

# The VanDervort Report

Spring 2020

We are back! We arrived back in Haiti on February 2 and spent the night in Port-au-Prince since our flight landed late. Rod and Mila Ayers arrived the morning of February 3<sup>rd</sup> which allowed us to travel to Pierre Payen together. Thankfully, the trip was uneventful. We arrived to see many happy people! Our wonderful sidekick, Touille, was very glad to see us, but our new guy, Opie, hid for the first day.



We also added two dogs to our growing menagerie! Another missionary family was transitioning back to the U.S. and needed a home for Stella and Nora. They are great guard dogs and very energetic!

We enjoyed being with our families over the holiday. We were also home in the states when Mike's mom went on to her reward in Heaven. We were glad we were able to spend some time with her before she passed away.

Since returning, we've been very busy catching up and getting things accomplished that we couldn't do when the country was shut down. Though we've accomplished much, we still have far to go.

We are looking forward to welcoming the teams that are starting to return to Haiti. Winebrenner Seminary is conducting another course for the conference pastors in February, and a small team from our home church in Hanover, PA, is coming to help with some much needed and overdue maintenance. We are looking forward to seeing them.

Finally, as things slowly and cautiously return to normal, we are grateful for the trips we've been able to make to Borel and the churches that we've been able to visit since our return.

Please keep the prayers coming. As you will read, they are powerful and much needed!



*Visiting Gilbert Church (above and below)*



## The Power of Prayer, Part 1

Watson, my right hand man and the chaplain at the hospital, was on the road in January when he came across oil on the road (put there by some people), He and the truck flipped several times, but thankfully, he had his seatbelt on and was able to walk away, albeit a little sore.

We are grateful that God protected Watson during the accident, and we are thankful to those of you who pray for the mission and its people. We know it is our biggest weapon against the enemy!

Recently, we sent the truck to Port-au-Prince to be repaired which is apt to be expensive, though not as much as buying another vehicle. We only have two working vehicles right now. Help is needed for the



repairs. If you wish to donate to the vehicle account, you may give online at <https://secure.cggc.org/haitispecial-projects-gr2812>. If you prefer to mail a donation, please send to Global Reach, PO Box 926, Findlay, OH 45839 and mention "GR2812-Haiti Truck Repairs". As always, we thank you for your support.

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## The Power of Prayer, Part 2

On February 19th, Mike was struck by a moto while leaving the bank in St. Marc:

"As we came out of the bank, we needed to cross the street to get to the car. I looked both ways and saw a moto on my left, he stopped and I started to cross the street. A second moto was coming a lot faster and hit me in my back on my left side. Next thing I knew I was laying in the middle of the road on my back. Dawn said that when I was struck I was thrown in the air and did a complete flip. Many people gathered around and I was helped to my feet. Amazingly I felt no pain. The young man on the moto was clearly upset and afraid. All the bystanders were yelling at him and saying it as all his fault. Feeling alright, I assured them that I was okay. Before we left I shook his hand, further diffusing the situation and we got in our vehicle and left."

Further emphasizing the power of prayer, our friends at One Mission Society were in the midst of a prayer power hour when the leader felt compelled to pray for us. It was the exact time of the accident. There are no coincidences. God is good all the time!

### Prayer Support

*When we speak in churches stateside, we always talk about the importance of your prayers. Today was an example of why we are so emphatic about this. Thank you for your prayer support. God certainly had us well protected this morning.*

## Prayer Needs

We are thankful for the ongoing prayers for us and the work of Project Help Haiti. Specific prayer needs at this time include:

- Safety for us and other missionaries in Haiti
- Our ongoing work with the Haitian conference and our relationship with Pastor Luc, the newly elected president
- The growth and sustainability of Pierre Payen Hospital
- Letting our light shine
- Travel to the US in June to fundraise (we still have a few dates open) and for a family vacation. Our son-in-law, Jean-Yves, is being deployed to Iraq and we are going on family vacation before he leaves. Prayers for his safety during deployment are much appreciated.

## Thank you for your support!

*Mike & Dawn*

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