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Dear Friends and Family,

We thank you again for your continued notes of encouragement and support as well as your prayers. We know God's people are praying for us. We are all fine here at our home in Kaliko. We continue to have power from the Kaliko resort each night. They are beginning to ration but we are grateful to have power as it allows us to stay in close communication. We have plenty and food and water. The problem currently is the lack of fuel. I traveled out to Cabaret yesterday to try and find diesel for the truck. The gas stations were empty.

At the present time we are making plans to get out of Haiti. We have several options including flying out on US National Guard aircraft or possibly flying out with Missionary Flights International tomorrow. Pray that we would soon have concrete plans so we can make our way down to the Port-au-Prince airport. This is a difficult decision and it will be difficult to leave people behind. But we know it is important that we not become a liability ourselves. We will return as soon as practical.

A couple quick updates on folks you have been asking about. I heard this morning from Max that he spoke with Mikenson's family on Lagonav and Mikenson is safe.

Some of you have been asking about how best to contribute to the relief effort. Always remember that Haiti is in the top 10 most corrupt nations in the world. The Haitian government will find ways to skim money and much will go to waste. That being said, the Canadian and US governments are working through the military to get the first round of aid here. My recommendation would be to hold off giving until a good assessment can be made of the situation. The [Orthodox Presbyterian Church Relief Fund](#) will be disbursed after I return and can determine how we can best steward those funds.

Under the Mercy,

Ben for all of us