

Austin & Kaelee Truelove

Serving the Lord in Haiti



Dear partners in the advancement of the Gospel of Jesus, greetings! Thank you for your prayers for Austin's trip to Haiti in the latter part of January. There were many times when precision was necessary for him to arrive safely along with the items we had previously shipped. God orchestrated everything, so that not one thing was missing nor one problem arose.

Austin's main goal was to complete the construction of our cistern, a large concrete structure for holding rain water. Until now, we have had little water access at our home. The cistern will be a tremendous blessing to us, as well as our close friends and those who benefit from our work. Every project that requires concrete mixing (as well as every other daily water necessity), is dependent on either gathering water from springs, or purchasing water from an institution that has a cistern. Neither of these sources are dependable during the dry summer months. We praise God that he saw it fit to bless the construction of the cistern. It will hold about 20,000 gallons of water.

While there in Pecry, Austin chose the next family for a home build. Since traveling is very expensive and dangerous, we've decided to keep our projects in our small village. He chose the worst home in our area, owed by an older couple. We will use extra materials from our cistern project to begin. Please pray that the dump trucks can get the sand out of the river before the big rains come. Prices continue to go up, same as in the states. However, because of your generous giving we are able to build another home!

The ambulance is in constant use, more so than ever before due to the high gas prices and difficulty in maintaining vehicles. We don't charge for emergency services. Health care is a big problem in our area. The two clinics only admit paying patients. Often times, the smaller clinics refer patients that need emergency care to larger hospitals that are farther away. The larger hospitals aren't really that more reliable. Gilbert has taken patients in critical condition, three hours away, just to have the hospitals turn them away. Please pray that God will send skilled, and compassionate doctors and nurses to the far north west.

Our family has tickets to return to our home in Pecry at the end of March. Please pray for God's will in this as well as his protection. Our desire is to serve the people in our village, while living among them. We can minister from afar, but it's truly not the same.

Thank you for your faithful giving, and for your prayers that go up to our Father on our behalf and on behalf of Pecry. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal the truth of Christ to the people of Pecry. Pray that the believers there will be united, and that they will be a light to those living in the darkness and oppression of Satan.

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**"Do not grow weary in well-doing for in due season
you shall reap if you do not give up." Galatians 6:9**



Greetings in the name of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude to God our Father, who has been so gracious to us and our area of Haiti. We have received rains weekly during the month of April. Thank you to all of you who interceded on the behalf of Pecry and the surrounding areas. As we walk in our neighborhood and drive in the nearby towns, we see the gardens in bloom. The corn is waist high and beyond and the beans are in all stages of growth. Today, God preached the sermon Himself as the rain resounded his praises with great force on the metal church roof!

We have settled down into our home again and are back to our routine. Many of you have been praying for our son, Bash. He is doing well. I can see his comprehension of Creole has increased exponentially. He seems at peace and is growing strong both physically and spiritually. He is a real boon to our family and takes his responsibilities well. Austin keeps Bash close at his side when not in school. All the girls are growing too. I am so thankful to see their comprehension of Creole expand so well. The three eldest girls take turns helping our neighbor with cooking and baby-sitting one day a week each. This has greatly aided their understanding of the language, and they all love it.



To be honest, our hearts have felt very heavy because of the overwhelming needs around us. Austin's home building list has surpassed 40 (26 being in our area of Pecry), and there are many more that need help with daily necessities. Prices have at least doubled and in many cases quadrupled. In an agricultural society, where most people are "unemployed", it is very difficult. We have helped three different families pay for two-year rent contracts as they had no homes, and rent is very affordable. Much of Austin's time has been spent talking to people and giving help in everyday ways. Please pray that God will give him strength, grace and encouragement, so that he is not worn out from listening to people's problems day in and day out.

All our vehicles needed repairs. Working alongside our mechanic, Austin has completed most of the repairs. As boring as that is, we praise God for running vehicles. Since we have been back, the "ambulance" has been on at least four urgent medical runs. High fuel prices (\$7.50-\$8/gal.) and fuel shortages continue to plague the country.

Our desire is to continue to build homes, but in the current economy, it does not seem possible. Please pray for clarity and direction for us. Also, please pray that our support will increase to meet the increase in prices. Please continue to give generously as you have so faithfully done. As the Lord leads you, please consider telling your friends about the needs of His church here in Pecry, Haiti.

We purchased 100 Creole Bibles about 6 weeks ago and haven't received them. Please pray we can get the Bibles to where they need to go. God is in the details too; we trust the delay was for a reason.

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Back in January, I had asked all who felt led to pray for 10 days for God to remove, destroy, etc. the crows that had been ravaging our area of Haiti. I give God the greatest praise and honor and glory, for only He is capable of such a feat! I have seen only a handful of crows these past three months. They come around when the harvest is being gathered. But they are not here. There is a tremendous harvest! God truly dealt with them in His own way. I am overwhelmed with gratitude. With man, it is impossible, but with God all things are possible!

We've had an unusual amount of rain this spring. Everything is very green. Along every road and in every yard people are eating mangos. Pigs, chickens, turkeys, goats, and flies are eating mangos! You can buy a whole wheelbarrow for less than a dollar. Everyone, no matter how poor, can buy mangos. I saw a great number of pumpkins and watermelons in the market too. This attests to God's blessing of rain and harvest.

This month, we have had many ambulances runs. Except for fuel, we do not charge, and we try to maintain the vehicle, especially for urgent cases. Austin took one patient to Gonaives, a town about five hours away. Due to poor road conditions, we usually do not take long trips, but he felt that he needed to take this lady, as she is a close neighbor and God put it in his heart. Although a hard-to-come-by, tire was ruined on the return trip, the trip to the hospital went very well. The lady was admitted to a good hospital. You can never truly hide in this country. Some people from our town heard about Austin's trip and met him in Gonaives to get a ride back home! The trip benefitted all!

Austin continues to help families by paying rent for them. As I mentioned before, rent is very cheap. This has saved at least one family from losing their father to prison (for delinquent rent), and others from being removed from their rented homes. God's ways are so much higher and wiser than ours! Although we would like to be building a home, in the meantime, we have more aware of other somewhat lesser, but just as urgent needs that we are able to help with.

The lost Bibles were found and delivered! We sent 80 Bibles to fellow missionaries who are putting on a youth conference. Please pray that those young people will understand Christ, and begin to develop personal relationships with Him. We added a few monthly supporters too! Praise God! Thank you all for your faithful prayers and support. It's humbling to have so many parts of a greater work here in this little town. But that is how the Church works. To Him be the glory!

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I remember seeing in the Harvest office the saying “Flexible people don’t break”. At this point in our ministry journey that adage has proven itself more times than we can count. When called to this mission field, we felt led to devise a variety of avenues to help people both in and out of the Church. In our area, housing has always been a seemingly insurmountable obstacle for the normal family. Although financially exhaustive, we view home building, and more recently home renting, as a pivotal, family-building effort of the Church. Since the beginning of this year, our home-building projects have decreased due to the rise in cost and difficulty getting some supplies, so we have chosen to assist more families with renting homes instead of building them.

We normally build 3-4 homes a year. So far this year, we have helped more than 10 families with rent while only building one home. Currently, we have over 50 home-build requests and over 70 family-related help requests. Another avenue we serve in our area is through medical-related transportation which has its own share of cost and supply chain issues. Though difficult, we are blessed to be able to provide this life-saving service.

Considering these details, you may be able to envision our reluctance to give up our position. Of course, we are only one family, but our community continues to express its support and encouragement of our efforts. God has been so gracious towards us. He continues to provide the means and connections necessary to accomplish what He has called us to do.

We are planning to return to the US during Christmas for about six weeks. During our visit, we plan to visit family, friends, and supporters while also raising more funds to continue building homes and helping families in our area of Haiti.

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“Who then is the man that fears the Lord? Him will He instruct in the way he should choose.” Psalm 25:12

Iphanise was orphaned at a young age. Missionaries before us helped her as a little girl and into adulthood. Unfortunately, having a baby out of wed-lock with an evil man has left her desperately poor. Without mother or father and without another adult who longs to see her succeed, she comes to me requesting prayer and help for steady work. I counsel her and pray with her. God has not yet shown us a resolution.

Jesufranc has lived in Port for most of his life. There he has established a family of 9 children. The gangs overran his neighborhood and he is desperate to get out and move to the safer rural regions. His wife and a few of the children are here, asking for help to rent a room while the father seeks to recreate their life in the country. We help with rent.

Three sisters make a long trek up the mountain to our home seeking help with the basic needs of life and especially help with schooling. Their father died two years ago. Sometime after that, their mother had an accident with chemicals and is blind from it. They ask for work to pay for school. We give them some food and the money they will need for the next school year.

An old neighbor lady called me as I was walking on the road by her home. She bids me to come in. Madam Prim is old and sick. She tells me she has been attacked with old age for the past 15 months. Now she cannot walk outside her yard because she trembles. She is lonely because her children live far away in Canada. They built her a home but don't come visit. I listened to her for a long time and prayed for her. I am now sending small gifts of food and will continue to visit frequently.

Fato and Madam Fato worked for Austin's parents for many years. Now they are old and without children close by to look after them. They get by with gardening and raising animals. When Austin visited them, Madam tried to look for something to give him as a gift. She pointed to the avocados in her tree, which were few. Then she offered him a few beans. He politely declined and gave her a ration of food for a month. We provide them with monthly food.

Austin spearheaded a community project on the road through Pecry the entire month of July. The roads are so bad, every time the vehicle takes a trip, something breaks. A tire went out, and the project was stopped until we could make the repairs. A little boy came to the house inquiring for Austin. When Austin asked him what he needed, he replied that he wanted to help purchase a new tire and had brought 150 gouds (about \$1). Austin was overcome with emotion to see the purity and good will of one of the least of these.

Every work has a story. These are just a few. Our personal story is one of great spiritual battle. When we moved to Haiti in 2017, we moved to a very different Haiti. The decision to remain in service here to the Haitian people in Pecry, is an everyday decision. We are battling daily with how to proceed in such a desperately wicked place. Some days we are so oppressed we cannot pray. Your faithful prayers are most certainly what have carried us though all the seasons. Your faithfulness in giving has provided a way and a hope to everyone we have assisted. Please press on and keep to your good work. Keep your prayers over us too, that we may be obedient and steadfast in whatever God has called us to do.

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Greetings dear ones in Christ!

The last month or so has been an absolute whirlwind, but God was in every activity, and we were able to help many people. There was great joy as well as overwhelming sorrow. But in all things to God be the Glory.



We had anticipated building a home in October, and God provided for that to happen. Austin began collecting materials about two weeks before the project was to begin. Because of the large crowds that our work attracts, we have decided to only work close to our home. So, Austin chose a family that lives about five minutes up from our home. The Dieujuste family worked very hard on the project. We require them to provide all the rock, gravel, and water for the home. If they are able, they also provide a small breakfast and big lunch to the workers, in keeping with the Haitian traditions. The Dieujuste family along with the work crew, really pulled through, and with the gracious help of God, this home was completed in an astounding 12 workdays!

One of the old people we provide monthly food for, and whom we hold very dear, Fato, had a bad fall in his yard on Thursday. By the time Austin was notified, he had been lying in his yard on the ground for over 24 hours. Over the space of three weeks, we, along with two other Haitian families and another missionary, provided care. Despite all our best efforts, his situation was pretty near hopeless. Fato passed out of this life and into the hands of Our Loving Creator. We assisted with the preparations and Austin and Gilbert took his body to the cemetery. Because of your faithfulness in giving, we were able to pay for all of the medical bills incurred, which was a relief to the family.



Our whole family departed Haiti on November 16th and arrived safely in Florida. There we spent two weeks. Our hearts were encouraged and strengthened there, for the days ahead. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in January at our public presentation at Woodland Hills Family Church. I've attached the invitation. Please invite all your friends to hear how God is working. Call me or write anytime. Please let us know if you can attend. We love you all and pray for God's strength to drive you forward in the good works he has called you!