



# LOVE WORTH SHARING

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The year is now half over and the situation in Haiti continues to look bleak. The United Nations is reporting that the gangs now control almost all (90%) of Port-au-Prince. The UN peace-keeping force still hasn't been able to gain control of the situation and the violence continues to spread to other parts of the country. The temporary government council has not been able to establish any pathway to schedule elections by February 2026 as they were mandated.

Food and fuel prices continue to soar and the government is near collapse; Haiti is on the verge of ceasing to be a country. Many individuals and families now live in makeshift camps/tent cities because they have been forced to flee their homes after gangs invaded and razed their communities.

Reports are that many children are now joining the gangs as the situation grows desperate, and they are willing to do whatever it takes to earn money to survive. Recruitment is surging as many schools remain closed and children become increasingly vulnerable, with gang violence leaving more than 700,000 people homeless in recent years, including an estimated 365,000 minors. Many of them live in makeshift shelters where they're preyed upon by gangs and face physical and sexual violence.

Also adding to the ongoing instability is that none of the individuals who are suspects in the killing of President Moïse have faced trial after the President was gunned down at his home in the nation's capital nearly four years ago. Gang violence, death threats and a crumbling judicial system have stalled an ongoing investigation. The gangs have also been able to procure more weapons and ammunition and now outgun the Haitian national police and the UN forces.

And yet through it all, our programs continue to operate and we have multiple reports of children coming to Christ.

Please keep praying for the ministry and the people of Haiti. *Blessings, Jim and Cindy Owens*





*Ecclesiastes 3:1 says: To everything there is a season. At the end of July, I will enter a new season. I have given notice to my current church that I will be leaving full-time ministry at the end of this month; August 3rd will be my last Sunday here in South Carolina. Cindy and I will be relocating to our home in Florida, not quite ready to retire just yet. I will look forward to doing pulpit supply and interim work without all the daily stress. I also have a book or two I want to write. But have no fear, the ministry work in Haiti will continue for as long as we have the finances to do so. We are now in our 28th year of doing ministry in Haiti and we are still excited about the *fruit* being produced for the Kingdom. Ezechiel says the children have now finished the Bible study on Matthew and will soon have a competition between the girls and boys to see who can answer the most questions. Ezechiel also says that we have more and more children taking part of their meal home for other children in the family.*

At our Petionville location, the staff have started a crocheting course and have 10 girls enrolled; one of the other students is teaching the others how to crochet. This project will last for the summer.

Rolando writes concerning the medical clinic: *In total we have 30 children treated and cured of their illness, but the fever continues to spread in the community. Many parents come asking for antibiotics but we have run out. All the parents thank you and pray for you.*



*John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*



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