



## FROESE MINISTRY UPDATE

March 28,2021

The last month has been a trying month to say the least with its own set of crises. It started out with a week and a half of heavy rains which caused extensive flooding along side of the river near us which is one of the places where the poor can afford to live. Many people had water inside their homes up to their knees and had to elevate their beds to keep them dry. In the city, due to people throwing their garbage into the drainage canals, the water rolled down off of the mountains and had no escape route and so flooding was a huge problem there as well. After the rain stopped it took a whole week for the water to go down. If the government would have dredged out the river as they promised it would have made a huge difference.

After that, 5 police officers, sent out to deal with a gang problem in Port-au-Prince, were brutally murdered by the gang. This caused huge demonstrations by police officers all over the country. Streets were blocked, schools shut down and commerce stopped for several days. After that the scoundrels came out and blocked streets demanding that you pay money in order to pass through. Through it all we stayed safe staying home on bad days and letting things settle down.

Helen has continued to go to physio therapy 3 days a week. This month the 2<sup>nd</sup> and third year physio students are doing some practical training at both the locations she goes to. Many of them like to try their English skills with her. I, Tom, have been busy digging trenches and installing sewage and drain pipes to the septic tank and the soap trap tank and then filling them back in. I have also spread a lot of stone fill to level the lot so that we can make cement blocks here to raise funds for the community development project.

Because sufficient funds have not come in to purchase a block-making machine, we have purchased a hand mould to make blocks. We hope to start this week making blocks to sell. It will take at least 2 weeks before they are cured enough to sell. To start, this will employ 2 workers.

The NGO application for our Haitian group has made some progress but everything moves slowly here. Once they are approved, they will apply for visas for us but, in the meantime, we are only allowed to be in country for 3 months

and then we have to exit. At the end of 3 months, we drove to the border, exited into the Dominican Republic, did a couple of hours of shopping and then returned. Now we are legal to stay longer.

We thank God for:

His protection and providence during these times of political unrest and turmoil here in Haiti.

The progress Helen's arm is making.

You people who pray for us and support us financially.

Please pray for:

Success for our block-making enterprise.

A lessening of travel restrictions so that we can re-enter Canada at the beginning of May without having to pay the quarantine motel fee.

To make an online donation go to <http://multinationmissions.org>. To mail in a donation send it to: Multi-Nation Missions Foundation, MMF, P.O. Box 2401, STN A, Abbotsford, BC, V2T 4X3.

Please feel free to contact us at [thfroese@gmail.com](mailto:thfroese@gmail.com).

We thank God for the kindness we have experienced from your hands. May God bless you!

In His name and service,

Tom and Helen