THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS 2026

Generations of Hope, Haiti

News from the orphanage in Haiti and our outreach in the Dominican Republic

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"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given."

ISAIAH 9:6 (NIV)

A GREETING FROM DR. FRANCO & KATIA

Dear Friends and Family of Go-Haiti,

Grace and peace to you this Thanksgiving and Christmas season! It brings Katia and me great joy, and it is truly a blessing, to write to you again and share what God is doing at our orphanage in Haiti and in the churches and Haitian communities Go-Haiti serves in the Dominican Republic. Thank you for walking with us. None of what you are about to read would be possible without you.

"I thank my God every time I remember you."

PHILIPPIANS 1:3 (NIV)

FROM THE ORPHANAGE "First Samuel": Providence in Action

"A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling." Psalm 68:5 (NIV)

A number of years ago, Stephanie and I went to the Haitian equivalent of Child Protective Services to get our orphanage license renewed. (Stephanie and her husband Joe helped immensely in establishing Go-Haiti, and they are key to our operation today). We spent hours there. The staff told us to keep pursuing it because they knew we were doing good work, but the one official who could actually approve our request was not there. After hours of red tape, we gave up and started to leave.

Then someone came running after us, saying there was someone they wanted us to meet. It was a father, in tears. Gangs had just murdered most of his family, and he had no way to care for his 10-month-old son, Samuel. He begged us to take him, and of course we did. God at work!

Almost 9 years later, Samuel is flourishing. He does well in school, he is very bright, and he has a great sense of humor. He loves being around people and playing soccer. We call him **First Samuel** now, because a few years later another Samuel appeared on our doorstep, and of course we call him **Second Samuel**!

I wanted to tell you this story because so many times I have been frustrated when my plan was not working out, as I am sure you have too. We did not get our license that day but God had other plans: a bigger plan, and a much better one. We got Samuel and he got us!



"Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails."

PROVERBS 19:21 (NIV)

MISSION TRIPS – Touching Their Hearts and Ours

During the second week of November, a joint mission team from Connecticut and Louisiana arrived in the Dominican Republic to work among the underprivileged Haitian communities. They brought supplies, built furniture for our church, played with the children and, of course, shared the Good News of Jesus in Haitian Creole and Spanish through translators. We were also able to provide Creole Bibles in both print and electronic form, along with a portable solar generator so the community has a basic source of power.

In early December, I will travel to Haiti with others and, as always, celebrate Christmas with our 65 children and 15 staff at the orphanage. The children look forward to this time of year! They will be decorating and making gifts and cards for one another, and we will provide modest gifts for each of them. The children are well and are in school. We are suffering from the effects of inflation as many of you are also and, when we can find diesel fuel, it is over $30 per gallon. This means we cannot run the generator often but we do have some solar panels and can store energy in batteries to keep the lights on at night and our Starlink communications – these items thanks to generous supporters. I will have Christmas pictures to share with you upon my return.





"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."

LUKE 2:10–11 (NIV)

LOOKING AHEAD - Finding Our New Home

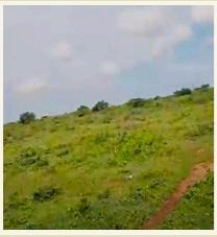
When I last wrote, I mentioned that we were looking for a new home near Cap-Haïtien, that had a potential gift of land. Just as with First Samuel, that initial plan did not work out…. because of a legal problem. But, the lawyer we had retained knew of another possibility, and it is even better: 15 acres of land near the sea, in a town that would welcome us, and the land would be given to us free.

We are working on this possibility now and will extend the lease on our current location while we do, in hopes that the new site works out. Please keep this in your prayers.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

JEREMIAH 29:11 (NIV)



PARTNER WITH US - How You Can Help

We covet your prayers for our ministry, which now includes not only the orphanage but also 7 churches in Haiti and the Dominican Republic, plus 3 Haitian communities in the DR where we regularly hold medical clinics,

provide food and clothing, and teach and preach the Gospel. Our churches worship over 1,000 people per week and the 3 Haitian communities we serve in the DR number several hundred people each.

Words alone cannot express our gratitude for your prayers, your donations of supplies and your financial gifts. As we enter this season of giving, we ask that you remember us as you are able, and that you consider mentioning us to your friends, your church and others in your circles of influence. A copy of our brochure is attached for you to print or forward electronically along with this newsletter.

DONATE NOW

There are also other ways to help:

- **Our Amazon Registry.** It lists our priority items, which are shipped directly to our shipping point in Connecticut. **Link to Amazon Registry**
- **Haitian art.** We have brought artwork from Haiti to help Haitian artists who have no market because of the lack of tourism. All proceeds go to the orphanage. Great Christmas Gifts! **Link to Haitian Art**
- **A yard sale or other fundraiser.** Please consider hosting an event during the coming year. If my schedule permits, I will try to attend! We have several organizations that make blankets and clothing for the children (Helping Hands in Slidell, LA and Our Savior's Way in Ashburn, VA). Other ideas are: Host a 5k walk/run, have a Bake sale or partner with organizations like your employer or Thrivent Financial which offers grant money up to $250 as seed money to host a charitable event. Contact Bill, on our volunteer staff (WPfancuff@GMail.com) for more information on hosting fundraisers and Thrivent Grants.
- **Giving Tuesday – December 1, 2026.** Giving Tuesday started in 2012 as a way to counter the spending frenzy of Black Friday and Cyber Monday. It is now a global generosity movement that is designed to encourage charitable donations, volunteering, and acts of kindness. Please consider a "Christmas" gift to Go-Haiti this Giving Tuesday!

Thank you in advance!



"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."
MATTHEW 25:40 (NIV)

IN CLOSING

Again, from Katia, our family and me: thank you for standing with us and with all those in need in the communities we serve now, and in those still to come. We appreciate it, the children and staff appreciate it, and we will forever hold you in our hearts.

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."
NUMBERS 6:24–26 (NIV)

God's many blessings,

Dr. Franco Jean-Louis and Katia

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