



# REDEEMED

## VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

# THE LORD - OUR REFUGE

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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

BECAUSE YOU HAVE MADE THE LORD YOUR DWELLING PLACE  
— THE MOST HIGH, WHO IS MY REFUGE —  
NO EVIL SHALL BE ALLOWED TO BEFALL YOU,  
NO PLAGUE COME NEAR YOUR TENT.  
FOR HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU  
TO GUARD YOU IN ALL YOUR WAYS.  
PSALM 91:9-11

Haiti has a long history of changing governments and political unrest, but in the last year violence has erupted across the country. Most schools are closed, some police stations have been burned, well-established businesses in Port-au-Prince are downsizing or closing, many missions and NGOs have left the country, and there is still no end in sight.

Most news outlets report the manifestations as a popular protest to oust a

corrupt president, but the reality is quite a bit more complicated. I don't make any claims of being an expert on Haiti or its history, but I'm going to give you my perspective on what's happening and what we're facing here in Haiti.

Most Haitians seem to agree that our President, Jovenel Moise, should resign. It is also common knowledge that many of these protests are funded by some of the biggest business men in



Haiti. It all seems to come down to a very lucrative government contract that Jovenel did not want to renew. I personally don't believe that our president is 'corrupt,' at least not any more corrupt than the rest of the government. Any way that you tell/hear the story it comes down to a stand-off between Jovenel and the opposition in the government. Jovenel refuses to step down, and the opposition has spent too much money on protests to back down now...so we're left with a collapsing infrastructure and gangs taking advantage of the chaos to rob and steal (often with violence).

***Life is difficult for everyone here.***

We can't go about 'normal' life. The country is in 'lock down.' It occasionally opens up for a few days at a time and we restock on supplies, but the violence keeps increasing. Life is unpredictable — no one knows what the future holds, and no one seems to be able to come up with a suitable compromise that could bring everyone together. Everyone is suffering. People in the mountains, people in our little town, and all over Haiti. People are hungry, they're using up the last of their savings and they'll have to start all over again with their businesses when this is finally over. Electricity is usually off right now and most of the time we have a porch full of people charging their phones. Fuel for vehicles and generators isn't always available either. We fill up everything whenever our

gas station has fuel. Prices are going up for everything. Our students can't pay for classes and I have a feeling that many people are surviving on money sent here by their family in other countries. We're all hoping something changes soon and trusting God to provide.

We here at Redeemed Vocational School feel 'safe' in our little town. We're still having classes although the schedule tends to be unpredictable for the classes that have teachers from Port-au-Prince. In many ways our life has slowed down from its normally hectic pace. We stay home unless we can make it in to Port-au-Prince for supplies whenever it opens up long enough to give everyone a chance to breathe a bit. So far we have everything we need.

***God is good and we trust him to carry us through this storm.***

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONCERN AND  
WE APPRECIATE YOUR PRAYERS,

*Wismith & Rebecca Joseph*





# OUR CLASSES

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In spite of the crisis situation of our country, our teachers are eager to teach, our students are eager to learn, and as a school we are eager to facilitate, inspire, and motivate every individual that walks through our doors. As much as possible, we continue to function. Class schedules are, by necessity, flexible since the teachers that live in Port-au-Prince aren't always able to come and go as planned. Please pray for our students and teachers!

In addition to our well-established classes — computer, sewing, and English — we are also focusing on building trades. On the following pages you will see students learning tiling, electrical, plumbing, and window making. For quite some time, we have received requests for cooking and baking classes as well, and we are happy to be able to start a cooking class.

## PLUMBING CLASS



## TILING CLASS





# ELECTRICAL WINDOW MAKING KIDS' ENGLISH CLASSES

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# COOKING CLASS

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# COMPUTER CLASS

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We are thankful for the opportunity to invest into the lives of each student and staff member. As you can see from all of these pictures, our students enjoy learning and camaraderie in spite of difficult circumstances. Please pray that along with fun and learning, our students and teachers would also gain greater knowledge of God and His Word, and how to apply these principles to every aspect of their lives.

## THANK YOU

FOR YOUR INTEREST, SUPPORT, AND ENCOURAGEMENT  
AS WE MENTOR THESE YOUNG PEOPLE!





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A very big **THANK YOU...**

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

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