

# VanDervort Report



## Greetings from Pierre Payen!

We are back in Haiti! We had a wonderful time with our family and are grateful for the many gifts God allowed us to share together... from spending a week at the beach, to being around when our son-in-law left for deployment, and helping with our aging parents by taking them to their appointments. Just spending time with them was special since those opportunities are hard to come by.

We arrived back in country in late July as Haiti kept its borders closed for longer than expected (our original plans were to return in early July). As requested by the Haitian government, we quarantined for 14 days upon arrival. We were also required to show proof of a negative COVID test upon arrival which we were able to do. Though some complain about this requirement, we do not want to have any part of bringing COVID to our island home.

Haiti has declared a victory over COVID, and there have been no new deaths in the last week, per the official government website.

Since our return, we haven't been able to get to Borel as the roads have been blocked by gangs controlling the area. Thankfully, some of the staff have gotten through by motorcycle or on foot, so the staff continues to get paid. We are in communication with them regularly and look forward to seeing them whenever it is safe to travel again.

As you probably know, Hurricane Laura passed over us. We had a rainy day with much cooler temperatures and were very thankful for that. Port-au-Prince wasn't so lucky. There was a great deal of flooding and devastation due in part to poor drainage caused by excessive trash. We were saddened to learn of the deaths of a young doctor and her infant son who were swept away in the flooding.

## Prayer Needs:

- For Haiti's country, churches, and leaders
- Funds for a new generator
- Those suffering from the aftermath of Hurricane Laura
- Those trying every-day to simply survive (The cost of goods has skyrocketed. When we arrived in Jan 2018, the exchange rate was 60HTG : \$1US. Today it's 120HTG : \$1US.)
- Protection for our son-in-law during his deployment



Seeing Dad off at Ft. Indiantown Gap, PA. Thank you for your service and sacrifice, Jean-Yves.



## Church and Hospital Update

The churches in Haiti have been open for a few weeks now which means we've been able to visit them again. We are pleased to see the improvements that each church has been making.

If you follow the [Project Help Haiti Facebook page](#), perhaps you saw the updates at Blockhouse Church in St. Marc. We were also able to visit the Charette Church, just outside of St. Marc.

Recently, a three-day pastors' conference was held at our facility with 30 pastors in attendance. It was good to see everyone again!

The hospital is doing well and busy with patients though they haven't seen any COVID patients in our area.

The new generator is up and running and helping keep the fuel costs down. Thank you for all your support in raising the money for that. The smaller generator on our side of road is also on its last legs and will have to be replaced soon. There's always something!

Shortly after our return, we were part of the dedication ceremony for the new cafeteria built at the hospital. USAID funding made that addition possible.



We again want to thank all of you for your support and prayers. We sure do feel them! We don't know what the future holds, but we KNOW who holds the future.

*Mike & Dawn*