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Subject: Pray for Haiti: Hopps back in the USA

We arrived this afternoon (Saturday) back on US soil in Fort Pierce, FL. We had been working for two days trying to find a way out and to ensure we had confirmed seats on an airplane. Through your prayers and the very valiant efforts of various friends, we confirmed our seats on Missionary Flights International planes last night.

We were up at 5AM and left the house by 6:15. We loaded up four suitcases plus a bunch of food we wanted to leave at Charles Amicy's compound outside Cabaret. The compound there is housing people who have lost everything in Port-au-Prince, including members of his family. We drove down to Port and arrived at the domestic terminal with no problem. Traffic was very light and all around the airport was surprisingly quiet.

The first plane to arrive was a Hendricks Motorsports Saab 2000. It seat about 30 people. We confirmed ourselves on the manifest, loaded our bags including dog Thai. We are very grateful they were able to accommodate her in the cargo hold. We made a fuel stop on Grand Exuma island in the Bahamas and then on to Fort Pierce. In all the flight was 2 hours. Everything went so smoothly.

We want to say thank you again for your prayers. We know he was working on our behalf. On the one hand we are glad to be out safely and with so little drama. On the other hand we grieve for our Haitian brothers and sisters who are left behind to pick up the pieces. Even those who were spared physically have been devastated emotionally. We know that once again God is reminding all that only in the gospel of Jesus Christ can we have peace and healing.

Our family is now safe in the US. We are tired and spent. We are looking forward to being on contact with many of you and taking some time to rest. But we don't want you to stop praying. Continue to pray for the relief efforts. As we flew out of the airport you could see that a great effort is being made to bring the right supplies and people in. Pray for continued stability.

In case you were wondering, Steve Igo, OPC pastor from Michigan who was staying with us also made it out on the same flight. Though none of would have chosen having a visitor in Haiti through this time, we have been greatly blessed by the fellowship and help of Steve.



Leaving on a jetplane - courtesy of Hendrick Motorsports



Help arrives at the Port-au-Prince airport

Sadly for the time being we have to leave Kaliko and Lagonav behind

In the name of our great God and Savior,

Ben, Heather, Ethan, Emma and Elijah

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"My memory is nearly gone; but I remember two things: that I am a great sinner, and that Christ is a great Savior." John Newton