poyis and the kids, as well as protecting them. However, my concern grows for them, especially knowing that the recent attacks and murders are taking place very close to their current place of residence. Opportunities for Poyis to move the children are very limited, as the gangs control any movement within or out of Port-au-Prince. Please continue to pray for Poyis as he leads and shepherds the children. I know this ongoing situation must be incredibly draining. Please continue to pray for provision of food, as it is becoming increasingly difficult for Poyis to get out and purchase food safely.

Poyis recently sent us some photos of the kids having a meal after their Sunday service. I was so grateful to see their smiles and am amazed at how much they have grown.

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It doesn't seem like the people can wait another day for help, let alone another week. I can only trust that our God is still in control and has a plan.

I must ask you to keep praying fervently. Tomorrow, June 5, we will hold our monthly Day of Prayer for Haiti. I hope you'll join us in prayer as we seek the Lord for help (see below for ways you can participate). It is critical that we continue to pray. This is our biggest ask: pray.

While many non-profit organizations have completely pulled out of Haiti, Connect 2 Ministries remains committed and able to serve the Haitian people thanks to your faithful support. Thank you for standing with the Connect 2 team.

In His Grip,  
Greg

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**SAVE THE DATE**



**Walk for Restaveks**

**October 5, 2024**

Rancho Simi Community Park

Southern California friends, please mark your calendars for our **3rd Annual Walk for Restaveks!** We can't wait to see you there.

# DAY OF PRAYER


Save and share the information below regarding the Day of Prayer for Haiti on Wednesday, June 5.

[Pray with Us](#)

**DAY OF PRAYER**  
**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5**

*Join us in a day of prayer for Haiti.*  
Here are three ways you can get involved.

- 1 Prayer Meetings via Zoom
  - 6AM PST
  - 12PM PST
  - 6PM PST
 Please message us for the meeting link.
- 2 Follow our Facebook & Instagram channels where we will post prayer points throughout the day.
- 3 Help us spread awareness by sharing these urgent requests with your family, friends, and church.



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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.

## CATCH UP WITH OUR NEWSLETTER

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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I want to share how desperate the situation in Haiti has become. We are nearing a critical moment regarding our people in Port-au-Prince. Popular media outlets are reporting that about 80% of the city is now controlled by gangs—but the reality is closer to 100%. The gangs control all roads coming in and going out. They control the port, they control the airport, and this oppressive power has created a city of civilians under siege. Virtually no resources are making it in, except for things ordered by the gangs...which means food options are dwindling. For our people and all the churches, organizations, and medical personnel in the city, this means they are being choked off. The crisis continues to worsen because, unfortunately, things are not changing quickly enough.

In light of all this, we are calling for another Day of Prayer for Haiti. We know we keep saying the same thing—it's bad, and it keeps getting worse. But that is the sad reality,

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## CATCH UP WITH OUR BLOG

### Diabetes in Haiti

Diabetes is a significant health concern in Haiti. It has been steadily gaining prevalence in the country over the past few decades—many Haitians over the age of...

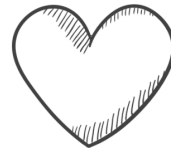
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## JUNE PRAYER REQUESTS



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.

Help from the international community. We anticipate aid soon, & we pray for quick action.



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

—1 Chronicles 16:11

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