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Hello Friends and Family,

This update comes to you from our home in Kaliko, Haiti. I am waiting for a call from our Wesleyan friends to let us know they have arrived in their boat and are waiting to take us to Lagonav. Douglas Clawson, Associate General Secretary for Foreign Mission, and I arrived in Haiti from the Dominican Republic yesterday. The trip was much easier than the one out. No wrong turns, driving during the day, quick paperwork at the border. We arrived here at the house around 3:30PM yesterday.

Douglas and I will be visiting churches on Lagonav to continue to monitor the situation regarding food. We are also here to encourage the church leaders spiritually and help for our longer term response that may include both counseling/training and medical clinics. Stay tuned for more information.



On Friday we will return to the mainland to connect up with our PCA brothers. We are very eager to see the joint Port-au-Prince church plant resume services and we will be working toward that end. Much of life is back to normal but most people are still not back in permanent homes. Progress is slow everywhere but it seems that the daily needs of people are being provided for. We look forward to bringing the hope of the gospel to church members and their neighbors in the months to come.

Heather and the kids are settled into our new home in Florida. The plan is for them to be there in Palmetto, FL (45 minutes S of Tampa) until October, a couple months after the baby is born. We are very thankful for the generosity of our church family there as well as several organizations such as Habitat for Humanity who donated furnishings for our house. I will travel back and forth between Haiti and Florida in the months to come.

Here are some ongoing prayer requests:

- Pray that commercial airline service will begin again to Port-au-Prince to make Ben's travel easier and for upcoming teams to travel to Haiti.
- Ask God to graciously give continued good health to Ben and the rest of the family.
- Pray for great wisdom as Ben along with the various OPC Committees consider how we can best respond to the many needs in Haiti.
- Pray for continued stability in the overall situation in Haiti and that leaders would make decisions that would benefit the people and not merely their own agendas.
- Ask God to bring comfort to those who have lost loved ones in the quake, particularly Teveno Maxime, church leader from Nan Mangot.

Be faithful in prayer with us. Thanks again for all your kind notes of encouragement both by way of e-mail and regular mail.

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way." (1 Timothy 2:1-2)

In Christ,

Ben