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Dear Pastor and Church Family,

The end of January through March was a true New England Winter Wonderland. The snow days seemed endless yet I never became tired of watching the snow fall and beautify the surroundings. I will be honest, it did not take long for me to tire of shoveling snow, digging out and clearing off my car. The tasks of shoveling snow, digging and food shopping was no sooner accomplished that it would snow again and the process was repeated and repeated and repeated... There was enough snow to make up for all the winter's I have missed while in Haiti. The snow kept me house bound most of the time. In one of the many times of thinking of Haiti I realized the Political discontent would have kept me house bound also, without all the snow, shoveling and a lot warmer.

I thank the Lord for opening a way for me to go to Haiti in March for a week at the same time the group from my sending church went. I was able to clear up the misinformation about my apartment before the seminars started. It was a blessing to see a longtime vision coming to pass. Since I have been in the US this year, the responsibility to have everything in place for the seminars before the group arrived was fully the responsibility of Pastor Seide. In the past years I have done the organization with releasing more responsibility to the people and I knew he would be able to organize things very well.

Yet I was not sure how the ladies would do in their sessions if I was not there. I knew they had the ability to but would they step up to the challenge. So this year, instead of being the Haitian encourager, I was the encourager of the lady, Roxanne that was going to teach the sessions. (Last year there were 3 different speakers.) As I would listen to her ideas and consider what might need more explanation, due to Haitian culture etc., I had the privilege once again to see how God so wonderfully directed her choice in the lessons to provide



another large stepping stone in their path to a closer walk with our Lord and Savior. As Roxanne was the only one, we organized things a little different and the ladies helping did great in all their responsibilities. Many of the ladies requested the sessions be translated and given to Madam Pastor CJ for her to teach it to them again, "we need to hear this again." The only thing I regretted is that several of the Pastors' wives missed everything as they were helping cook.



Everything went fantastically in spite of some people getting laryngitis. Missionary Pastor Lane, who was interpreting for the men, was one of them. So Haitian Pastor CJ (husband of Madam Pastor CJ who is helping work with the Pastor's wife's group) took his place. After I asked him if he enjoyed it. He said he did and, "it was fun." "All the other pastor teaching seminars I translate for go from 9^{AM} to 9^{PM} straight. But these Pastors asked GOOD questions and got good responses from others also and we could laugh about



things." Haitians like to joke and laugh to help lighten tragic things, it was good for him to see that Americans' are not different from them in that respect and it made a difference with him. Personally, I am glad he was involved as now I pray that the Pastors will feel freer to seek council from him as needed. I thank the Lord for all who came to do the seminars. They not only shared Spiritual information but their time, heart, wisdom, insight and Godly wisdom in

things they did not understand. They were all a great encouragement to those who attended and met as God's love that was shown made bonds stranger and new ones were formed.

Please pray that I can get the translation work for the ladies done soon. Pray for the information received to produce maturity in them, in a way to be passed onto the people of their churches. Also pray for the ongoing political tensions: the people's safety and the Lord's work to continue as the people spread the Good News in their areas and have opportunity to make a firm stand for the Lord.

Thank you for all your prayers! There are not words to describe the degree of thanks I have for all your support you are and have given throughout the years. The Lord is doing great things of which I will share some in my next letter.



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Sincerely His servant,

Thank you for your prayers and support of _____ received in _____.

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