

UCI Newsletter



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Haiti 2021

- Political unrest---gangs terrorizing the country protesting the government administration; due to inconsistencies of elections only 10 elected officials remain in office
- Co-Vid—mercifully spared a high percentage of deaths from the first outbreak, the spring finds Haiti facing a spike that causes the gov't to close school and students losing their 4th quarter
- Assassination of President Jovenel Moïse—a crime that has remained unpunished.
- Earthquake of 7.2 magnitude hits the south of Haiti causing over 2,500 deaths and 12,000 injuries and tens of thousands of homes damaged
- Tropical Depression Grace hits the same area as the earthquake
- More political unrest as gangs and other groups protest the interim gov't ineffectual leadership. Even relief workers and aid are kidnapped and hijacked.

Inside This Newsletter

Another tough year for Haiti

Political unrest, assassination, earthquake, hurricanes, Co-Vid, gangs

New Wall at UCI

Due to increased insecurity of the country, UCI decided to build a wall to protect our students.

School's Opening

From preschool to high school, the kids are coming back!

Teaching Hospital

Nice progress on the Laboratory

Soccer Championship

For the 6th year, UCI hosted 32 teams!

BUILDING BRIDGES?!?

It's been a difficult week for relief work. Roads are still unsafe for ground travel because of hijacking and kidnapping. Flights to the south are unavailable because there are not enough planes. We have sent medications again and have food and teams ready to go; we are anxious to start construction of houses...but we have to wait.

So what should we do while waiting? **FIX THE BRIDGE!** What? You didn't know UCI could fix bridges? Neither did we! Kristie was recently in the US visiting Tana in TX. Her flight back to Haiti had to be delayed because of nation-wide protests against the current government instability. One of the bridges between our place and Cap Haitian was set on fire during the protests. A few days later, the bridge was temporarily repaired to the point that trucks were trying to cross. Many trucks became stuck. Worse, we witnessed a lady falling into the gaps in the bridge and cutting her leg severely.

We called the mayor of the nearest town, but he said he couldn't do anything. We decided to do something ourselves. We have been tired and discouraged by the conditions in the country and just felt God was prompting us to take action to help. Thousands of people depend on this bridge. Many of our students and professors cross this bridge weekly.

We prayed about this in church and many came forward excitedly. We gathered a team of construction workers, carpenters, and even willing theological students. We loaded the truck with 2'x8' and supplies and sent them off. They were there all day and found an enthusiastic welcome and many willing helpers. Everyone that passed by asked who was it that was willing to do this work? The answer that it was a Christian organization from hours away that just decided to lend a helping hand was met with shock and great appreciation. We saw that it was a much-needed encouragement to people that have been living with a lot of discouraging events. We were able to be a light and a blessing in God's name.

Hope this encourages you today to try to find where God is leading you to lend a helping hand. Be encouraged as you encourage others!!!



“God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts...”

Use them well to serve one another.”

I Peter 4:10





Dr. Isaac examines one of the earthquake victims while Drs. Carlos and Gally help distribute much-needed food supplies. Currently we have food, medications, and medical teams ready to return—just need to find flights since gangs terrorize the roads.



For so many years we didn't want a wall, but God prompted many people to speak wisdom to us. This protective wall is a sign of security in these insecure times!



School's finally open!

Sept 21 marks the beginning of the school year. UCI's school UCC has preschool – 12th grade



Medical students waiting for their chance to enter the dissection lab!

