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in the Turks & Caicos Islands



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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends,

How blessed we are to serve our awesome Saviour, He who loves us and gave His life for us! He has been bringing many desperate people into our lives, and our daily prayer is, "Lord, let your love flow through us!"

It was about 9:00 PM when our telephone rang one night, with a voice on the other end telling us that Guerline was in labor, and that the baby was coming fast! We grabbed some gloves and towels, jumped into the church van, and sped off to the small house where Guerline has a tiny room. We found her reclining on the floor on a sheet. The baby had come 5 minutes prior, and was covered with another sheet. I (Daryl) lifted the sheet, stimulated his tiny body until he cried, then covered him again and helped finish the delivery process. Then, we took mother & baby to the hospital.



Our precious 4-lb. baby (Steven) was a preemie, so they kept him in the NICU for 2 weeks. During this time, we took Guerline in every day to see her baby. She is a single mother, with no job, no education - totally dependent on friends for food and daily needs, though she is willing to work if the opportunity opens. Unfortunately, there are many days when she goes without food.

Just before Steven was released from the hospital, one of the doctors asked me to see another Haitian patient. She said that this 19-yr-old girl had been dropped off at the hospital 2 days before. She had been in labor, and had to have an emergency C-section. The baby was early, had serious medical problems, and only survived an hour. The doctor was concerned because this girl had had no visitors, and was crying a lot. They weren't able to communicate because of the language barrier.

I was led down the corridor to Liline's room. When I stepped in and greeted her in Creole, her face lit up with a beautiful smile as she quickly scooted over in the bed to make room for me to sit down. As I talked with her, I learned that the baby's father had "disappeared" as soon as he found out she was pregnant. She had been staying with friends, or sleeping on the street, ever since. When I asked about her family in Haiti, her tears

flowed freely as she explained that her parents were both killed in the Haiti earthquake last year. Her brothers & one sister are alive, but lost everything they had, so they are still living under tents in Port-au-Prince. Her older sister had borrowed money so that she could get on a boat and make the trip to Provo where she hoped to find work and be able to send money back to her family.

Liline had no home to go to, but told us that a kind woman had seen her out on the street in labor, had taken her in a taxi to the hospital, and had told her to call her when she got out, that she would give her a place to stay. The next day, when we went in to pick up baby Steven, we were informed that Liline was to be discharged, as well. So... we put Liline, Guerline & Steven in the back seat of the car, and took them to their homes - only to find that the lady who had offered Liline a place to stay was living in one tiny room herself, yet was willing to share it with this girl in need. Not only that, we learned that this lady (Foufoune) was a new widow of less than 2 weeks, and that she has 5 children in Haiti that she is trying to support by grilling & selling peanuts! We were overwhelmed by the compassionate heart of this modern-day Good Samaritan!

We've had many opportunities to pray with these dear ones. They are all coming to church now - often bringing someone else with them. We long to be able to do more to help them, as well as others



The beautiful, new chairs for the church!

who are in desperate need of food, clothing, shelter, and/or medicine. We have those attending our church who live (literally) outside in the underbrush. We have some with chronic medical conditions such as diabetes and hypertension who are unable to purchase medicine. Because of these urgent needs around us, we have opened an account with H.I.M. called the **"Turks & Caicos Good Samaritan Fund."** Any money given to this fund will be used to help meet some of these desperate needs. Checks may be sent to HIM, PO Box 1065, Hobe Sound, FL 33475, specified for this fund.

Rejoicing in Him,
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