Haiti in our Hands

Compassion and solidarity for the people of Haiti

Monthly Newsletter God Protects Us Still

When we wire your donations to the bank account of our twin parish for the school lunch program, the bank informs me when the funds are available. Then I message Father Raymond so that he can plan a visit to Port-au-Prince to retrieve the money and buy food for the school children. The following is Father Raymond's response to one such message on March 11th:

"Certainly, the situation in Haiti is serious. Many deaths and disappearances. Many people don't have homes because the gangs are chasing them all away. No justice, no security. . . We are left to our own devices. While waiting for God to help us, we continue to hope for better days. Most of the provincial towns are also attacked. My family members are in great difficulty in the provinces. It has been a very long time since I have been to see them. In Chauffard, God protects us still. Today, we had mass in the center of the parish and in a chapel (Procy). We are all here and the activities continue. The school and church function normally, even [with] great worries... Next week will be exams and Easter holidays.

I will keep you informed of any developments in the situation. Many thanks for the prayers and support. I have already started planning to be able to buy food for the children. I'm looking for the opportunity. Thank you again for all your moral, spiritual, economic, and emotional support. May we still remember your family, the entire medical team and all the faithful of the parish of the Church of St. Michael and St. Peter who never stop helping us. Let us unite in prayer because victory only belongs to those who trust in Jesus. Good luck on the road that leads to Easter."

News from Port au Prince:

"Keep praying for us, please. We are safe. There was a prison break. The gangs want to get control of the national palace. They want to put someone in power. We don't know what is coming, what will happen this weekend. We probably will have to stay home for one or two weeks. My family will have to buy food and water cause I don't know how long we will have to stay home."

Gaspard St-Clar, Translator for eight of our medical missions March 20, 2024

Upcoming Events:

April 19: Doug's To Go for Haiti, SMSP parking lot

> **April 19-21:** Book & Bake Sale, Bottle & Can Drive at SMSP

June 8-9: Speaker & annual second collection All masses SMSP

For more information, call **Kate McMahon** at 315-214-1569.

Supporting the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Chauffard, Haiti, Father Raymond, Parish Priest



April 2024

Help the People of Haiti! April 19–21 Church of St. Michael & St. Peter

Doug's To Go Friday only 11-6



Book & Bake Sale + Bottle Drive

Friday 9-6 Saturday 9-6:30 Sunday 9-1





All proceeds benefit our twin parish in Chauffard, Haiti.