## Friends of Seedtime,

## Expectations, as we get ready to roll

The start of our Haiti ministry in 2004 was an eye-opener. Nearly nothing worked as expected. The focus we had for Haiti going in is not what it is today.

We went in to serve in a very small mission that had a fledgling orphanage, church and school. We were not searching for that, but that is what we found in front of us. We went, and committed to the effort. But God had other plans. With confidence now we can see a better plan was given to us. But in no way was it foreseen. Or comfortable.

These days have a similar feel.

The ticket for Brian to go to Haiti has now been purchased. I fly out February 19th. That is a relief. Been waiting for that for quite a while.

But that was supposed to happen AFTER some key administrative details had been resolved. Has that happened? Nope.

Got a good handle on your teaching schedule Brian? Nope.

What DO you know? I know they are relatively quiet in the streets, tired of being ultra poor, tired of life and being led astray by one another and their leaders. I know they could use some help. And I do NOT mean financially. Oh yes, finances are always a part of their needs, but I mean they need a friend.

Why, after months of not being in Haiti, after 15 years of open doors to teaching and preaching in Haiti, has the door now re-opened with no discernable task?

Perhaps I come to the door trying what I always did.... control a schedule where I get generous time to teach a prepared message. Maybe there is a new plan. I can't say for sure. In the beginning of our ministry when things fell apart in so many ways.... we stepped back to just listen to the folks in Haiti. Literally, we sat on our front porch and just asked the people to talk with us and tell us how they see things.

Frantz will be the first focus for help. We have much to catch up on. 2019 was a chaotic year. Frantz has been a blessing, in part because he has a tender heart and is transparent in class. When he figures things out... he shares it in humility.

I have some friends to visit. Some whom I have never met.

Thank you for joining us in this discipleship work.





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## Acts 8:30-31

"Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked.

<sup>31</sup> "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

Yes, I'd love to be a type of Philip.

And to get the invitation to come on up and sit...

sometimes you have to walk the road, listening for the Spirit to say who exactly you should chase down.



Brian and Laurie Winzenried

"While the earth remains, <u>Seedtime and Harvest,</u> Cold and Heat, Winter and Summer, And Day and Night Shall Not Cease." Genesis 8:22