

March 2024

#### "Oh, continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your righteousness to the upright in heart!" Psalm 36:10

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit, our comforter,

We are grateful for your patience with us, as you have sent us out to minister in Haiti. At the end of November, we came out of Haiti for a time with our family, to connect with many of you, and to take a break from the stress of the situation there in Haiti.

Our original intention was to return to Haiti on January 30<sup>th</sup>. As we made you aware of in a small note, we were unable to return at that time because of the situation. All the roads to our home were blocked by gangs or local disruptions. When we fly into Haiti, we have an 8-10 hour drive to our home. We rescheduled for February 20<sup>th</sup>, but God led us to cancel that plan a week before because the situation had not changed.

Austin scheduled to go back himself, on February 29<sup>th</sup> but was urged not to come by his brother Gilbert, because the roads remained blocked. That was a difficult decision since Austin had a flight from Missouri to Florida that was non-refundable. However, we cannot risk the lives of our friends to come get us. In turn, we would be risking our lives trying to travel to our home. Austin was second-guessing himself about his decision until the day he was supposed to fly. February 29<sup>th</sup>, the Port-a-Prince airport was attacked by the gangs. We can do only what God has given us. At this time, we have been prevented from returning to Haiti.

Your giving was so very generous last month our faithful Haitian brothers are starting a home build in our town. All the block was made last week and the work should be starting today. They were waiting on sand, which is difficult to get if the roads have been washed out by the spring rains.

Last week, one of my dear Haitian sisters sent me photos of a family in great need. She had gone there with other Believers to visit the family and pray with them. We long to help this family. Gilbert will go to visit them and check into their situation. The photos show they are living in a garden hut. Typically they use these to rest in while planting and working the garden. We cannot imagine how they have survived the heavy rains and cold February. The father just died in January, the grandfather is blind. One of the women is crippled. Please pray that we will be able to help this family in a desperate situation.



Your faithful giving has continued to provide monthly support for several old people, and several families, as well as medical transport and general "helps".

As we prepare our hearts for celebrating Easter, we are reminded that God makes all things new. We pray for you all and commend your faithfulness to us and our struggling community in Pecry. Christ is our only hope!

In Christ our King,

Austin and Kaelee

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#### "The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?" Psalm 27:1

Haiti's situation continues to make the national news cycle. With all of the negativity in our world, we choose to look for and continue to be amazed by our Father's working hand. In the midst of the chaos, God has allowed His work to continue.

On March 13th, we received a shipment of over 2,000 lbs of supplies that we shipped back in February. We were so thankful for this opportunity that we are planning another shipment in May, Lord willing.

We are also grateful to be able to start and are nearly finished building another home. God's provision in this project is truly amazing. There are so many different tasks/conditions (i.e. materials, cash, and decent weather) that need to come together in order to complete a home build during "normal" conditions, so we are truly blessed that all these things have continued to fall into place even during such a difficult time as this.

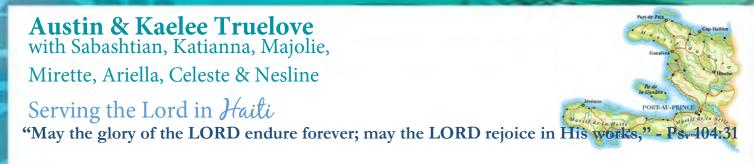


While this home build was in progress, Gilbert, Austin's Haitian brother, has also transported several patients needing higher medical care. One of these was one Austin's Haitian sister and his newest niece, Mayah. Mayah was born with some genetic deformities. Fortunately, Gilbert was able to find a specialist in a town about a three hour drive away.



As an answer to prayer, we are now able to receive cargo at an airport nearer to our location while avoiding the more troubled areas in Haiti. This is possible through partnering with Agape, an aviation ministry.

May our Father continue to bless and keep you. Your sacrificial giving is vital to our village of Pecry. Thank you so much for your continued generosity. Please continue to pray for Haiti, and in particular for Pecry.



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Many of you have heard of the very tragic loss of a missionary couple near Port-au-Prince, Haiti due to gang violence. Although we didn't know them personally, we are none-the-less grieved and mourn with their families. Our area of Haiti continues to be relatively calm.

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#### **Austin & Kaelee Truelove** with Sabashtian, Katianna, Majolie, Mirette, Ariella, Celeste & Nesline Serving the *Haitian* people

"Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack?" Ps Greetings precious friends in Christ,

We pray your summer has been filled with the Joy of the Lord, and that in all situations you have found your heart turning back to God, even through life's sorrow. We have been subject to recurring sorrows this year. Our hearts have been torn as to what we are supposed to be doing and when we can return to our home. We continually seek God, to know his will and we have definite direction, that despite our desires, this is not the time for us to return as a family.

The beginning of the month, our Haitian friend Rousier, was held at gun point by a gang member, and would have been shot directly had not our merciful Lord intervened. His wife and children who



were with him witnessed the entire incident. May God be praised for his rescuing Rousier! But I am crying as I write this because these are our people whom we know, being oppressed and crushed. There is nothing we can do. They remain in the care of our merciful Lord. Please pray specifically for Rousier and his family.



Even in sorrow, I must not forget the work that God is still doing. The Luc Charles family's home has been completed! By God's grace, the community chipped in and fixed the road and you, our faithful partners in the work of God, provided the money to build the home. The work crew blasted through the project, completing this home in an astounding 10 days! This is the family we highlighted in March.

Amidst the troubles of our hearts, God comforts us through our beautiful children, whom are growing both physically and spiritually and whom bless us

and bring us continual joy and comfort. We remain in my parent's home and are endeared to them for their gracious patience with us and endless love. They insist they actually like us living with them! We had the opportunity to enroll the three older children in a new Christian school just 15 minutes from my parent's house. The children are enjoying that new experience. Austin is working for my dad and I am doing the same things I always do for the family.

I have included a photo from a weekend get-away to Eastern Missouri. We haven't taken a trip for pleasure in countless years, and it was sweet. Please be patient with us, and if God arouses your heart in compassion for our people in Pecry, please continue to give that we may keep up the work even from across the sea. Our work brings Hope to our village. May the name of the Lord forever be praised!

With love and affection,

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