

# MINISTRY NEWS



## FROM THE FOUNDER

The last couple years have been some of the most tense in our ministry's history—but we serve a God who is bigger than our worst trial. Our staff and children have been safely relocated to a secure location in the central plateau of Haiti, and this move has been an answer to prayer. The transition not only provides a safer environment but also allows us to focus on our mission of supporting and nurturing the rescued restavek children in our care. We have witnessed God's hand in this process, from the financial resources that made the move possible to the prayer warriors who rallied around us to offer help and encouragement. The Lord has been our guide and protector amidst so many trials in Haiti, and today, we are praising Him for the gift of rest.

Our team has been working steadily over the last couple months to facilitate all these changes for our children and ministry. I actually just returned from a trip to visit our



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expansion property in Haiti, and I was able to spend time with Pastor Poyis and our children. We have been tremendously blessed to see the expansion property plans come together so quickly. However, in the midst of many blessings I have some very difficult news to share.

As you are likely aware from ministry newsletters and updates, the situation in Port-au-Prince has been the worst we've seen in recent history. This affected Pastor Poyis and our children in more ways than we can count. Resources have been extremely limited for the length of the gang's control, and violence is still too much of a daily reality in the region.



We praise the Lord that we were able to move Pastor Poyis and our children out of Port-au-Prince—especially because we saw things get much worse in the days and weeks immediately before the move. Without any warning, the government suddenly began sending agents to Pastor Poyis demanding to take children back to their families. This obviously came as a shock to Pastor Poyis, as Haitian authorities had led him to believe that all our children were true orphans, rescued from a life of slavery. It is clear now that the Haitian government lied about these children's backgrounds, knowing our ministry would love and provide for them much better than the majority of Haitian orphanages. Despite Pastor Poyis's efforts to prove that the children were, in effect, legally his, they removed forty of these children to be placed in different homes.

This news has been a heartbreak for Pastor Poyis, our remaining children, and our entire ministry team, and we felt it necessary to communicate this to you as soon as possible. I know you share heavy hearts with us in this difficult news. Despite our brokenness, we are thankful for the opportunity to have shared the love of Jesus Christ with every single child. We know that each child has seen what a good Father God is, due to the faithfulness of Pastor Poyis in their lives as "Papa." We are incredibly grateful for the opportunity to have planted seeds of gospel hope, and we ask you to join us in praying



that these children will be a bright light for Christ. We trust that God is continuing a good work in them.

Please also pray for Pastor Poyis and our remaining seventy-eight children. These kids are brothers and sisters who have been bonded together through heavy trials, and we know this has been an added challenge for them.

I know many of you support our children through our sponsorship program, and some of the forty children identified by the government have been part of that program. Our team will be in contact with each of you with an update.

I want you to know that Connect 2 Ministries remains committed to our mission, to the children we care for, and to the work God has called us to do. In fact, Pastor Poyis and I have already had discussions about the timing of opportunities to rescue more restavek children and fill all our Children's Homes to capacity. Our team is also committed to doing our own research on each child that is brought to our Homes to ensure that they are truly restaveks in need of a loving home and family.

As we settle into this new phase, we are excited for what God will continue to do in Haiti. We believe that God is preparing us for greater things ahead, and we are eager to see how our ministry can expand and flourish in this new environment. To hear more about this ministry expansion, you can follow along with our blog.

Thank you for standing with us. Your support has made a significant difference in the lives of our children and staff, and I am grateful for each of you. Thank you for your support of what God has called us to do. We press on, hand in hand, with you.

In His Grip,

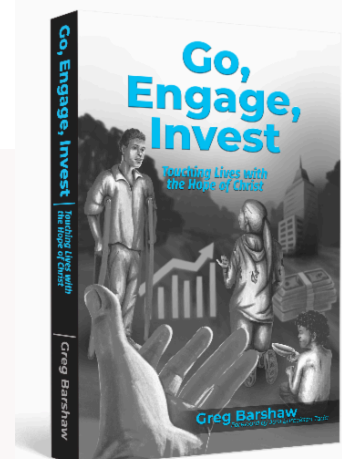
Greg

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## NEW BOOK FROM GREG BARSHAW

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## WATCH *FOUND* SHORT FILM



Watch *FOUND*

Our 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.

Newsletters



## MINISTRY NEWS



### FROM THE FOUNDER

We are filled with joy and gratitude for the incredible ways God is moving in our ministry. I have exciting news to share: Pastor Poyis and the children have been safely relocated to a secure location. Watch my video message below to hear more about this exciting transition.



I am deeply thankful for God's provision during this time of change. His faithfulness has been evident as we navigate these challenges, and we are excited to see how He will continue to work in Haiti. Stay tuned to our blog, where we'll be sharing a series of updates about this relocation and the ongoing ministry efforts in Haiti. Your support and prayers are vital as we move forward in faith and trust.

Thank you for your unwavering prayers and support. Your commitment to Connect 2 Ministries makes a significant difference in the lives of those we serve, and I am so

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## CATCH UP WITH OUR BLOG

### Ministry Expansion: Part 1

In the midst of political turmoil and social unrest, God continues to provide for His people in Haiti. The Lord recently allowed us to acquire a second ministry compound...

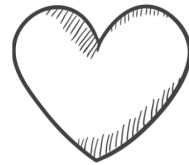
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## FEBRUARY PRAYER REQUESTS



Endurance and effectiveness for the Multinational Security Support (MSS) mission.

Wisdom for our staff, both in the US and in Haiti, in navigating ongoing strife in the country.



Ongoing safety and provision for Pastor Poyis and the kids. God has kept His hand on them for good.

Praise God for giving us safety in moving Pastor Poyis and the kids to a more secure location.



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

—1 Chronicles 16:11

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