

August 2020 Newsletter



**Helping Haiti's
Orphans** James 1:27
Esperé Kay

Greetings from Haiti!

On August 29, we finally returned to Haiti! As many of you know, this is the longest we have been away since we moved here and started the Esperé Kay Ministry. It has been over 8 months since we have seen all of our Haitian loved ones face to face. Nothing can replace being with everyone in person. For this month's newsletter, we would like to share our journey back here and God's amazing provision. We cannot thank Him enough!



I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world – John 16:33

Now, we would love to tell you everything went well with the trip here (which it did) and that everything was great when we arrived (which it wasn't). Imagine 8 months' worth of Haitian dust all over everything, no running water, little drinking water (only what we brought in our water bottles), no electricity, no working refrigerator (this was the worst), battery in the car is dead, limited food supply and when we arrived it was nearing nighttime so we knew we would be in the dark soon. What would you do? First, we prayed, and we thanked God that we started praying about all of this long before we stepped on the plane. We pretty much knew what we could be in for but still unsure of the unknown. We knew all of it was out of our control, so we asked God to give us courage, walk before us and provide along the way. Secondly, we shifted our perspective from what we wanted to just what we needed, having grateful hearts for whatever God chose to provide.

I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength - Philippians 4:11-13

Please don't misunderstand this scripture to mean we are always content. It is only by the grace of God we can actually come close. It is by His strength alone, not our own. If you want to give glory to anyone in what we are about to share, give it where it is due, God. We would like to take a moment and do just that. The following is a list of challenges we faced when we first arrived here followed by God's provision. All thanks be to Him!

- We had no electricity and had no gas to start the small generator so we could start the big generator which would in turn charge the house batteries. Pastor Martinez, our landlord, who, "just happened," to return to Haiti himself one week before we arrived, sent a young man to go buy gas for us. We had electricity!
- No water for drinking or anything at all. Pastor gave us a container of water to drink. Now with electricity, the pump could run and we could have water in the house. Next, we got our filter going and began making our own drinking water. We had water!
- The house was so dirty. We were able to clean our bedroom, bathroom and kitchen before bedtime. With electricity, we had lights. It has taken days to clean the house, but it is good now. We have a clean house!
- Lately Haiti has given limited electricity (sometimes a month or longer without). With no one monitoring our system, our fridge was often not running for days/weeks. We never had this problem in the past, so we had left food in it for when we came back. We will never do that again! Things melted, molded and we had meat turn to liquid, running all throughout. Who knew it could do that?! We thanked God for our masks, emptied it, took it all apart and cleaned it. We didn't even know if it would start when we plugged it in, but it did. There was much celebrating. The smell is mostly gone and now we can make ice and drink cold water! You have no idea....
- We had a limited food supply and, with a dead battery in the car, we were not going anywhere. We had a few, mostly outdated, items in our pantry closet and a few things we brought in our suitcases. We were able to have a few meals with what we had but it would not sustain us for long. On Monday, a young lady came and did our shopping for us so we had some fresh food from the local street market. We also ordered meat online from an American farmer who has a ministry here. They deliver, in Haiti! They called us immediately and asked if they could come the same day (they only make limited deliveries in the capitol because of where they are located). They came. Pastor also took Dave out to buy a new battery for the car. He was then able to do the rest of our shopping. Within one day, we had all the food we needed!
- As mention previously, our car battery was dead (wouldn't hold a charge) and we had a flat tire. Dave bought the new battery, but it didn't quite fit. He, "just happened," to have something here at the house he could use to make it fit so it would work. He was able to fill the tire with air (slow leak) and now we have a car so we can buy a new tire. Again, much rejoicing as now we have a working car!

The list goes on and on as things continue to happen and God provides. Can you see His hand in all of this? We hope our story encourages you today. You can trust in Almighty God. He so faithful and will never let you down. All glory to God!

Stay tuned for next month's issue as our journey here continues and we share our reunions with loved ones.....

Keeping you all in our prayers and so grateful for all of you who were praying and continue to pray for us. We know we had a team! Your prayers were the covering that protected us and helped us to re-acclimate to life in Haiti. Thank You so much for being a part of this ministry and our lives! **God bless, Dave and Deb**