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## Note from Tim and Liz

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Since the summer 2021 newsletter was released, the Randolphs continue to do well. Tim received his final promotion at SLU to full professor and has initiated two new research projects involving sickle cell disease and the sickle cell trait. Liz continues to be a full-time mom but is hoping to resume her work as a Physician Associate (PA) later in 2022. She is still experiencing some health issues with fibromyalgia and would covet your prayers. Dawson just turned 16 and is a sophomore at Fox High School. He is reluctant to drive, but we will start practicing this month. Joshua is in the first grade at Abiding Savior

Lutheran School and is still obsessed with football. Josh was very excited watching the playoffs and the Superbowl this year. Harrison is in preschool at Abiding Savior and doing well. He is starting to show an interest in basketball and will start a new league by the time this newsletter is released. Clara is walking and getting into everything. She is starting to utter understandable words and is an absolute delight.

As you probably know, Haiti is in terrible condition. Haiti is being led by a temporary government; the police force has conceded to the powerful gangs in Port-au-Prince; Covid



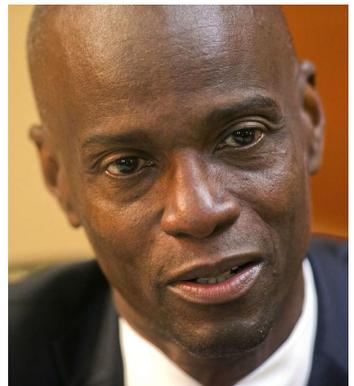
(L to R) Josh, Liz, Clara, Dawson (standing), Harrison and Tim.

appears to be spreading fast; and the economy is unstable. I will use the rest of this newsletter to better inform you of the situation from my perspective and summarize the work of *Randolph World Ministries, Inc.* amid these struggles.

## Status of Haiti—President Jovenel Moise

You may recall in the last newsletter I described the assassination of President Jovenel Moise on July 7, 2021 in his home in Petion-Ville, a suburb of Port-au-Prince. It is still unclear who was responsible for the assassination but 26 Columbian nationals and two Haitian-Americans were arrested and convicted of the crime. The motive for the assassination is also unclear, but it is most likely related to the work President Moise was doing to curb drug trafficking in Haiti

and expose high-ranking Haitian officials and the Haitian elite who were involved. Although a single individual has not been convicted of masterminding the assassination, the attack can most likely be linked to the Haitian elite who have historically been the “tail that wags the dog.” As a group, the Haitian elite has influenced government decisions to create and sustain business advantages at the expense of progress and on the backs of the Haitian people.



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# The Work of Randolph World Ministries

## Mission Trips to Haiti

The winter trip to Haiti in 2018/2019 was the last team I took to Haiti due to safety issues from the political unrest. I (Tim) was able to visit Haiti alone for the next two cycles, summer 2019 and winter

2019/2020. The next three trips were canceled: summer 2020 due to Covid; winter 2020/2021 and summer 2021 due to Tim's two hip surgeries six months apart as well as Covid and political unrest issues. During this time, the political unrest escalated and

peaked with the kidnapping of the American missionaries causing me to also cancel the winter 2021/2022 trip last December/January. I will again plan the summer 2022 trip to occur alone (no team) and decide close to the departure date whether to go or to cancel.

## Earthquake/Flood Victims



You may recall that on August 14, 2021 a 7.2 magnitude earthquake hit the SW peninsula of Haiti near the city of Les Cayes. (See pic). This was only five weeks after the assassination of President Jovenel Moïse.

To make matters worse, tropical storm Grace landed in the same area as the earthquake on August 16, just two days later. Randolph World Ministries, Inc. responded by organizing two food and water distribution programs a month apart that served over 200 families.



## Laboratory Supply Co. LABSCO

Since the original opening date last winter (2020/2021), Labsco is finally ready to open in late March 2022. Since I was not able to visit Haiti this past summer, RWM sponsored our Field Director, Elio Dortilus, to visit us in August of 2021. I trained him in the understanding of the materials we will be selling and in the operation of Labsco. Please recall that the purpose of Labsco is four-fold:

1. To sell donated lab materials at below-market prices to improve the finances of Haitian clinics who purchase from us;
2. To employ Haitians;
3. To provide lab testing materials not otherwise available in Haiti so Haitian clinics can expand their diagnostic capabilities to better serve their patients;
4. Turn a profit to reinvest in the construction and daily operations of the first ever Sickle Cell Center in Haiti. In my absence, the March 2022 opening will be a soft opening. I

hope to visit Haiti in the summer of 2022 to ensure that Labsco is fully ready with a large and diverse inventory to support healthcare in Haiti. *The turmoil in Haiti is preventing me from visiting Haiti and assisting Elio in completing the inventory and putting the finishing touches on the Labsco building. This is why the outside of the building is still not painted and we still have many boxes in the showroom uncounted and not integrated into the inventory.*



Outside Labsco



Showroom



Storeroom

# *The Work of Randolph World Ministries Con't*

## **Sickle Cell Center**

In our last newsletter, I showed illustrations of what the Sickle Cell center might look like. If I am able to visit Haiti this summer, my plan is to break ground for the Sickle Cell Center. Because we are small and Labsco must be strong to finance construction, I anticipate building the Sickle

Cell Center in stages as follows: 1. Foundation; 2. Exterior walls; 3. Interior walls; 4. Roof, 5. Plumbing and electrical; 6. Paint and furnishings. Realistically, I anticipate construction to take 2-3 years after we break ground.

Once the Sickle Cell Center opens, I expect we will serve as



a local, full-service clinic as we begin to identify and enroll our first sickle cell patients. As the number of sickle cell patients rises, we will slowly reduce our general clinic services until we reach a healthy balance. Only the Lord knows how the Sickle Cell Center will look a few years after opening.

## *Updates on the Political Situation*

### **Temporary Government**

Immediately following the assassination of President Moïse, Claude Joseph, newly appointed interim Prime Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship, assumed the role of temporary President of Haiti. After some dispute, Prime Minister-designate Ariel Henry assumed

the office of temporary President. To date, the temporary government has not been able to maintain government activities at an acceptable level to stabilize the economy. Prices for goods and services are on the rise and fuel shortages are at critical levels. In addition, the police are unable to stand up to rising gang activity in

Port-au-Prince causing many residents to flee the city, further affecting the Haitian economy. It has been suggested that roadblocks from gang activity in Port-au-Prince have impeded the distribution of fuel, causing shortages. Many fear that shortages in food and water will soon follow.

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### **Gang Violence**

Although gangs have been a threat to life in Haiti, particularly Port-au-Prince, for decades, gang violence has been on the rise during the last three years of President Moïse's term. While we may never know all the reasons for this

rise in gang activity, many people with whom I have spoken (Haitian citizens and US Missionaries) suspect that many of the policies being developed by President Moïse were not in the best interest of the Haitian elite who may have hired gangs to organize demonstrations against the President. Although

this is conjecture, it does seem consistent with past behavior. The political demonstrations escalated over time until they were consistently violent. During this time, gangs have grown in size and power and are currently controlling certain areas of Port-au-Prince.



### **Missionary Kidnapping**

As you may know, on October 16, 2021, 17 North Americans were kidnapped: 16 Americans and one Canadian including five children, one of whom was 8 months old. On November 21, 2021, two of the hostages were freed, pre-

sumably because of a paid ransom. Three more were released on December 5th and the remaining victims were freed on December 15, exactly three months after they were taken captive. Reports from the families of the victims indicated that the final 15 hostages actually escaped after the ransom

had already been paid, but gangs were refusing to release them.

The US FBI had been negotiating with the Haitian gang (400 Mawozo) who are responsible for the American kidnappings and most of the other 600+ kidnappings of Haitian citizens that occurred in 2021.

All 17 victims were unharmed but malnourished at the time of their release.

Note: The above picture is NOT of the kidnapped missionaries but of missionaries from the same organization preparing meals for Haitian earthquake victims.



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## **Covid-19**

It is very difficult to track the impact of Covid-19 in Haiti due to limited access to testing. The airports have Covid testing which is required for travel, but testing is sparse elsewhere except in a few large labs. I have heard many reports of people experiencing Covid symptoms and many presumed Covid-related deaths. These reports seem reasonable given the limited access to masks, immunizations, and testing.

## **Closing Remarks**

I am convinced this is what the Lord has called me to do in Haiti. However, I have no idea how this will all shake out. I realize there are and will continue to be many barriers to this work. The depressed economy will make it challenging to sell products through Labsco and will raise our operating costs. It will also reduce access to construction materials and raise construction costs for the Sickle Cell Center. The safety issues will make it difficult to visit Haiti, bring teams, and ship materials to Haiti for Labsco. Nonetheless, we are committed to the people of Haiti and these projects. Thank you for your continuous prayers and support. I relinquish control to the One in charge.

All for Him,  
Tim and Liz