

Haiti in our Hands

Compassion and solidarity for the people of Haiti



Monthly Newsletter

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We Must Continue to Hope



**Woman and child in
Chauffard, Haiti**

Messages from Father Raymond, September through December of 2022:

“For us in Haiti, the situation seems more complicated day by day. As always, I am here with the parishioners and the mission continues. Insecurity, demonstrations, burning barricades are all over the country. We are really in trouble. Last night someone murdered four people not too far from Chauffard. It’s serious. The phone hardly works. The school is not working, all the institutions in the country have closed their doors. The police are powerless against the gangs who sow terror everywhere.

“Faced with all this, we are afraid for our tomorrow. Only God is with us. Right now, I can tell you that the money for the students’ food is there (in the bank), I am waiting for the school to open its doors to do the necessary follow-up. I also inform you that the cost of living has increased by four times in Haiti. There are products that you can’t even find in the market. It is also difficult to leave home

with the increase in insecurity and kidnapping. Buying food to distribute to people is a good idea, but going to make the purchases is very difficult. With a car loaded with food to come to Chauffard is a big risk. We can be attacked along the way. I will do what is necessary.

“We have a special message for Christmas around the theme: ‘Despite everything, we must continue to hope because the God we serve never lies, He will come.’ Many thanks for having always thought of Chauffard. May God bless you in abundance. Know that the Lord never stops leading you!!! Do not forget to keep praying for Haiti. We remain united in prayer.”

News From Port-au-Prince

Gaspard St. Clair, who worked for us for many medical missions, lives in Port-au-Prince. He wrote on November 26: “The news in Haiti is not great. Schools shut down; gangs took over some areas in the capitol. Parents and kids are living in fear, stressing out about what tomorrow will bring. In our culture, Haitians do not negotiate Christmas, for them it is the only time of the year to share love and spend time with their family. Every human being on planet earth has the right to enjoy themselves as they should. For this reason, we will be going to celebrate the birth of Christ.”

Upcoming Events

January 7-8:

Bottle & Can Drive
Velasko Road parking lot

February 4-19:

Collection of toiletries & medical supplies for
the sea container shipment

February 11-12: Coffee & Chocolate Sale

March 4: Chicken & Biscuit Dinner

For more information, call
Kate McMahon at 315-214-1569.

**Supporting the Church of the Immaculate Conception,
Chauffard, Haiti, Father Raymond, Parish Priest**

BOOILE DRIVE

Bring us your bottles & cans from the holidays!

Drop them off at:

Church of St. Michael & St. Peter

Velasko Road Parking Lot

Saturday January 7: 9 am to 6 pm

Sunday January 8: 9 am to 1 pm



Proceeds benefit our twin parish in Chauffard, Haiti