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Friends of Seedtime,

**Ooooh, look, another Bible class is available!
but... do we even need such a thing anymore?**

Frantz is doing okay in Haiti and he has now set times to conduct our Bible study in Haitian churches.

- **October 14, 15 and 16th** - Eglise la Maison du Refuge
- **October 29 and 30th** - Eglise Baptist Jerusalem of Orel
- **November 1, 2, and 3** in the small town of Mare Rouge where Brian and Frantz visited last year.

Is this even useful? ...given the tidal waves of trouble in the world.

A few months ago we reported that we were resupplying Frantz with our Bible study books and all the little things that go with traveling and teaching around Haiti. Our supplies have been packed and sent via a well known trucking company to be dropped at a boat dock in Miami for the ride to Frantz in Port-de-Paix.

Problem: Security at the boat dock requires a drivers license to enter the dock. The trucking company does not require its drivers to provide this. The company photo ID is all they will provide. Security says that is not good enough.

I made a few phone calls and tried to understand the impasse. How can I get my boxes through security and into the hands of the boat captain. I was given the name of a person who shipped through this boat dock regularly so I could find out how he made it work. The answer given was this: "Twenty dollars usually gets it done." Then something like "that's the way the world works" and you've gotta do what you've gotta do" followed.

Bribery... to look the other way... I know the Bible has something to say about that. We talk about it in our Bible study with each group. That kind of corruption is rampant in Haiti. I guess we hoped it was not the same here in the USA. Yes, we know that thought was naive.

Nevertheless, we are not pursuing the bribery option. We chose to pray to ask God to change the heart of someone in the system who needlessly blocks our path. We chose to put it in God's hands. This is still unresolved as I write this.

Oh, and by the way, the person who said \$20 gets the job done... was a long time American missionary.

I was uncomfortable to even consider writing this story. I have no interest in throwing the missionary under the bus. But we should never consider ourselves immune from the need for God's counsel. ***Seedtime's Bible studies bring these kinds of issues up each and every day contrasting our behavior with that of scripture.*** None of us are immune and even the teacher needs help until the day God completes his work in us.

Until then... ooooh look, another Seedtime Bible study is available!!!

Thank you for remembering our discipleship efforts.
Blessings to you!

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Frantz Pierre Louis

Thanks for praying for Frantz and his family. He sounded much better as we talked with him several times in the last two weeks.

Lastly, can we mention how "putting our supplies in God's hands" was more stressful for us than putting it in the hands of a national carrier?

Think about that for a moment.

I think God rightfully wants us to become more stressed when we take it out of His hands and do these things for ourselves. Where does our confidence lie?



Brian and Laurie Winzenried

**"WHILE THE EARTH REMAINS,
SEEDTIME AND HARVEST,
COLD AND HEAT,
WINTER AND SUMMER,
AND DAY AND NIGHT
SHALL NOT CEASE."
GENESIS 8:22**