

The Lersse Family Haitians For His Kingdom On the Island of Hispaniola



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Dear Friends and Supporters,

We have learned that in ministry, as in all of life, there are two sides along every path; on the right hand blessings and on the left challenges. They walk hand in hand through this journey of life. God has taught us to keep our praise heavenward for the blessings and our knees on the ground concerning the challenges.

Presently, the greatest trial is what the Haitian people are enduring with deportation. It is very heartbreaking to see our people live in a constant state of fear and unrest. At 2 am in the morning, at work time and all the time the officers are going to houses and taking them away. Families who have lived in the village for over 20 years, children who only know the Dominican Republic are hauled off to the border and left there with no money, no transportation to anywhere and no where to go because their families have lived in the Dominican Republic for decades. In our church, several members have been deported. Most Haitian churches in the DR are not assembling because on Sunday mornings immigration officers have gone into church services to carry them away. I have worked for years helping our people get their legal documents, and by the mercies of the Lord we are still assembling each week with a strong attendance. Because of the collapse of the Haitian government, obtaining legal documents is a trial, the price for documents needed to live legally in the Dominican Republic is very costly for the people, and often because of the threat of immigration people cannot go to work. The Haitian people here are suffering financially, mentally, socially, and physically; but praise the Lord we are going forward spiritually giving praise to God for His mercies and goodness and praying much over trials and afflictions.

By the help of the Lord we still have a good group of people going out every Saturday morning to preach the gospel and visit the believers and pray with them. Souls are hearing the gospel, calling on Christ for salvation and following the Lord in believers baptism. We are presently in the middle of seminary training preparing to graduate our first class in the Spring of 2026. Our first church plant here in the DR is growing steadily under the leadership of a faithful young man. Even with the threat of deportation the people assemble faithfully and are growing in the Lord. Amidst trials and dangers in Haiti, the Living Baptist Churches there are still alive and thriving by the power of GOD.

We just sent our second child to college and it is a blessing to witness the hand of the Lord on our children. BJ is a junior at Hyles-Anderson and Sissy is a freshman at Pensacola Christian. Both of these young people love the Lord and are walking in truth and there is no greater joy! Please pray for our children yet at home that their hearts would be captured for the Lord while they are young and that they would be His true disciples until the return of Christ.

Finally, I would like to thank you for all those who prayed and contributed to the digging of the well for the agriculture project. By the Lord's kindness the well has been completed and we are up and running. We will soon be harvesting our first batch of tilapia, we are selling eggs, growing crops, raising cattle and, have recently begun keeping bees. As you contributed financially, please contribute prayerfully to God for the prosperity of this project that His congregation of saints could have a source of provisions and the work of the Lord here could be self-sustaining.

The Lord is with us in all our afflictions. We are praising Him and praying to Him in all these things.

Please strive together with us in praise and prayers.

Listening for the trumpet from the Island of Hispaniola,

Biz and Beloved Lersse



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