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LET GOD BE GOD

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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

*So don't worry about tomorrow,
for tomorrow will bring its own worries.*

Today's trouble is enough for today.

Matthew 6:34

When the world is going crazy its easy to give in to fear. We hear of violence, uncertainty, and death every day on the news from all over the world. So many people are suffering every day for so many different reasons.

I think any suffering is multiplied when we live in fear or worry about the future. When we only look at the problems we car-

ry for today they become smaller somehow, and God becomes bigger.

*So we let go,
and let God be God.*

Since our last newsletter, the political upheaval has gotten better. The country is no longer on lockdown, and life had returned to almost 'normal.'



However, there is still gang activity and gang-related robberies happening. On the road between Fond-Parisien and Port-au-Prince there is a gang that steals vehicles and holds them for ransom. They have guns and are not afraid to use them so we pray hard before we go to Port. We've never been robbed but many people that we know have been.

Please join us in praying for protection and safety for everyone here.

Fuel is usually available now, but it's good to keep everything fueled up as much as possible because shortages do happen. The exchange rate keeps going up as the Haitian Gourde loses value, and the local electricity is hardly ever on here in Fond-Parisien. I don't know if it's better in Port-au-Prince, but we have lots of neighbors charging their phones here at the school.

COVID-19 reached Haiti in March. According to the news there are almost 800 cases here now with just under 200 deaths, but it's hard to know what's true and what's rumor. As far as I know we don't have any local cases yet but that could change at any time.



The sewing class stayed busy producing face masks while everything else was shut down. We gave them away to local church members.

Schools and churches are finally reopening, as well as the airport. It was a rather different feeling knowing that we couldn't leave the country even if we wanted to, but flights have finally resumed.

We closed our doors here at RVS the end of March and didn't start classes again till the second week of August. We held none of our usual summer classes and won't be hosting a graduation this fall for the first time since we opened our doors. In many ways we had a 3 month sabbatical this summer, with no classes and no church services.

In June, we experienced the effects of the Saharan Dust Storm. Aside from adding layers of dust to everything, it also changed the view from our front porch.

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Our normal view down to the lake.



Our view during the dust storm.



[MECHANIC SHOP]

The mechanic shop has been struggling for a long time and we've been praying for someone to come take charge of running it for the past few years.

God answered our prayers in a very unexpected way!

Because all of our other programs were closed, Wismith had a lot more time on his hands, and he put all of it into running the mechanic shop. He's been working to organize and structure everything to run more efficiently.

There are lots of challenges. We're the mechanic shop they bring the vehicle to when no one else can fix it so there's not a lot of easy fixes.

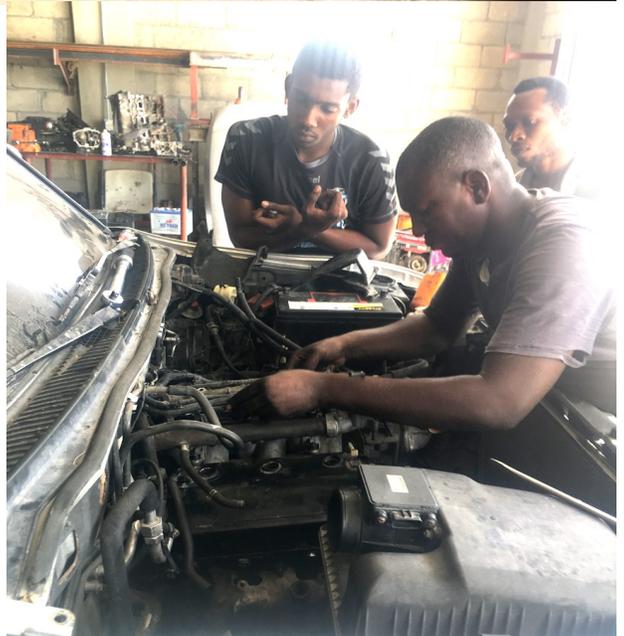


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Through it all, we are making progress. Some months the shop even pays for itself! We're training a new staff of mechanics and also planning to re-open the Auto-Mechanic class.



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On a side note, these shirts for the mechanic shop were sewn by two of our sewing class graduates who now teach the sewing class.



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

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

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