



# HAIITIANS FOR HIS KINGDOM



THE LERISSE FAMILY

MISSIONARIES ON THE ISLAND OF HISPANIOLA

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Dear Friends and Supporters:

God has been so good to us and during this time of our nationally recognized holiday of Thanksgiving, I'd like to just thank the Lord for some of the many blessings HE has poured upon me, my family, and this ministry.

In July of 2001 my bride of six months joined me on my first return trip to Haiti since leaving as a 14 year old boy. We were on our survey trip, not looking to see if we were willing to be missionaries to Haiti, but rather counting the cost and paving the way. While on that trip, our taxi driver barely escaped running over a dead boy's body that was lying in the street of the market. Three years later, we were moving to Haiti in January 2004 and we arrived right in the height of the ousting of Ex-President Aristide. The uprising was hot and dangerous, and the mercies of God was our protection during that very scary time. While living In Haiti we attended many funerals, death was a daily reality of life, people were robbed, houses broken into, kidnappings prevalent; but under the shadow of HIS wings we were safe.

My wife and children were in an accident careening down the side of a mountain with no brakes, but the name of the Lord was a strong tower, the righteous ran into it and were safe. Everyone involved in that accident walked away with only a band-aid! I was arrested twice in Haiti on false charges, but both times resulted in the glory of God and the saving of souls.

Moving across the border, the wings of the Heavenly Father reached there. In a country where Haitians are generally rejected and sometimes violently so, we have been safe. We know friends who have been robbed, held at gun point, some at knife point but 17 years on this Island and we have never been robbed or our lives threatened at gunpoint or blade point. Our church has been 11 years in its present location and not once in all these years has it been broken into—A miracle.

Often the poor Haitians are robbed, their shacks broken into and the very little that they have stolen—we look like Haitians but have never been robbed; Americans or Europeans have been robbed because they look wealthy and are known to be Americans. In our area people know we are Americans, God has given us a good van and compared to our people we look wealthy—but never have we been robbed.

We have many Haitian friends and acquaintances who have been robbed at 10 at night while on buses, or trying to make it home. Many a late night has caught us still in the street. But we have been safe.

We have had amoeba dysentery, dangerous amoeba infestations, parasites, and sicknesses but God has bought us through them all and we have been safe.

We are safe not because we are American, not because we are Haitian, not because we are wealthy or because we are poor. We have been safe, but not because of guns, or pepper spray; we have been safe, but not because of the dogs in or the wall around our property. We are safe, but not because of us.

Our Father has taught us to dwell in the secret place of the most HIGH and hide under His wings.

Psalm 33:17-22 "An horse is a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver any by his great strength. Behold the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy; to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine. Our soul waiteth for the Lord: he is our help and our shield; for our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name. Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us, according as we hope in thee."

Safety is of the Lord, Friends, trust in Him at all times, Ye people!

I am also praising the Lord for the souls that have called on the Lord during this time of thanksgiving and the four who were baptized in the month of November.

Please continue in prayer for us as we deal with the opposition across the street from our church. We truly need to build and be in our own building on the church property. We are going forward; continuing to preach the gospel, continuing teaching and preaching God's Word, continuing in love, getting the needed approvals to build. Please prayerfully consider helping financially with this need.

God is good, He is trustworthy;

Biz Lerisse

Safe under His wings on the Island of Hispaniola

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