

## The Tragedy and the Beauty of Haiti



What is happening today in Haiti reminds me of a conversation Dan Twardowski had while traveling to Haiti for the first time. While flying over the ocean and the mountains, the traveler sitting next to Dan was a Haitian who encouraged Dan to see the extraordinary beauty of Haiti even in the midst of the incredible poverty. Dan took that message to heart during his many mission trips and throughout his over twenty years of helping Haiti.

## The Situation in Haiti Today

First impressions upon arriving in Haiti are often of chaos and overwhelming poverty. This is true today.

- Political turmoil continues after the assassination of President Moïse in 2021.
- Today there are over 200 gangs which have overtaken major roadways and major cities.
- Many innocent people in Haiti are kidnapped and are dying as a result of the gang violence.
- Currently mission groups are not able to travel due to the violence and kidnapping.
- Inflation has skyrocketed in Haiti causing gas prices to exceed \$40 per gallon.
- Hunger is rampant due to the high prices of food and farmers' inability to travel to markets to sell food.

## The Beauty in Haiti



Despite the current situation, we along with the Haitians have great hope for the future.

- The people continue to display their amazing strength, gratitude, and courage.
- The landscape with the mountains and ocean is breathtakingly beautiful.
- Faith is present daily, and churches are overflowing every Sunday.
- Haitians are among the hardest-working people we have encountered.



### **Please Help**

Many of our mission travelers have seen the tragedy and beauty of Haiti and are often struck by the immense potential of this beautiful Caribbean nation. Although we are unable to travel at this time, we are still able to help in the following ways through your donations:

- Interpreters on the ground assist us in providing aid.
- Installation of water filters is continuing.
- Education for water technicians is provided.
- Farmers are receiving the seeds they need.
- Schools are kept running.
- Health care is provided through local nurses.



*We look forward to returning to Haiti once conditions improve. Please remember our brothers and sisters in Haiti during their time of extreme need. Thank you for your prayers and support!*

*Jim Ryan  
President of Haiti Needs You*