# Seedtime and Harvest Ministry



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## Local News in Haiti looks like this.



In the last two months gangs moved into Port-de-Paix (PdP), Haiti. Large swaths of Haiti have already been under gang control for nearly 2 years limiting outreach to PdP and nearby areas. These are more common sights as gangs moved north ward.





Photo right: Frantz, his wife Elisiane and his soon to be 4 years old daughter, Gaelle.

Gangs drew lines across the roadways in PdP not allowing people to pass without money. They set fires, placed concrete block walls, jackknifed vehicles across the roadway, beat people and stole or destroyed possessions. Products have not been able to come into the city as usual so markets have little to sell if they opened for business at all. Schools are not open. Gas has been scarce and only sold on the black market for over 40 dollars US per gallon dropping to 30 after several gang members were killed by the community, not by the police as we reported earlier. Water bottles are waiting for a supply of water. Usually the people themselves wait in line but the wait is much longer than usual.



The good news is that Frantz (and his family) are okay, still calling leaders, teaching occasionally on Haitian radio and just last Monday he did a 3 hour introductory discipleship class for 48 students.

Still there is down time... more than desired. I asked him to send photos of the family doing what is normal at home for you to see. He is just outside his "kitchen" out back of the house where soot covered walls and a tin roof contain the charcoal grill. The kitchen is a hang out in Haiti just like here.

Someone must be praying. Frantz is holding out well. It is quite discouraging but Frantz is quick with praise and optimism these days. He is looking for ways to teach his countrymen. We are pleased with him and ask for continued prayers and support.

Brian 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

## **Welcome to Class!**

In Haiti, something I heard many times by those who struggled to survive day to day was this: To succeed you must start with something. Even God can not multiply nothing. And as a Christian, if you see I have nothing you are required to give me something. (unspoken: if you do not give me something then I am in my right to take it.)

That comment seems to over emphasize the value of tangible things, under emphasize the power of God and misses a proper understanding of what we own!

#### Luke 14:33

So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

We talk about this verse in our discipleship class. Seems Jesus did not even want you sitting in his discipleship class if you even considered yourself as owner of anything. Perhaps we will understand it better during class, but for now, leave all thoughts of ownership at the door.

Jesus knows we have not yet made the journey of renouncing all that we have, so let's start here. He doesn't need us to be poor, naked and destitute. But he does need us to think properly about what we have.

And what we acquired, on our own, apart from God's blessing is... zero.

And with that beginning we may proceed learning the best way to steward those possessions.

Let class begin!

### Christmas Bonus for Frantz

If you have not already done so, please consider a Christmas bonus for Frantz. We want to send it to his Haiti account in November and let him know in December that the funds are designated for him.

Pray about it. For checks, the memo line should only say "Seedtime". On a separate note write "Frantz" and his amount. Gotta love the IRS! We will honor your request for the amount you want.



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