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White's Flyer

PRE-FURLOUGH EDITION

Happy Thanksgiving!

We are busy counting our blessings this fall. Thanks to all of you who have been praying so diligently and supporting our ministry. It is a major blessing to have such a wonderful team in proclaiming Christ's name in Haiti. Recently our mission has informed us of the need to raise our support level by \$300 a month. We know that God is aware of all our needs before we are. We will be looking for more contacts and churches to invite to join our support team this coming furlough. If you know of anyone interested or if you yourself can increase your giving, please let us know this soon. We are thankful for you, our ministry partners.



We are also busy counting the days till December 1st, when our furlough begins. After 3 ½ years of ups and downs in Haiti, we are looking forward to a much-needed break in the states. This year we get to spend Christmas with our families. It's exciting to think about touching base with all our friends, family, supporters and churches. We will do our best to contact you and truly hope we can get together. Please make plans to call us too! While in Nebraska we will be staying with Julie's parents and when in Texas with Will's folks.



BASIC ITENERARY
 Dec 1st – Broken Bow, NE
 Dec 19th -Frisco, TX
 Jan. 8th –Redlands, CA
 Feb 27th –Berean Missions
 Conference, NE
 Mar-May TN, WV? IL? NE, TX
 June 23 Return to Haiti



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GONAIVES (gone-eye-eaves)

Haiti's 3rd largest city

Population: around 250,000 people

Location: approximately 55 miles northwest of Port-au-Prince

On September 18th, a flash flood roared through the city of Gonaives, devastating it. This was a terrible result of Hurricane Jeanne. Many of you watched the news daily as miraculously Haiti remained untouched by earlier hurricanes. Until Jeanne. An estimated 200,000 people are homeless and about 3,000 confirmed or presumed dead. With so much widespread need, the response in donations has been awesome. We have heard story after story of Haitians helping Haitians, of poor communities giving their widow's mite to aid the people in Gonaives, of other missions and even William's school giving clothes and food, and also of donations from groups in the states.

MAF is usually involved in helping in desperate situations like Gonaives, but we have been unable to directly assist as the airstrip is completely under water. Last time that area was flooded, it took almost a year for the water to recede. Many houses remain standing, but the damaging water has left as much as 3 feet of mud inside. The mud contains in some cases, bodies of people and animals in various degrees of decay. The rotting mud has piled up in yards and streets as if it were snow following a massive blizzard in the states. It will take months of hard labor to remove the mud, that when dried, will become rock hard. Most people don't even own shovels!

As we were evaluating how MAF could best help, we learned of another problem associated with the flooding. People in small towns north of Gonaives go there regularly to buy basic food items. With Gonaives totally destroyed, the food supply of many of these northern cities has been severely limited. MAF had opened a new airstrip in Anse Rouge three years ago, so working with a Haitian ministry called Lemuel, we began to fly in food and supplies to help meet basic needs. It has been a great help and encouragement to those hurting in Anse Rouge.

Please pray for relief for Gonaives and surrounding cities, for Haiti to turn to God, and that God would use the gifts given as a testimony to Him.



MAF airstrip and terminal building under water.



People living on their roofs above the water and mud.



Haitians waiting for drinkable water and food.



MAF unloading bags of flour and rice in Anse Rouge.