



BEAUTIFUL MANGO TREE VILLAGE, DUMAY, HAITI

# Living Situation and BIG News!

## Current Situation

Last October our landlord of 4 years told us that she did not want to rent out her home anymore so we had to move out. We were bummed because this house is safe, cheap and we have great neighbors. But we were also excited because the house we were in had water pump issue that left us without running water about half of the time and it also had a broken inverter so we didn't have any electricity except when the electric company decides to give it which is normally only from like 10 pm -6 am. We looked for months to find a new house and we found a beautiful place. It was just what we wanted because it was big enough host teams and in a safe area. It was more expensive than what we were used to but it was cheaper than the other homes we were finding so we paid the new Landlord and we were planning on moving in February. Before we moved in Boss was doing some work on the new house. He painted, sprayed for bugs and put razor wire up on the gate for security. While he was working the Landlord's friend, sister, and a neighbor saw him preparing to move in and all 3 at 3 different times pulled Boss aside and explained to him that the landlord (who lives on the property with the house) is not a good man. They described him as "evil" and

told Boss that he cannot be trusted around children. Even the Landlord's family won't live with him. So we had a tough decision to make. We had already been given \$7000 by our sweet friends and supporters to live in this home but we already gave it to the Landlord so should we live in the house and ignore all the warnings? This was not even a question for Boss because he is very protective of his family. We decided to ask the Landlord to give us our money back and we would try to find another new place. After weeks of searching we couldn't find a safe and affordable place and the landlord agreed to give us money back but only after he rented the house out to someone new. We decided it doesn't hurt to ask so I asked our current Landlord (even though we wouldn't have running water or electricity most of the time) if we could stay for one more year. Praise the Lord, she said yes. We are happy to be in a safe home. We unfortunately did not receive back all of the money from the other Landlord and that is really a bummer but we did have enough to fix our water pump and generator so we have a safe home with running water and electricity when the generator isn't being used for the ministry.

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# LIFT News

## April 2016

### PRaise REPORTS!



### Computer Class at Lift School!

In December 4 brand new laptops were purchased for Lift School and they will finally make their way here to Haiti next month. We are so excited! We will begin computer class for the students right away. Praise the Lord!



### Lift Supporters Helped Orphanage

Supporters of Lift have paid rent, some schooling and food needs for an orphanage that has no support and 9 beautiful kids. Thank you! Thank God for people willing to give to the orphans!

(Every time I visit them they do my hair)

## BIG News

We have been praying about our living situation and we long for nothing more than to do the will of our Father in Heaven. While praying I really felt in my heart that we need to make a big change and MOVE TO THE MANGO TREE VILLAGE! This is the hugest step of faith we've ever taken because Boss feels like having his white people family living in a village could make us targets. We also know that the safest place we can be in is in the perfect will of God. So after months of telling Boss that I think we should move to the village and him saying no way. He finally had a change of heart and now he wants to move there more than me. Haha! Now that he is onboard it seems more real and scary. But sometimes you just have to do what you have to do while you are scared.

### Benefits of moving to the village

-We will be able to minister to so many more people! Being in a village setting is like a whole different world than living in the city. City people stay in their gate and high walls and village people are always out and going house to house. I look forward to unannounced prayer meetings and Bible studies as people come by to see us.

-The village will be our ministry's base. A place where all of our Lift people can gather

so we can pray together, encourage one another, and further train our Lift staff. Our current location makes gathering all of the Lift people together impossible and we really need to be able to gather together.

-We have made a huge impact in the part of the village where we have held kids church for the past 4 years but there are still so many unreached people that live in the outer villages. I look forward to taking some of the people we have been ministering to for years to go and minister to others. I especially want to venture up the mountain and minister to the mountain people.

-The Base will have our home, a Bible school with dorms, the church, and the school (possibly an English speaking American school)

-Having our own home means not paying rent anymore! In the 4 short years I have lived here we have already paid \$20,475 in rent money. That money could have opened several schools or ministered to so many people. We long to be wise with the resources God provides so we can be about His business and reach more people for Him.

### Challenges

We already have land purchased for the School, Bible School, Dorms and Church but we need to buy land for our home. We are currently looking at a chunk of land that will



cost \$6000 US but we are still looking. God will make a way. After we buy the land we will build a cement block home for our family. We would really love to be able to move into our own home even if it is just a small one room house by next April 1<sup>st</sup> so we won't have to pay rent here again. Pray with us that we are able to raise the funds to move to our new home.

## Mango Tree Church Update

We are thankful to the Lord for providing the \$21,111 that we needed to buy the land for the church and school! It happened several months faster than we had even hoped. Now we are trying to raise about \$17,000 to start building the foundation of the church in June. We are so excited about all the work that has been done on the land already. The land has been cleared, the church's foundation has been dug out, a well was dug out by hand and a pump was installed so the property has water now. Next week we will even build a cistern for the water. Praise God!

We have a team of friends with One Plus God coming in June and they hope to begin building the church's foundation. If the Lord wills we hope to be able to start building the walls in August and then hopefully finish the building next summer.

We have a YouCaring page set up for the building project. If you would like to donate to the building of the church every dollar helps! [www.youcaring.com/oneplusGod-ministries-528367](http://www.youcaring.com/oneplusGod-ministries-528367) All donations will go through the 501c3 and are tax deductible.

### BOSS AND SADRACK



### Digging for the cistern

Boss has been working so hard on this building project!! I am so proud of him. We are learning and growing a lot through this experience.



# Growing Pains



## Hardest Working Truck and Husband EVER!

Lift ministry is now a little over 4 years old. We have 4 kids churches that meet every week, 2 schools, a feeding program, several churches that we're helping, a building project, and it is just the beginning! We have so much more in our heart to do but, we have only 1 Boss and one vehicle. It is very clear that we need an assistant for Boss. Someone that can run errands for him, do kids churches for him when he has to be somewhere else, or have meetings with the teachers at the schools for him. We feel like we have the perfect man for the job but we don't have the funds yet to pay him. His name is Samuel. It's a long but great story about how Boss led him to the Lord many years ago but now Samuel is a strong Bible teacher and he is also the director of our school in the tent city. He is doing a wonderful job! He is also our English teacher and computer teacher. He has a wife and a baby boy and they're raising another boy who is about 10. Samuel loves the Lord and we trust him and feel like he is the right man for the job. Pray with us that we will be able to pay Samuel a fair amount of money to begin working as Boss' assistant. We would need \$200 a month to pay him. He deserves so much more but that is what we are aiming for right now.

We also are praying for another vehicle for the ministry. Even if it is just a motorcycle for Samuel to ride and run errands or go to kids church on, it would help the ministry so much. A brand new motorcycle cost about \$1000 US and a used car would run \$6000-\$9000. Pray that God will make a way because we are being slowed down by our lack of funds and resources. We are praying for money to come in or for a donated car that we can ship here. We want to reach more people and feed more kids and start more schools but we need the funds. God is able!



## Sadrack!

He is the hugest blessing to Boss and our ministry. He does so much for the tent city school and our kids churches. We love him and we're excited that him and his wife are having their first baby in early May. We are trying to help them out

by raising \$200 for Sadrack's wife to be able to have the baby in the hospital. If you know anyone that would be interested in helping this little baby be born in a healthy and safe place let us know!



## Supplies

I have been asked a LOT of times "How can we help, how can I get things to Haiti?" I unfortunately have never had a good answer until now. We have a wonderful opportunity to bless the kids of Haiti by sending much needed school supplies, shoes, and clothes though our friends in Ohio at One Plus God. They will collect all the donated items and bring them to Haiti in their luggage! THIS IS HUGE! It normally costs a lot of money to get supplies here but now with One Plus God's help it is very cheap and easy. If you want to collect items like pencils, back packs, other school supplies, new or gently used summer clothes and shoes you will be providing shoes to the shoeless and supplies to kids that are really in need. You can mail or ship purchased item to:  
One Plus God  
425 Sugar Maple Ln.  
Marion, OH 43302  
Contact person: Caitlyn Crum (740)360-8624



## Summer Trips

We have several teams coming down this summer to serve along side of us here in Haiti. Teams are a huge blessing because they often bring with them much needed supplies for the people and the schools. They also encourage us because they are our bothers and sisters in Christ and we unit together to minister to the people of Haiti and we end up turning into family and minister to one another. It is beautiful and refreshing but also a lot of work. Our first team will build a cistern. Our second will work with famers and have an agriculture conference. Our third team will build the foundation of the church in the mango tree village and also do womens conferences. And our forth team will hopefully build walls for the church. We also have individuals coming on their own and staying with us. We love that ! I especially am excited about one of our youngest but best supporters coming down to serve along side of us for the whole month of July ! Praise the Lord ! It is going to be a powerful summer of ministry and work.



## Lift School Teachers

Pictured above is Milouse, Bernadett, and Venya. They are our three main teacher at the Lift School in the tent city. Their hearts to serve the Lord by educating the children is the most beautiful thing I have ever witnessed. They, along with the teachers and directors of our other school, work so hard even when they are paid very little and the parents at times are disrespectful and ungrateful. These people work as onto the Lord and I love them dearly. Each month on the 1<sup>st</sup> we pay the staff for both of our schools. This year we have 9 people were are paying and next year we will have to add 2 more teacher so we will be paying 11 people. None of them make even close to \$100 a month. This is hard and sad for us because we love them, they are our friends and fellow servants of Christ. We long to pay them better with the eventual goal being able to pay them a livable wage. According to the UN statistation that lives and works in Haiti in order to live "decent" at the current exchange rate and economy you would have to make \$1500 US a month. We are not even able to pay close to that but please pay with us that we will at least be able to pay the teachers \$100 US a month and the directors and little more.

## The solution. The dream. The chicken farm dream.

We have a hope and dream of starting a business of having a chicken farm that will have layers and we will sell the eggs each day. With 100 chickens, in theory, we could make almost \$500 US a month so that would almost sponsor one the schools. If we could open two chicken farms both schools would be covered!! This is our dream! The start up costs including purchasing 100 chicken is \$1047 to start one farm. So in theory the farm will make its money back in just 2 months! Pray that we will be able to raise the money to start the farms because not only will it help pay the salaries of the staff at the schools but it will also create 2 jobs (one chicken keeper at each farm) and it will create food (Haiti is the #1 most food insecure country in the world!). May God's will be done.



## Please Pray For Us

We know that there is power when two or more gather in agreement in prayer so we ask you to prayer for us concerning:

-Wisdom. We long to be in the right place at the right time making the right decisions. We ask God to shut doors that no man can open and open doors that no man can shut. We ask God complete knowledge of His will and to give us spiritual wisdom and understanding in Jesus Name!

-Pray for our future trip to the US (possibly early Sept). This summer will complete all of Boss's visa papers and once the visa is approved we will have 30 days to go to the US where he will receive a green card, meet my family, our supporters, and see where I am from for the FIRST TIME! This will be huge for our marriage, our ministry, and our future so please pray for us to have favor at the Embassy and entry port to the US. We also are praying about how we will afford the plane tickets, where we will stay, what we will drive while in the states. We have so much work to do in the short time we will be in the US and we know it is going to be crazy and emotional and awesome but hard to be away from Haiti as well so please pray that the Lord directs us in all the decisions we will have to make to go on this trip.

-Money to come in for the building project.  
-Our tent city school has a feeding program because the kids were so hungry and malnourished that they did not have energy to focus or learn. But now the kids are flourishing. Our new village school does not have a feeding program yet and the hunger problem is HUGE! Please pray that we can find resources to feed these hungry students.



-Pray for the safety of our family and the teams that come down. We have never had a serious issue and we praise the Lord Jesus Christ for that.

-Pray for Haiti. As of May 13 Haiti will not have a legal president. The presidential elections have been cancelled 3 times due to violence. Pray that Haiti can calm down and have a fair and safe vote for a new (Godly) President.

-Agree with us that we will be able to purchase land to live on in the Mango tree village and begin building a rent free home for us to live in.

-Safe, healthy delivery of Sadrack's baby girl.

-Success in Pastor Dovic's new printing business.

-That the Lord would open the eyes of the people that are blind spiritually and that people would receive God's Word and turn from their evil gods.

-For us to continually draw closer to God. To always seek His face first.

-that sickness and disease would stay far from us.

-For finances to come in to pay our people better, hire an assistant for Boss and buy the ministry another vehicle.

Nothing is impossible with the Lord.

THANK YOU EVERYONE THAT PRAYS FOR US AND GIVES TOWARDS OUR MISSION HERE! May God bless you all!

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