



We've been back in Haiti just over a week now. If you follow this tiny island country, if her people are dear to you, if you have a connection here, then I'm sure you've been exposed to what's been on the news and on social media. I'm sure you've seen all the terrible pictures of fires and looting and road blocks. You've heard of the corruption and disruption and dysfunction.

Be assured, the vast majority of this is happening far south of us. But the blocking of the roads effects every one, the lack of fuel effects everyone, closed banks and schools and businesses effect everyone...and living in the middle of it can drag us down emotionally, psychologically, and spiritually.

In the early morning hours, when it is dark and quiet I can process through it all. And Oswald Chambers reminded me this morning:

**When you are brought face to face with a difficult situation and nothing happens externally, you can still know that freedom and release will be given because of your continued concentration on Jesus Christ. Your duty in service and ministry is to see that there is nothing between Jesus and yourself.**

**We must be able to “mount up with wings like eagles” ([Isaiah 40:31](#)), but we must also know how to come down. The power of the saint lies in the coming down and in the living that is done in the valley. Paul said, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” ([Philippians 4:13](#))**

*In Haiti, we know mountain tops, and we know valleys.*



And so, in this valley that Haiti is walking through AGAIN, I can assure you that every day there is reason to be joyful. At the end of the day, I may have done **NOTHING** of what *I thought* God sent us here to do, but we have done ***many things*** that He gave us to do that day....in His name and for His glory.

So praise be to God for these things...

**Even though** you cannot get one mile down the road to celebrate a birthday with your friends due to burning tires and road blocks, the little old man who stops you on your return trip, waving his arms in the air in praise and telling you how much he was praying for you when you were so sick brings joy.

**Even though** the sweet ladies who host our teams, who desperately WANT to be working but aren't...they travel two miles on foot to greet you, give you a hug and tell you they're so happy you are well and back in the country and they have joy

**Even though** the block business has not been operating for 3 weeks and we have not been able to host teams we were still committed to paying our employees. The last thing we want is for them to be suffering, not sure how to feed their children and take care of themselves. The guys have been

on our campus this week doing many projects for Steve. **Happy to be busy and have purpose.** The faithful financial support of so many allow us to bless them like this and there is JOY in that





Marie Lucie: still faithfully cooking lunch!



The ladies came for a meeting and to receive their pay. I forgot to take a picture before some of them left!

**Even though** we aren't hosting all the teams that were scheduled, seeing our friends, sharing

Haiti with them...we are serving our **local friends**...doctoring a young boy from the church; hurt on the road right in front of our house after chasing a truck...trying to jump on the back of it and missing it. We were here to reassure his mother, treat his injuries and help them get home. We were here to send them to the hospital the next day for further evaluation.

***And after witnessing it all, one of our employees reminded me that God put us here for things such as this.***

We were here to help Pastor Bob and Rose order homeschool curriculum so their childrens education can continue, we were here to share some gas we found (for \$16 a gallon) so that they can run their generator to have water and get back and forth to the church in their truck.

**Even though** the 100<sup>th</sup> house build team was not able to come, even though **none** of our September and October teams have been able to travel, we still celebrate and dedicate and hand over these houses to very grateful families. And that **IS** why we're here.





## Venise Pierre House Dedication #100!!!

**Praise** that we were able to find 100 gallons of diesel (even if it was on the **black market** at a crazy price) It means the block business can run next week while we continue to wait for a larger delivery.

**Praise** that we are **safe and healthy and HERE** to help those around us.

**Praise** that we are encouraged and supported and prayed over by the body of Christ across the USA and Canada. We couldn't be more grateful and appreciative during times like these.

**Praise** that no matter how slowly this situation seems to be changing, God is still on the throne, He still sees, He still knows and we cannot give up as we continue to wait with all of those around us for some kind of deliverance.

Keep praying,  
Shelley



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