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Bonjour to friends of the North District of the
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF HAITI,



As you likely know, there is a great deal of turmoil in Haiti. Kidnappings have increased, and gangs control many cities. The government is in disarray, trying to sort things out since the assassination of their president last summer.

However, THE CHURCH CONTINUES TO THRIVE AND GROW! Synod President Eliona Bernard (and district president of the North District) says the Lutheran members have faith and continue to look to the Lord for hope. In the past couple of years, two new congregations (one is a "preaching station") have started in the North District, both near the city of Cap Haitien.

Schools are open, and have been since Covid started. I hear little about how Covid has affected the country, but Pastor Eliona says that he believes inoculations for Covid are hard to find.

We did not go to Haiti this year. Our presence would have not only put ourselves at risk, but also Pastor Eliona's family. Also, we would have had to get a covid test in order to return to the USA, and don't know if or where they would be available.

Lutheran Mission Association is working on several projects, in addition to sending monthly support to help pay the teachers and pastors. There is a gate and wall being built at the south end of the Lutheran Farm. That became a necessity because of the possibility of "land grabs", where someone hires a dishonest lawyer who arranges for the land to be transferred to another party.

Pastor Eliona hired a man to build the gate and wall, but the man's mother and sister died in the gas explosion in Cap Haitien, and his brother is still hospitalized. His tools were also destroyed in the fire, so he has no way to do his work. We are arranging to replace his tools, and providing some help for his brother. (In Haiti, the family has to bring food to patients in the hospital, another of his issues).

LMA has sent more than \$8500 for continued work on the Gloria Dei School, but that, too has been put on hold. We continue to look for grants for Bibles, uniforms for students, and buildings for new congregations.

Continued prayers are needed. Pastor Eliona said that many of his congregants have memorized 2 Chronicles 7:13-15 "If my people, who are called by my Name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sins, and will heal their land."

God Bless you

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