

What's Happening in Haiti?

From Jean-Ronel in Pignon:

How is life in Haiti right now?

Starting a couple weeks ago life is really challenging in Haiti. Because of the expensiveness of life and how the President is leading the country, people get mad with his leadership and corruption in the government. He put a bunch of taxes on the poor people that don't even have jobs and he eases everything for the rich people. As the population is observing, there are people that are in the opposition that sent messages to the President and the Prime Minister to say hey "life is really expensive now" you need to do something in other to stop this issue. The President and his government didn't do anything, instead he continues to make false promises to the people. So now as a result, starting on the 7th of February people started protesting. And it is not that they are protesting because life is getting more expensive every day, but they want him to resign as his name appeared on a study that they were doing on the Petro Caribe money stolen by some Haitian leaders. Now people think he is corrupt and not working for the people that voted for him, but just for the wealthy people.



As consequences

People came with a slogan called "**locked your zone**", with that movement, the protesters blocked everywhere they go. They broke into businesses to find things to eat, after that they set them on fire and also in gas stations, cars, and TV stations. As the businesses in Pignon buy from Port-au-Prince, Cap Haitian, or Hinche, they were not able to stock up and now the little goods the businesses have in Pignon, they have raised the prices to double of what they were. There is no gas in some cities and hospitals can't function because they can't run their generators.. So we need a lot of prayers as this moment is tough for everyone. Some banks are closed, because they are afraid that the protesters will burn or bankrupt them. Every day, there is a fight between the protesters that are breaking and burning and the police that wants to protect, it is a mess.

Immersion in 2019

We praise God that during this year 2019 there have been 2,528 souls who have accepted Jesus as Savior and Lord and obeyed Him in Christian baptism. It is a great thrill to report to you that these native evangelists have written to us that during 2019. They along with our American Evangelists have baptized 2,528 souls. Thank the Lord!!!

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Baptisms



Jean-Ronel Joseph
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I had a woman that committed her life to Jesus last Sunday. She was heavily into voodoo. She asked us to come to pray for her and her home as she had a lot of witch doctor stuff in her home. After praying, she gave us all of the voodoo things and asked us to burn them. Please pray for her to remain strong in Christ.

EK Duriaraj
India

I am happy to inform you this couple and how they came in to Christ.

The man who is in the picture with his wife is strong Hindu believer and leads a group of people for the pilgrimage to visit temples in different places and different states in India. He has made a pilgrimage with the group for 7 times. He is very thorough in the Veda and he is able to teach others.

All of sudden he had fallen sick and was admitted in the hospital and he has taken treatment from several doctors and made prayers to several goddesses to get cure. But his days have become critical. During our hospital ministry we got an opportunity to meet him and prayed for him.

We prayed and told him of the Gospel of John and asked him to pray and read this gospel. Within two days we received a call from his wife telling that he wants to meet us and hear more about Christ Jesus and pray for him. By the time he came back to his house from the hospital. We went and explained the plan of salvation and prayed. We prayed God continuously for his health and his repentance. Praise the Lord he got cured and he understood that Jesus Christ is the only God and Savior.

Praise the Lord. He and his wife obeyed the Gospel and took baptism. Everyone in that area are surprised on his decision to accept Jesus Christ as his personal Savior.

We are praying God to bless him and his wife and children and may God use him to bring others by his living witness. Please pray for him.

We thank you one and all for your partnership in prayers and support to carry the Gospel. With out your support and prayers we are unable to do this great ministry. Pray and encourage others to be come partners and sponsor's.
EK and Joys



New Year... New Projects



St Thomas Orphanage Suman Singh India

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. In our area so many orphan children are here and my God vision was to start orphan children's home. They are facing many problems some children have no parents some have no father or mother. I see the problems directly that way so I started the

children's home. God's gracious love and your continued prayers the children are doing well in schooling. I have been facing problems and financial hardships to feed and provide them other daily basic needs. Please pray for God to provide needed funds to feed the orphan children in our care. We constantly pray for you, your family and all the wellbeing. My family and all the brothers and sisters send love and greetings to you. Greet them that love us in faith. The God of love and peace shall be with you. My name is Suman a preacher in Church of Christ. I have a 30 orphan children's now and 230 school children's are there. I run St. Thomas Home and School for 10 years. Now a days all things are costly so I request to you please help our orphans feeding needs. My God richly bless you and your family. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Right now we are very much in need of 220 pairs of shoes. These cost \$4 each.

Brother Suman preacher
Andhra Pradesh India.

Promise Land Children Jean Rodriguez St Juste Haiti

When Jean Joseph St Juste passed away he had 5 orphan children he was caring for in his home. His son, Jean, took them in and has been caring for them. After misunderstanding and



Jean not wanting to burden us, we now realize he has taken in 30 more kids. It costs him \$70 per day to feed the children. He has been using his own money, but cannot any longer. He wants to keep the children and is asking for help.



What's Happening In Haiti?



On the morning of February 7 the news out of Haiti was that it was 33rd anniversary of the ousting of Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier. I sure remember that day! By evening the news was of violent manifestations (riots).

I wanted to explain why this is happening, that the Haitians are not thugs, and their plight and why they are fighting for their lives.

The situation there is very volatile. It (meaning the situation, the people, Haiti itself) could explode at any minute. People are being shot and trampled. Police are running out of their supplies to protect themselves and other. People are hungry, angry and want a better life. They are tired of being abused and neglected by their government. One thing that makes my stomach turn is almost every report we hear from Haiti, Us news and BBC News is about the rich people in Haiti with their \$150,000 cars and instead of worrying about making their country better and helping in some way, they are more worried about rocks being thrown at their cars.

1. The economy is a main focus: 5 years ago if you made 500 hg a day you had the spending power of a little over \$11 USD a day. Last January if you made 500hg a day you had the spending power of a little less than \$8.00 USD. Today if you make 500hg a day you have the spending power of around \$6.00 USD. Minimum wage is around 450 hg.

2. The instability began with a failed electoral process and fragile transitionary government back in 2015/2016 as the president was elected with less than 20% turnout. Fast forward to July 2018, a nationwide protests across Haiti ensued against the PetroCaribe corruption scandal with Venezuelan oil money appropriated for Haiti. The end of Venezuelan oil has contributed to a fuel crisis which only worsened with exclusive contracts with companies who refuse to deliver new shipments when Haiti cannot pay their outstanding debts to the tune of \$35 million.

3. Protests have been off and on throughout Haiti since July, but they escalated to another level on February 7. This is now called "Operation Lock Down Haiti" – the goal of which is to shut down all aspects of Haitian life – political, social, economic, educational, and even medical.

4. Many foreign workers and American mission teams have been evacuated via helicopter to the airport as roads are impassible. While helicopter evacuations are extremely expensive, they are nonetheless in great demand. Still several are stranded, unable to evacuate from their current location.

4. Hospitals and emergency services have struggled to stay in operation as they are short on supplies. Not only are basic necessities scarcely available, so are basic social and humanitarian services which are critical in times like this.

5. Schools were shut down. During this time the kids were missing very important lessons as it is time for the State finals. The poor children will most likely fail and have to take their grade again.

6. We know of at least one hotel-convention center and two resorts that have had to close because there isn't any business. They have had to lay off all their employees. The hotel had 250 full time and 80 part time employees. One resort: 250-300 employees, the other had over 1,000 employees. That's a lot of people suddenly out of work.

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We have many families in the church that are not married. And as we all know what God says on marriage I share the truth with them and some of them would like to get married, but they don't have means to do it. Some other churches in the community of Pignon help their members with that by providing rings, dresses for husband and wife, shoes for both and a little reception for them(**there are even some Organization that have similar programs they organize wedding ceremony once a year**), because sometimes they can't even afford the little reception too. Please pray that we can have a program like that can help at least once a year.

At FCC we have a good worship team that is helping with the worship, but we realize our worship could be even sweeter for our Savior if our band was complete. We're praying on it, hopefully God will provide through this year for our band (music instruments) to be completed. A used projector will help us as well, when we do Bible study, in our worship service, projecting the songs would help the congregation to sing well...a projector will help FCC a lot.

And finally, we have a craft project that I helped paid for some of the youth at FCC, I would really like to move on with that project that can help the youth to see the future in a brighter way. To at least do something for their lives, to teach them to work...

Those are some projects we long to see materialize, but we would be really happy either one that a friend could help us pray for. As the Bible says for God so love the world He gives, so I am sure you loves FCC and will be part of our various projects.

Mark's Home Orphanage

At MH orphanage we thank God every day for his love and blessings onto us. We started taking kids in August 8, 2016 and until now we can say God has been really faithful since then. We thank God our kind supporter to provide for MH to take care of the kids. Thank God as well for the friends of White Field Oversees Evangelism for their generosity as well to continue to stand by us like Mr. Reggie Thomas and His Wife and also Mr. Zane Darnell and His wife Lori Darnell. We thank God for you guys every day and also for any friend that has been praying for us. The boys has been grown a lot since 2016 not only physically but also spiritually in knowing Jesus better every day as their Lord and Savior.

When they first came, the grades from their school was like C and C-, but as at MH they have all the tools they need to get better at school, so their grades now are A+, A- and B sometimes, they are doing good with school and behave pretty well as far as discipline is concern.

They have a choir called "witness for Christ", everyone appreciates when they perform for Jesus, and it is a blessing from God. So now as we are praying for God to complete our band for First Christian Church, we're praying that God will provide as well for a music class for them, that would be really useful for them, because they need some skills as they grow up. And maybe in the future an arts class to give them some skills...

We're praying God as well for a playground (also a basketball field, some of them know how to play basketball, but we don't have a field yet) for the boys which would be a really big opportunity for them as they don't have other places to go to have those kind of fun. So please pray that God will provide for this project sometimes in the future as well. We pray that God will provide tiles for the house pretty soon for the boys to live in a more comfortable place.

We can do all things through Him who give us strength/ Phil. 4:13

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10

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Rey & Cheery Abesio Philippines

The Abesio Family have been working tirelessly in the Philippines. They serve at the Calituban Island Church of Christ. They have also started a new church on a new island, Talima. They have spent a year evangelizing, baptizing, teaching & growing a firm foundation for this new church.



Rey, cheery and honey



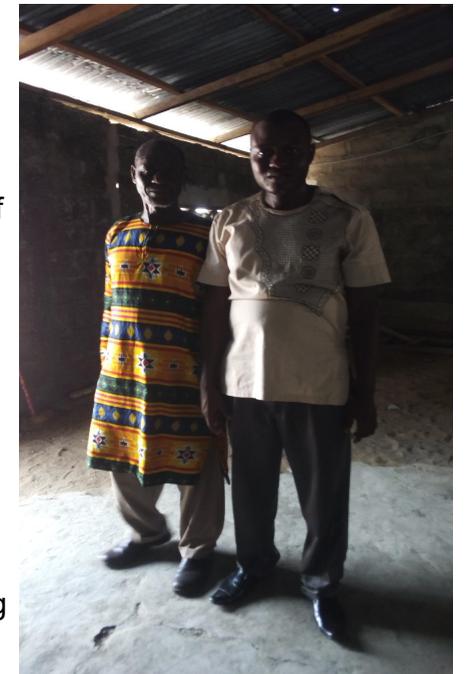
Aaron in Liberia

I visited with Elder Sanndy on Sunday at the Believe in God Church of Christ (previously Glorious Church of Christ).

The Church extended to you a warm greeting and is asking you to join them in prayer for forty bags of cement @ nine dollars per bag(\$360) for plastering and floor laying.

As you can see the effort of this little congregation worshipping in this dust, leaky roof, and no door as well.

These photos are the clear picture of what they face with. It is my prayer that God will provide funding for this church.



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Jean-Ronel Joseph
Pignon, Haiti

Kids Club Pignon(KCP)

Kids Club ministry was founded in 2014... This ministry found its origin in the desire of one young college graduate and native of Haiti who wanted to give every child in need what he received from parents, sponsors, and others that may not be readily available to Haitian children today.

Who is this young man?

Jean-Ronel Joseph was born in Pignon, Haiti, and like only a minority of Haitian Children, he received the love and care from both of his parents; even though Jean-Ronel's parents were uneducated spiritually and did not educate him in terms of the way of the Lord.

As Jean-Ronel matured and grew older, he became a Christian and started to follow the way of the Lord; but one big thing he became aware of was the love and care he had received from his parents and the problems the children are dealing with today because they don't have a parent who cares for them as he had. For this reason, Jean-Ronel was persuaded by the needs of those children and manifested the willingness to make a change in their lives. After he had finished high school, Jean-Ronel studied Economics until he found a scholarship to go to St Vincent and the Grenadines in 2012 where he studied theology for two years. In 2014, Jean-Ronel received his seminary degree and returned back to his country of Haiti to serve his community.

How many children are dreaming of what they could become, or even to do something significant with their lives? So many want to dream, but are so unsure of their futures, of what it could be. How many lives could be changed by people deciding to invest in a child, helping a child to fulfill his/her potential and realize his/her life dreams? KCP is looking for people who have the willingness to partner with them in changing hearts and lives of those children.

KIDS' PROBLEMS TODAY IN SOCIETY:

The parents, as the first trainer in a kid's life, do not have time for them.

Kids with uninvolved parents like that invade the streets and represent a big threat for their society as they grow up.

Kids are striving for affection and need sincere leaders, who will speak with them, play with them, lead them, and listen to them.

Kids need unconditional love and guidance in order to grow and become healthy adults who will in turn love others and make a difference in their communities.

OBJECTIVES: The objective of KCP is to educate the children and help them to be better citizens for tomorrow. Because in Proverbs 22:6, it says: 'Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.' Therefore, we believe if children have a good foundation, as the Bible says, they will not depart from it.

KCP ministry agrees with what the Bible says in Psalms 127:3, 'Children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward.'

KCP's goal is to create a space for a number of orphaned or needy children to have a place (own local base) in which they can come and receive love, education, instruction (academically, spiritually and socially) while learning to grow in the light of eternity. KCP desires for every child to realize their dreams and fulfill their goals in life.

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Uncared for children in Haiti is about 80%. As a result, those children typically fall into destructive patterns of behavior which only exacerbate the dire situation in our country.

Risks factors for delinquency:

Inadequate education and training

Lack of caring opportunities

Lack of leaders to guide them

Environmental influences (early pregnancy, alcohol/drugs, crime, etc.)

Step to take by Kids Club in other to achieve the goals:

A Kids' Club, like KCP, which will help educate those children both academically and spiritually to be useful for their family and society.

A place for those who don't find love, care, affection to come and freely receive.

A place where needs are met and education is encouraged. KCP's objectives are not only to instruct kids spiritually and socially but also to help them to go to school. We believe educated children will not be a burden on society or a stumbling block for the society which they are living in.

A place where kids can share. Children will be heard and provided a safe place to talk. A place which listens to their needs, and encourages kids to become what they want to be when they grow older.

Being able to provide school materials for every child's academic year which begins in September (school bags, notebooks, pencils, few books, etc...).

Being able to sponsor those who can't afford paying for their education by making sure every child can attend school.

Being able to provide a meal for every child, every time we meet, because many children lack even one normal meal during the day(or maybe once in while).

Training them to keep their community clean.

Teaching them to do art, learn music...every summer.

Our own well equipped local base with all kind of kids' stuff to have fun.

KCP has about 120 members now, but serve other kids as well when they stop by to have fun with us.

KCP's ministry wants to thank you in advance for being aware of these kids. We (my wife, myself and other friends that help teach) appreciate your consideration and willingness to partner with us to help raise the next generation with all the instruction they need to make them useful for God's kingdom and for their society.

First Christian Church

FCC is doing well as far as spreading the Good News to the unbelievers is concern. We have an attendance of 80 and plus at times. We have many poor families at the church. When we first came in the zone, we found a lot of kids were not at school. I met with some families and encourage them about the education of their kids even if they don't have much. My wife and I helped about two kids to go to school. Some families can't even afford a meal once day. In such a time as this it is even worst.

We decided to put a little Micro credit to help the families at least to do something. In doing so, they can have something to take care of their families. We have about 5 persons that are using this opportunity right now. Each of them has about 5000 gourds which is not much, but can help a bit. We are praying for more means to be able to help more people to make little businesses to be self-sufficient. FCC is nourishing the idea to have a scholarship program to help with the kids that don't go to school and will be pretty soon representing a threat for the society. So FCC would like to participate in helping the country to have a better future through good citizens that are well educated.