



# International Faith Missions

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## *What's Happening in Haiti?*

**I**t seems like so much is happening yet so little. Life in Haiti hasn't been in the "normal" realm for more than a year. For many months we experienced social and political upheaval as the nation demonstrated, rioted, and caused a nation-wide lockdown. Their frustration was with government corruption, broken promises of elected officials, and the devaluation of the Gourde.

In the midst of that, COVID-19 hit. At first Haiti didn't react much at all. Once it became apparent that the threat of death from the virus was real, the Haitian government responded by closing the border with the DR and restricting entry into the country via land, sea, and air. The airport closed overnight leaving many scrambling to find a way to get back to the US and other countries. The US state department got involved and began negotiating repatriation flights from Port to Florida. Initially there were a couple of flights a week but now it's several weeks between flights. The airport is

have readied the old cholera tent into a separate treatment area for COVID patients if needed. Now it is waiting game to see if and when COVID hits our area.



Schools missed most of the 2019-2020 school year. First they were closed for security reasons then they opened for a few short weeks before COVID hit and they were closed for the remainder of the year.

Here in the US we have all experienced radical life changes over this time of "sheltering in place". The biggest impact for the mission is a number of the Haiti benefit auctions were cancelled due to COVID. The HBA sales provide about 40% of our donations. The loss of those donations has caused us to use most of the money we had in savings. So far we have continued with almost all of our employees and programs but we need your help to keep serving the people of Haiti by offering medical care, education, and other things that IFM does. By doing this we are also providing jobs for more than 80 Haitians and with those jobs indirectly supporting many more than that.

**We will continue helping our people as long as we possibly can. *Would you consider giving to the Lord's work in Haiti and the DR to help make up for the shortfall from the cancelled actions?***



closed until the end of June at least.

We have prepared at the clinic as much as we can in a country with limited security and limited medical supplies. There are few COVID tests available, but we do have some to use if needed. We

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# The Dominican Republic

Our congregation at *Forward With Christ Church* is doing well, in spite of not being able to meet together for worship services or Bible Studies for a few months. Pastor Kiko has held services with his family on Sunday mornings and posted them on Facebook. In June we resumed having services in the meeting house on Sundays, and it is so good to meet together again, to enjoy the singing and the preaching of the Word.

Earlier this year, we rejoiced when three young souls responded to God's call, professed faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and received Christian baptism. Our prayer is that they will

continue to grow as committed followers of Jesus.

On a personal note, as we plan to return to our passport country soon, we are grateful for the opportunity and blessing to have served the King in this place, to be part of this Dominican culture, and to have made many new friendships while living here. It has been a delight to walk alongside Kiko and Vicki, sharing in the joys and the struggles of church life. We trust the work of the Lord will continue in this community, as more souls are brought into the Kingdom. Jesus IS coming soon!

~Tom and Laurie Mohler



It is said that the only thing constant in life is change. We are once again experiencing that in the life of the mission. Tom and Laurie Mohler have served with us in the Dominican Republic for more than nine years. Their tireless work in Jimani mentoring Kiko and Vicki as well as engaging the community through various self-help classes and Bible studies has been a wonderful blessing for us and also the little church Kiko pastors.

Thanks to God for sending us a family that is planning to move to Jimani early in 2021. Our vision is to continue assisting Kiko in the church at Jimani and also begin looking for another community to begin a church outreach. We envision the new community close enough to commute at least for a while and that would also allow the church at Jimani to help with the new work. It is vital in the life of a congregation to be engaged in evangelism and we want to enable our Dominican brothers and sisters to help us in a church planting work.

On a more practical note, a few years ago Tom and Laurie decided to build a home more suited to their needs than the one we were renting. They have a beautiful home on a nice sized lot with room for gardening and various beneficial trees. In light of their planned move back to the US they have offered their house for purchase. The board feels that this purchase would be a blessing to the ongoing work in the Dominican Republic. **We need to raise \$75,000 to purchase this property. Please send any donations toward this need marked Tom's house.**



Tom and Laurie's house



# Current Staff

Our current staff includes Keith and Delphine Martin serving as Clinic Administrators, Ellen Schmucker working in the clinic pharmacy, and Barb Stoltzfus serving as “Mom” to the children’s home children. As you can see we are operating with greatly reduced staffing. In retrospect, God not sending replacements for some of our open positions has turned out to be a blessing in disguise. With all that’s been happening over the last year, maintaining full staffing would have been very difficult at times. The security situation has made it impossible to get supplies for days at a

time.

Please pray for our staff as you think about them. They have days when the work load is too great and loneliness faces them regularly.

We are using a number of Haitians to help in the work we are doing. They have been a big blessing and have allowed the work to continue in spite of social unrest and COVID 19.

Pray for people who would be willing to work in Haiti when travel is once again restored. We are looking for additional staff to help out.

## Farewell!

## Thanks and God Bless!



Kendrick, Kayana, Cordell, Chris, Rudy, & Weston Yoder



Tarquin, Brad, & Angela Wagler

We’ve seen a number of people complete their terms of service and move on to other things in the last number of months. We appreciate the time and effort each has invested in the Lord’s work at IFM.

Rudy Yoders returned to Northern IN and their mini-barn business.

Brad Wagers returned to Canada to treat some health issues and now are awaiting the reopening of travel to return to a different part of Haiti.

Amy Yoder has moved to another area of Haiti to help her sister and brother-in-law minister to the less fortunate.



Amy Yoder

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## Mission needs

### Material Needs:

- ◆ Funds for general operating expense.
- ◆ Funds for clinic operation.
- ◆ Funds for an additional generator for backup power—\$3,500
- ◆ Funds to purchase Tom's house in the DR—\$75,000

### Staffing Needs:

- ◆ General administrator—**Immediate**
- ◆ House parents/Schools overseer—**Immediate**
- ◆ Maintenance worker—**Immediate**

*Any specified donations received over the present need will be used for a similar cause. All donations are tax deductible.*