



March 2017 Newsletter

News from the field

Dear Friends,

In certain situations, one's plans can change at a moment's notice. It's not what you go through.....It's how you go through it. It's all about your attitude as you walk through it in a positive manner and gratitude as you praise through it believing in faith that God will see you through it. Since the end of November, it has been non-stop for our family. On November 29, our grandson, Finley James, was born a month and a half premature. Upon arrival, he had difficulty breathing and had to be intubated. Finley also had a problem with his kidneys and spent some time in Wolfson Children's Hospital in Jacksonville, Florida. We spent a month and a half in Florida helping our children, Nicole and Robby, and our grandsons, Noah (11) and Cooper (6), through a difficult time. We witnessed God's Healing Touch upon our precious grandson, breathing His Breath of Life into his lungs, and healing his right kidney so that it now functions normally.

Trevor and Tracey's sweet girl, Harper Lorraine, had her first birthday on February 20th. Apparently, we blinked a little too long because, her first year sure went by fast. She is an absolute delight! Harper was born with an underdeveloped cochlea. We trust God completely for the hearing in her right ear to be fully restored. Pam is recuperating from minor surgeries on both hands. Nathan, (who is now 31 years of age), spent a couple of days in the hospital with a heart rate of 160 and a touch of pneumonia. In order to bring his heart rate down, medicine had to be administered intravenously to stop and restart his heart. After antibiotic treatment and a change in and regulation of his blood pressure medicine, Nathan is doing much better. However, as a precaution, he is being sent to a cardiologist for further evaluation.

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A special thanks to all who have prayed and continue to do so for Finley and his family, Harper, Pam, and Nathan.

Although we have been walking through some medical difficulties, (and, God certainly cares about all our needs), naturally, the many needs of the Haitian people continue on as well. It's heart wrenching to fathom the fact that, unlike most of us, they lack in finances to obtain the medical help for even the simplest ailment that could quickly and easily escalate resulting in a premature death. We have a mandate.....a high calling on our lives to minister to the Haitian people in which we realize is a great responsibility for us personally and for Vine Abiding Ministries.

We are commissioned, first and foremost, to reach the lost by preaching The Uncompromised Word of God and living by example. With the help of the Lord, caring for the orphans and widows in their distress, feeding the poor, and meeting practical needs are made possible because of your support. But, first, we must teach them in order to reach them.

Romans 10:13-15 --- For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him in whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!



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While awaiting the remaining funds to come in for costs of shipping and clearing a final container of relief goods, we are preparing to close out the property we currently have as a stateside ministry base. We are thankful to God for our time at this property for the past 7 plus years. It provided much needed amenities at the time the 2010 Haiti Earthquake occurred and has also served as an outreach to other natural disasters such as the recent hurricane that took place there.

We so appreciate the hearts of the proprietors of this property and Northeast Lighthouse Ministries here in Burlington, WV. Once the container is loaded and transported from the property to be shipped out of Miami, we will make preparations to return to Haiti, clear the container from customs, and prepare for a small team to arrive and assist with distribution of the contents. Trucks will be rented to transport relief goods to the people in the Santo Desert area, the southeast region mountain villages of Foret des Pins and Fond Verettes, and the northeast region mountain village of Chapotin. We will also share with local orphanages such as that of Nasson Jean Pierre. A special thanks to St. Matthew's Parish in Oakland, MD for their assistance in the fundraising efforts of the container.

Along with the children, Nasson Jean Pierre and his wife, Jeannette, are doing well. They faithfully continue to love and nurture children who would otherwise be displaced. On behalf of Nasson and his extended family, we express our gratitude to those who support this work. As always, Pastor Luc St.-Felix remains busy with the work set before him, ministering in the city at his Church/Training Center, visiting and encouraging the 40 plus Churches he has planted in the mountain areas, and maintaining repairs as needed on the Church buildings. He always conveys his gratefulness for all who assist in the needs of the ministry God has Blessed him with. Your prayers are much appreciated for both of these ministries.



It is that time of year again that the total amount of \$8,000.00 is due to cover rent cost for the year 2017. Considering the size and location of the Mission Base House, we are thankful that the rental cost remains the same, making it the cheapest we have found in Haiti so far. This Mission Base Housing serves as a place to house in-country missionaries and also to accommodate teams during their stay in Haiti while giving their time, talent, and efforts to help in the ministry work.

Please understand, we need to raise this amount a.s.a.p. For the past 3 years, the man we have been renting from has not raised the rent, (which is unusual), and has been gracious enough in the past to work with us. However, at this time, he is unable to wait much longer for the rent payment. If you would like to give toward this urgent need, please make your check or money order payable to Vine Abiding Ministries, Inc. (or, VAM, Inc.), and designate it for "Housing Cost."

1 Thessalonians 1:2-4 --- We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father; Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God. --- We are extremely grateful to each of you for standing with VAM during the past year, 2016.

Whether it be your prayers, encouragement, or financial support sowed into the ministry.....Whether it be designated for Nasson Jean Pierre and his two Children's Homes, Pastor Luc St.-Felix's Feeding Program, Hope Partners, Loaves and Fishes, The Container Fund, Mission Base Housing, or our personal support so that we can continue the work on the mission field.....along with the Haitian people, again, we truly thank you. **Proverbs 19:17 --- He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.**

**In His Service,
Dale, Pam, & 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*



We are so pleased to report that through the faithfulness of many of our partners and friends we are able to once again ship a container with 30,000 pounds of relief supplies into Haiti. We are currently scheduling the shipment and asking for volunteers for loading/shipping day - date TBA.

Please contact pastor Dale or Pam if you would like to volunteer to help us load the container!

PRAISE REPORT !!!!

HURRICANE MATTHEW RELIEF SHIPMENT PACKED AND READY TO SHIP !!!!!



**INTERESTED IN BRINGING A TEAM TO HELP OUT?
*CONTACT US TO LEARN MORE!***



— 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 ESPECIALLY FOR THE FUNDS TO PAY FOR THE RENT OF OUR HOME.**
- 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!

