

**A VOICE FOR THE CHILDREN**  
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Margaret and I are sending you this update concerning the conditions in Haiti and the effects it has on My Father's House. As you have probably seen on TV the worst part is in the capital city of Port-au-Prince. The danger from the mobs is extremely bad. Many, many people are being killed. The orphanage is located 16 miles up from the city in a mountainous area of Petionville. In the beginning it was safe, but now people there are being killed as the thugs are everywhere. Please continue to pray for the safety of the children and workers and the people arriving from different countries working to restore order.

We just phoned the pastor and learned that he was able to get his family to American. They were in Dominion Republic but had to flee as all Haitians there were being sent back to Haiti. They are being sponsored by a church in Toledo, Ohio to stay there until things get better. Pastor has returned but he is not able to cross the border back to Haiti.

Now the compound is safe. The pastor has doubled up on the guards armed with automatic weapons and has been able to get food in, but food is expensive and scarce. We have always been impressed how the pastor has trained his staff to carry on in his absence. Some clean, some cook, others teach, while a trusted person goes to the bank and does the shopping for food. This is the most dangerous part.

For all of you who have helped all these years with your prayers, your encouragement, and financial giving, we send you a big hug and remind you that Jesus said it was like giving to him. Most of you have never seen the conditions that exist in Haiti. I would not have words to describe the pitiful, hopeless conditions in which the people live daily. This tiny country of only six million people contains some of the finest and committed Christians I have ever known. I am always reminded of Jesus' words, "Blessed are the poor for they shall inherit the Kingdom of God". These believers live by faith every day trusting the Lord to provide their needs. Sometimes for the children in the villages or on the street, it is a piece of bread, a banana, or a stick of sugar cane.

Brother Charlie and Margaret