



# LOVE WORTH SHARING

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The news coming out of Haiti continues to be bad; the gangs continue to expand their areas of control. So far, the United Nations contingent has been less than successful. Haitian police units have killed 5 gang members in Cap Haitien, which is way up in the northern part of Haiti. The news is reporting that the U.S. has labeled two gangs named *Gran Grif* and *Viv Ansanm* as transnational terrorist organizations, freezing their assets and banning financial transactions. *Gran Grif* has operated in Savien since 2016, while *Viv Ansanm*, formed in 2023, is a gang coalition in Port-au-Prince. From the *Haitian Times*: ***This comes amid escalating violence in Haiti, with over 1,600 deaths reported in early 2025, including sexual violence and kidnappings.***

Our administrator Ezechiel reports that things are bad and traveling around Port-au-Prince is extremely dangerous. We still have 4 locations operating at full strength and the children and staff somehow make their way to the programs each week. We give the Lord the praise and thanks for protecting all of them.

Ezechiel also reports that the village where he lives has not had electricity since last November. This makes it hard to keep your phone charged and to send reports to us. Rolando also says that they are having difficulties with the internet in the south which is causing difficulties to upload the pictures from the programs.

Through it all the children still show up, the teachers teach and the cooks cook and God's word is proclaimed every week. We serve an awesome God, indeed. Blessings, Jim & Cindy Owens





Now for some good news: Rolando reports from Maniche that on May 1st as Haiti celebrated “Labor and Agriculture Day” they were able to arrange a field trip for the children to go to a place they call “Green Haiti.” He says that everything went well and that some of the parents went along to help with the children. Life is still difficult, but things are much better in the south of Haiti.

The medical clinic is still meeting the needs of the local people; Rolando says: *Here are the words of thanks we receive everyday because many children were sick and for the moment cured. Many have had their injuries treated as well.*

Our hearts break over the conditions our people are living in and we pray that the gangs will be brought under control so we can return to Haiti to encourage our staff and the children. We ask that you keep them in your prayers as well.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. Love Jim & Cindy Owens

***Psalm 46:10-11 “Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.”***



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