

**Austin & Kaelee Truelove**  
with Sabashtian, Katianna,  
Majolie, Mirette & Ariella  
**Serving the Lord in Haiti**

*"If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?" Romans 8:31-32*

January was a month of blessings for us, as well as highly productive for the ministry, for which we are thankful.

In October, at the airport in Port-au-Prince, we ran into a lady named Sarah who is part of a ministry called Midwives for Haiti. It was truly God bringing us together because we have had a nurse interested in attending this special midwifery training, but we did not know how to get connected. Sarah let us know about a special, un-advertized session that would happen the first week of February. Jasmine Girtie, our head nurse, participated in the week-long midwifery intensive last week. Jasmine's attendance was a benefit to the clinic, as maternity care is a big portion of the service FMC provides. (Regular nursing schools rarely provide adequate training.) It was also a great opportunity for Jasmine to make connections with other students and the staff at Midwives for Haiti; she is applying for their full training in the fall.

In January, we kicked off fundraising for a water filtration project. Due to the large number of typhoid patients we treat in the clinic, it seemed fitting to aid our area in the procurement of clean water. Our goal is to place a simple water filtration system in 1,000 homes this year. So far, we have received donations for 200 filters. Lord willing, we will take all these back to Haiti in our checked bags. Each month as the funds come in, we will order them in batches of 100 or more and have them shipped down. If you would like to donate to the project, the filters are \$23 per kit including shipping.



Santrain elementary class

Last week, Austin's mother helped our local school director in Santrain distribute gift boxes to several classes of children who attend the school. The boxes were put together and sent from a supportive church in the states. They contained school items and toys. The children were surprised and delighted to receive the gifts.

For many months, the political situation in Haiti has been volatile. We are thankful to have been here while the violence and upheaval continues. We are also impatient to be at our home in Haiti where we belong. Ariella's passport arrived in good time, and our tickets are scheduled for February 26<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for the peace of Haiti. Please pray that God gives us wisdom and peace as Austin decides if we need to switch dates or airports in our travel decisions.

Thank you so much for your loving support and prayers for our family. Thank you also for your generosity and love towards our community in Haiti as you enable us to show Christ to those around us through the various outlets of our work.

In the Joy and Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

*Austin and Kaelee*



Happy Mirette and baby Ariella

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I wish to bring you a more formal update, but there have been strikes going on with the telephone and internet company here, making local and global communication almost impossible. I have some good internet this morning so wanted to catch everyone up.

We safely arrived in Haiti February 27th, and hit the ground running. My parents spent 2 weeks with us. That was a sincere blessing. My dad is amazing; he made our house more comfortable by adding a bathroom door and some much needed counters in the kitchen. My Mom worked the whole time being a grandma and cleaning.

The fundraising for the water filtration project is totally blowing us away! We took 200 filters with us and have funds for at least that many more. We won't purchase any more until we distribute what we have. We don't like to store items long due to mice and rat damage.

Last year, we were awarded grant money to re-start the nutrition program for malnourished children at our clinic. We already have the buildings, but lacked staff and funding to operate it well. There are currently 6 children there with their care takers.

Please pray for Austin as he makes decisions concerning the program. We are not interested in feeding unhealthy food, (namely white rice and white flour) to fatten kids up because this causes worse problems in the long run.

Please pray for rain; it's been really dry and our neighbors are just waiting for the rain to plant. Please pray for opportunities for us to meet all our neighbors. We have 7 homes within sight from our front porch and only have met 2 households so far. Please pray for complete potty training success for Mirette; I really need that to cut down on laundry. Please pray for patience in every moment, for my sanity and the childrens.



*Our precious new baby  
Ariella*

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*“The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein.”  
~ Psalm 24:1 ~*

After weeks of no rain, we have been blessed with some decent showers. We pray the gardens will still be able to produce a good crop, though the dry spell has done damage.

We have distributed 160 of the 200 water filters we have on hand. The first group of people has been using them for over six weeks, and our inspectors have indicated that everyone is comfortable with the system. Austin and I personally visited 50 homes for the Pecry distribution, inviting them to participate. It was the good excuse we needed to meet our closest neighbors and get an idea of their living conditions. I truly enjoyed seeing beautiful places so close to us, and observing normal family life going on.

Since moving into our home we have planned to build a cistern. The one we have in mind would be 15K-17K gallons, since digging a well in our area is nearly impossible. The cistern would provide us water through the dry seasons, and be used for local building projects. We have begun stockpiling the necessary materials. We hope to finish it by the end of the year.

The clinic has restarted a nutrition program that Austin’s parents had managed. Since March, more than two-dozen malnourished children from newborn to five years have received care. Six of the infants were hospitalized due to their initial condition. Gratefully, they have all returned home, and the staff follows up with the families to ensure that the children continue to grow healthily. Monthly support for this program would be greatly appreciated. We estimate an annual budget of \$3,500-\$4,000 will be necessary to maintain the program.

If you would like to give a gift to this project please send your donations to Harvest International, PO Box 6690, Ocala, FL 34478 or you can give online at [www.HarvestInternational.org](http://www.HarvestInternational.org). Please notate your gift for “Truelove - Clinic Nutrition Program”.



Please pray for wisdom as well as safety and provision in the midst of uncertain times.

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*Lady's Previous Home*

August has been the culmination of a lot of things that we have waited for. As you know, it takes time to establish oneself in a new home when you have moved across town. It takes longer to establish oneself in a new city or even a new state. It takes longer to establish oneself in a new country as a foreigner. I wanted that to just happen; I had unrealistic expectations of how fast that would happen and it never occurred to me that change in general takes time. We have been waiting as we work. Now, God is rewarding the waiting with his good blessings.

All this month, Austin has been hauling materials, supervising work, and getting in on the roofing and pouring the concrete for the house he started plans for several months ago. We asked for prayer that the home would fall into the budgeted money, and praise God, it was within \$50! On the house site, pure white sand (which is of considerable value since the closest sand would have come from a river several hours drive away) was found and workers dug it out as needed. This saved us the cost of sand and the transportation of it. Half way through the project, chunks of our tires were literally ripping off with every load. We prayed that God would keep them intact until we could finish and purchase new tires. He provided both longevity for the tires, and the procurement of new tires for a reasonable price.



*Foundation Completed*



*Austin putting on the roof*

One more answered prayer of many is that we found a neighbor lady who is teaching our children Creole. She is a kindergarten teacher, but this has been quite a challenge for her since she knows very little English. We love to hear the children singing the Creole songs while they play. She has also been a quite helpful to me in my language study, as well.

With our major project completed for this year, we do ask for prayer and support to continue the water filtration project for which we have received funding for 300 of 1000 filters. With this break, Austin has agreed to help me with school while he continues his translation and development of the biblical finance course. He hopes to build relationships with local pastors and school directors in order to get the program started. We are blessed and appreciative of your prayers and generosity.



*Completed in less than 1 month. PTL!*

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*"... let them say among the nations, 'The LORD reigns!'" - 1 Cor. 16:31b*

September and October have brought their fair share of challenges, disappointments, and victories. Our area experienced a bit of drought that caused a less than favorable harvest of the beans. Most don't look to the corn harvest with much hope. In times of unrest as these, we are reminded of how much the people count on their harvests.



*Achouna's Previous Home*

After expressing our thanks, we revealed what we had just decided to do. The supporter increased the gift to equal 2/3 the cost of the home! Feeling God's leading, we brought the project to the attention of another supporter, who agreed to give the remainder. Within a few days, the home was fully funded!

With the experience of the first home, we used the lessons learned to adjust the home plans and got our construction team on the project as soon as the family had cleared the worksite, which they did in three days. With hard work, good weather, and timely material delivery, our construction team finished the home in 17 days! The weekend before we left for the US, the family moved into their brand new home. God be praised!

One of the challenges and victories was the building of a home for a lady whose home was dilapidating. After finishing the last home, we weren't expecting another construction project, but God had other plans. We were nearly decided on the next home project, when Kaelee asked that I visit the home of a lady she had been talking with. Reluctantly, I decided to please my wife by doing a quick visit. As soon as I walked into the yard, I could feel that I had walked into our next home project. After a quick visit, I had seen quite enough. I returned home to give Kaelee my report. After she saw the pictures, she agreed with me. That same day we got a message from a supporter telling us to expect a special gift.



*Achouna in front of her new home*



*Next Project: Family of 5 lives here!*

As can be expected, we are solicited for help quite often for many and varied needs. My brother, Gilbert, has already completed a site visit for our next home project. Related to this next project, I experienced a great blessing. We had decided to build a home for another family, but when I mentioned this to the man, he said, "While it would be nice to have a nicer home, I believe that this family [whose home is pictured left] is in much greater need." This deeply touched my heart, because we don't often find people with that level of selflessness.

As we face the uncertainties of life, we realize that we are limited, but we serve an Unlimited God. That is why we continue to do for one what we can't do for all. We continue to request prayer for Haiti's political situation, wisdom, and for financial support to continue meeting the needs of our Haitian community as we focus on the water filter and home building projects this coming year. We are so thankful for your prayers and generosity throughout this passed year and look forward to what God has planned for us this coming year.