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*Discouraged  
but Hopeful,  
Fearful but Believing,  
Troubled but Trusting  
Claiming  
not just victory but  
OVERWHELMING  
VICTORY  
THROUGH THE LOVE OF  
CHRIST!*

Please join us in praying...

- For God's love to be clearly displayed in all we do and say
- For wisdom, direction, and strength to fulfill our responsibilities
- For every teacher, student, and staff member and the role they fill at RVS

2Co 4:8 We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair.

2Co 4:9 We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed.

Rom 8:35 Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death?

Rom 8:37 No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

Rom 8:38 And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love.

Rom 8:39 No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.



In the year since our last newsletter not much has changed. The powers that be continue to fight with each other and the rest of us are left to suffer. Certainly the international community wishes it were different, but no one is motivated to make any changes. We have no idea how long the stand off will last or how long the gangs will be in power, but it doesn't look like things will be changing anytime in the near future.

*God only knows and we rest in Him.*

Living conditions in Haiti continue to worsen. Inflation, rising food and gas costs, insecurity, hardly any phone or internet service ..... the list goes on. It's hard to know where to even start to make a difference. We've been blessed to be able to live in our little town. It's still safe for now but the gang has advanced to the town closest to us. We keep trusting God and doing the next thing.

Our little school is thriving with almost 200 students in various classes. Watching students learn and grow in self-worth and self-confidence never gets old. Teaching skills that last a life time is very fulfilling – perhaps even more so

because our country is in such chaos. No matter what happens in Haiti or wherever our students end up, skills never go to waste, even when we don't use them for many years.



I (Rebecca) spent time studying Spanish and also spent time in Spanish speaking countries as a young person. I hadn't used my Spanish for almost 12 years but I have been so very grateful for it the past year. We've ended up traveling to the Dominican Republic for school supplies, etc. fairly frequently over the

past year and it has been an invaluable skill to have.



# [ HE WILL STILL BE FAITHFUL TOMORROW ]

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We've also been doing a lot of smaller construction projects, finishing all the details on all our buildings. With all our students we're needing a bit more space, so we're contemplating starting another school building this year. In 2022, we had 250 students enrolled in our classes, and 97 of those graduated.

It's hard to know what decisions to make when we don't know the future but pray with us that God would lead

us to the right decision. All that to say that we have no idea what the future

will bring for us, but today we're still thriving in the hope and love of Jesus, and we know that He will still be faithful tomorrow.

Pray for our country—that God would bless us with a true revival and that He give us discernment as we make decisions for the school and the

rest of our staff.





# [ IN THE CLASSROOM ]

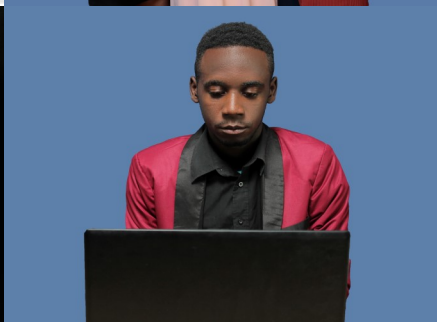
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# [ ANNUAL BOARD MEETING ]

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Factors far beyond our control (and imagination) have kept the RVS board from meeting in person with all members since January 2020. So it was with much anticipation and eagerness that we all arrived in the Dominican Republic in February 2023 for several days of conversation, planning, prayer, and reconnecting. An added gift was having some of Wismith's family present to enjoy this gathering as well as helping with transportation and food preparation.

*We are grateful to work together, and to enjoy friendship, fellowship, fun, and food!*



This time of sharing together rekindled my love for the nation of Haiti, and particularly for Wismith & Rebecca and their ministry in Fond Parisien.

The need and value of in-person interaction is part of how God created each of us, and I was reminded again of how vital it is for relationship. Christ coming in-person to earth to be with man, shows just how serious God is about relationship with each one of His children. My prayer is that the relationship and power of Christ could be real in Haiti, and that instead of turning to violence, the people of Haiti would turn to God.

*- Calvin Frey -*





# [ YOUTH NIGHT & COUPLES' BANQUET ]

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From their earliest days in Haiti, Aaron & Wendy Lavy have continued to invest in the lives of people in Fond Parisien. In spite of the intense challenges, they make a yearly trip to bless and encourage the hearts of youth and couples. Their visits always include a night of food and activities for the youth, and a very fun and meaningful banquet for married couples.

It is hard to truly understand and appreciate the significance of these events—but for those surviving in chaotic, dangerous, and dark times, it is a breath of fresh air, a moment of hope and light and joy.





# [ YOUTH NIGHT & COUPLES' BANQUET ]

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## THANK YOU...

To **every person who prays, visits, donates, encourages, and shares about RVS**

FOR INVESTING A PORTION OF YOUR LIVES IN HELPING RVS FULFILL GOD'S PURPOSES IN FOND PARISIEN, HAITI



## THANK YOU...

To **HAITI BENEFIT AUCTION STATE BOARDS**

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