



# REMEMBER HAITI



***"Haiti is in lockdown. Once considered Haiti's greatest import, Non-Government Groups and Missionaries are unable to work safely in the country. We are desperate to help our brothers and sisters in Haiti, but we cannot reach them or send them lifesaving supplies. At this time, we can only send money."***

According to an article in Washington Post published on October 14, 2019, **Haiti is "perennially the poorest in the Western Hemisphere; more than half the population lives on less than \$2.20 a month."** The New York Times on October 20 reports, **"Though the country has been trapped for years in cycles of political and economic dysfunction, many Haitians say the current crisis is worse than anything they have ever experienced. Lives that were already extremely difficult, here in the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, have become even more so"**.



From Port-au-Prince to Cap Haitien unrest and violence in the streets is the norm. This means many days confined to home, schools closed, people unable to get to the grocery store due to lack of fuel, and no one able to get money. Even if one had the wear-with-all to purchase such, trucks that might be able to deliver goods are meeting roadblocks and hijacking along the routes. Schools have not opened yet this year in most places. How is it possible that a country's political problems can hold citizens hostage in their own homes in their own villages in the entire country?

***"We are in misery and we are starving," said one of the protesters.***

**Our beloved employees are asking for our help as they are suffering and unable to keep the children and seniors fed at the Center of Refuge orphanage and Jacmel Lutheran Home, as well as their own families.**

## **The situation in Haiti is desperate.**

- 80% of government offices and banks are closed.
- Schools have not been able to open yet this fall.
- Unreliable electricity because there is no fuel to run the national power grids.
- Food, clean water, and fuel is expensive and scarce.
- Villages depending on food and supplies trucked from the main ports are unable to be served because delivery trucks cannot navigate roads. Blockades and burning tires blacken the way.
- Markets cannot open due to the demonstrations in the streets.
- Construction has been halted.
- Most hospitals and clinics are closed because there is no electricity or fuel for their generators; medicine and basic medical supplies are depleted.
- Many lives are at risk. Cholera, illness, starvation and despair is the cause.
- There is no work which means no pay.
- Inflation over 20%

According to the United Nations World Food Program, "about 3.6 million people — or more than a third of the country's population — have been driven deeper into poverty and hunger and are struggling to access a reliable supply of food." The natural disasters (earthquake, hurricanes, and floods) over several years in Haiti created a devastating food crisis.

Reported by the NY Times, **"Gas shortages are worsening by the day. Hospitals have cut services or closed entirely. Public transportation has ground to a halt. Businesses have shuttered. Most schools have been closed since early September, leaving millions of children idle. Widespread layoffs have compounded chronic poverty and hunger. Uncertainty hangs over everything"**.

This published information is exactly what Ministry in Mission is hearing from our beloved and trusted partners literally caught in the crossfire.

**Widline, the young pregnant Director of the Jacmel Lutheran Home risks her life to travel from her home to the Jacmel Lutheran Home to tend to the elderly. Some days she is unable to make the trip because the demonstrations in the streets are so dangerous. Some nights she just stays at the home.**

Please stay in constant prayer for our beloved Haitian brothers and sisters in Christ. As we move into the upcoming holiday season and are sharing with your families, please REMEMBER HAITI. On November 28 as you go to your table with friends and family for Thanksgiving, truly give thanks for all you have in America, and REMEMBER HAITI. As you are choosing gifts, gathering for Christmas parties and celebrating the birth of Christ, REMEMBER HAITI. As you ring in 2020 REMEMBER HAITI. Pray for a new Haiti.



Ministry in Mission and other partners will wire emergency funds to Haiti. Please prayerfully consider making a monetary donation to help provide food for Haitian adults and children.

**God's blessings to you and your family as you prayerfully consider this Urgent request.**

### The Ministry in Mission Team

(Photos from New York Times)

## Support the People of Haiti

Ministry in Mission offers several options to support education, an orphan and a senior.

### Orphanage Sponsorship

The Center of Refuge orphanage costs over \$100,000 per year to operate. The cost includes food, clothing, housing, healthcare, education, transportation, and staff to take care of 30+ children. Helen Briggs, a trustee on the board of Ministry on Mission, manages the Orphan sponsorship program. She also missions to Haiti yearly to run an eyeglass clinic and update the orphan profiles.

### Elder Care Sponsorship

If your heart leads you to support elderly, here's your opportunity. The Eldercare program is facilitated in two ways. Mission teams visit elderly living in their own home or with loved ones and are brought comfort, prayers and food. Though this is not consistent, our man on the ground, Emmanuel Michele, visits the seniors weekly and reports back to Ministry in Mission if further assistance is required. As we strive to make this program more efficient in helping those housebound with greater need, the Lord lit the path to the Jacmel Lutheran Home. The cost to run the home is \$40,000 yearly. In addition, as the residents need end of life care, funeral expenses must be available. Ministry in Mission is requesting \$1,000 per occupant.

### General Fund

If you would like to make a donation to our general fund, we will utilize your dollars where needed to make the most impact on our work in Haiti. All funds go directly to our mission work as Ministry in Mission does not have any administrative fees.

## ♥ How to Give ♥

- Visit [www.ministryinmission.org](http://www.ministryinmission.org) and click on the Donate button.
- Donate via Paypal. To designate how you would like your donation funds directed, add a note in the "Add special instructions" section.
- Send a Check. If you prefer to write a check, send it to our office in Chesterland, Ohio and note in the memo section of the check how the funds should be directed. Ministry in Mission, 13442 Shady Lane, Chesterland, OH 44026
- Thrivent Choice Dollars. If you are a Thrivent member, you could have Choice Dollars available to donate. Consider directing those to Ministry in Mission.
- Amazon Smile. If you shop frequently on Amazon, consider using Amazon Smile and direct Ministry in Mission as the recipient of the funds Amazon donates.
- Set up a Facebook "Donate Your Birthday" fundraiser
- Secure a Thrivent Action Team grant and host a fundraiser