



December 2016 Newsletter

News from the field

Dear Friends,

As some of you are aware, Dale went to Haiti to assist with the relief effort resulting from the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew and the torrential rains that followed thereafter.

Rodrigue and Dale traveled to Fonds-des-Negres to deliver much needed food and supplies to Rodrigue's family who lost so much during the storm, with the exception of their house which only suffered roof damage. Thirteen live in a very small, two-room house with only two beds consisting of boards and rolled-up rags. Rodrigue's father sleeps on the concrete floor under one of the beds. This family was extremely grateful to receive help at this particular time. Not only did Rodrigue's family receive assistance but their neighbors with whom they graciously share. Until Dale arrived in Haiti, VAM sent financial aid via Western Union to help Rodrigue's family. All this has been possible because of God's Love spilling over on those of you to give toward the many great ongoing needs. Our desire is to raise funds to help build two more rooms onto Rodrigue's family's home as well as a bathroom facility. We will also work toward getting proper beds for them.

Pastor Luc St.-Felix reported of roof damage to the many Churches he has in the mountains as well as many families receiving damage to their homes along with loss of gardens and livestock. Also, Hurricane Matthew took the roof completely off The Church in La Seringue. After the hurricane moved on through Haiti, reports came in of torrential rains, mudslides, electrocutions from downed power lines, families swept away, and the list goes on. The needs are so great that at times it can be overwhelming.

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Due to Dale becoming ill the day after he arrived in Haiti, and after not feeling better almost three weeks later, he had to return stateside to get medical treatment. He's feeling much better now and we will make plans to return to Haiti after the first part of the year, shortly after the shipping of the Sea Container of relief goods. Until then we will continue to do what we can by sending financial aid through Western Union to our contacts on the ground.

For each one who has faithfully stood with us in ministry and continues to do so, we are extremely grateful. To those of you who desire to contribute to the work and ongoing needs in Haiti, you may do so via PayPal by clicking on the link on the ministry website www.haitihope.net or like our Vine Abiding Ministries Inc. Facebook Page and click on the link which will take you to the website as well. You may also mail your contribution to Vine Abiding Ministries, Inc. - 16931 Knobley Road - Burlington, WV 26710.

We trust that your Thanksgiving Day was an enjoyable Blessing filled with contentment and gratitude. Compared to others around this world, each of us certainly have a lot to be thankful for. We must not only reflect on this during this time of the year but every single day. Many Blessings to all during Christmas and throughout The New Year.

In His Service,

Dale, Pamela, & Nathan Hipp

*Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed.
Rescue the weak and needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked. Psalm 82:3-4*



Photos from our mission to bless Rodrigue's family after the hurricane.

HURRICANE MATTHEW RELIEF SHIPMENT HOW YOU CAN HELP!



Packed and ready to ship!

<https://www.gofundme.com/relief-supplies-shipment-to-haiti>

We are raising desperately needed funds to pay for the costs of sending a 40' overseas shipping container with 30,000 pounds of relief supplies to help the people of Haiti. As many of you may know, Haiti was devastated by Hurricane Matthew in October 2016.

By the end of October, it is estimated that 140,000 people have been left homeless, most from the damaging winds and flooding that the hurricane produced. Our goal is to ship the container and distribute the supplies to villages that have been terribly affected by the storm. Dale has already arranged on-the-ground logistics with Pastor Luc to receive the shipment.

The supplies are boxed up and ready to ship! All we need is YOU to bless the effort with your donations so that we can share our love and lend a hand to our brothers and sisters in Haiti.

One of our volunteers, Paul Durham from Oakland, Maryland, is coordinating the fund raising for this project through GoFundMe at the link above. Blessings may also be sent to us directly at our mailing address in Burlington, West Virginia.

Clothing, medical supplies, household goods, tools and other needed supplies are included in this shipment. After we fund our shipping and distribution costs, the extra funds will then go to purchasing desperately needed food for the hungry, especially children.

Thank you so much for supporting this effort!

— Specific Prayer Requests —

We are so grateful for the many of you who support Vine Abiding Ministries and our work in Haiti. God's plan for the children and people in Santo is so amazing! We walk together with you in total faith to follow the path that God has laid out for us.

There are a number of immediate concerns and needs that we ask you to pray for:

- 1. For our financial needs in Haiti in 2017.**
- 2. For the children of Balan and throughout Santo for the love, health and protection they desperately need.**
- 3. Please pray for growth in the number of Hope Partners so that we can continue to care for the daily needs of the children in Santo.**

... and please offer up a prayer of thanksgiving for all that God has done and continues to do through the ministry and through our supporters. You are all a blessing to us and a blessing to the children and people in Haiti!

