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Haiti Update

Greetings brothers and sisters from the beautiful country of Haiti! We hope you are doing well. We miss each one of you dearly and keep you in our hearts and prayers daily. May God continue to bless and grow you. We wanted to send an update on the happenings in Haiti. We are so thankful to announce that the church van arrived safely in port last week and we are awaiting some government papers to be completed before the van is delivered to the mission house on Monday. (Praise GOD!) This is a huge blessing for us personally, the orphanage, as well as, the ministry. Also, we are happy to say that the balance of the orphanage school costs have been covered for this year. Audrey Hepburn said it well, "A quality education has the power to transform societies in a single generation, provide children with the protection they need from the hazards of poverty, labor exploitation and disease, and given them the knowledge, skills, and confidence to reach their full potential." So, a huge thank you for allowing our kids to continue reaching their potential through their continued education. In America this is something we too often take for granted, but in Haiti school is only for the privileged. Our Kids are so excited each year when they ask the question, "Papa are we able to go to school this year?" and we are able to say with confidence, "Do not worry. Your education is important to your Godparents (Meaning: YOU the donors. This is a cultural term they understand) everything is taken care of for you!" We are super excited to have a team coming this September representing three different Kentucky Baptist churches including you, our home church family. We will be doing community medical and health education clinics for our village and spending some time with the orphanage children focusing on child health and safety. One health concern to be praying about: We will be talking to the village leader this week concerning community health issues, mainly proper human waste disposal. We plan to get pricing for building a three-room community latrine. If we are approved for the land space by our village leader and are able to raise funds for this project we would like to begin as soon as possible. Most importantly and the real reason we are here, making disciples and spreading the good news! We want to give glory to God for the nine new salvations so far this year, through discipleship training and evangelism. Our leaders have over 200 men and women meeting every week throughout Croix des bouquets and the central plateau for bible studies and training. (Praise GOD!) We also want to thank God for the pastors training we had this summer. Thirteen pastors came from different areas across Haiti to our artisan house for a three-day conference to be strengthened in God's word. We believe that healthy churches are led by healthy leaders. We want to honor God by giving solid biblical training to church leadership, especially the pastors. Our goal is to continue to provide this type of training to as many pastors as God allows. Long-term vitality of a congregation depends on excellent pastoral leadership. We believe that strong biblical training for a pastor will have a ripple effect in his church therefore creating strong Christians also. I could go on and on about Gods work.... But I will stop reporting for now. Thank you so much for your continued, prayers, kind words of encouragement and financial support. We could not do this without you. The SENT and the SENDERS what a beautiful picture of the church. We are honored to be SENT by you for the sake of the Gospel.

Much Love, The Chervens