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Dear Partners,

Greetings from Haiti.

After an extended stay in the states, due to health problem's Joyce encountered, we arrived by home here in Haiti, October 24. We are happy to let you know that she is doing well, and continues to improve under doctors' care. We appreciate all the prayers, cards, calls, and facebook messages. It's great to have such a wonderful family at IMO. We love you all so much.

Our return trip went well until we arrived in Miami to make our connection to Port au Prince. We had a two hour delay because the plane we were scheduled to come on was said not strong enough to withstand the storm (Hurricane Sandy) that we would be flying into on our flight to PAP. We waited about two hours till another plane was available and then boarded and left out. It was one of the roughest trip we have been on since we have been flying in here in the early 1970's. Our day started that morning at 3:30 AM and we got here that night at 7:30 PM. We had rains and wind for about 4 days after that. It has been a busy time for us this week. Gas, 1,000 gallons, and diesel, 1500 gallons, had to be purchased along with thirty five 100 lb propane tanks for the school kitchens. Then all the supplies for the schools and bible school also had to be purchased. We have 150 students this year in bible school.

Hurricane Sandy did a lot of damage in Haiti. We have already received word on damages on two of our churches, LeFevre and Terre Rouge, from the hurricane. The first thing we will do is get these repaired and replaced. We are still getting information in from the southwest and south coast of Haiti from our churches there. Many of those pastors are just now coming in. We have had a good many in all ready and all those have been good reports with no damage. The south was hit the hardest. There was a lot of flooding. People lost their homes, crops, banana trees etc. were all lost.

We spent two and one half months on the road steady this summer sharing this ministry and what all God is doing. We are having the greatest results now in our churches and outstations as souls are being reached with the gospel of Christ. Regrettably, we are now facing the greatest financial crisis we have ever had. The expense is tremendous as we reach out to the lost who need to hear about Jesus. However, our donations are at one of their lowest in many years.

I do not like to send out an extended newsletter. However, I MUST let you know the great need that we have right now. It grieves my heart to know the success that we are having in the ministry of the gospel, and yet we are being faced with the crisis of finances. The income for the last six months has drastically receded each month. I know there are problems in other ministries as we listen to Christian radio and TV. IMO has a great opportunity right now to reap a harvest that is white, ready to reap. IMO has a great work to do as God has placed this ministry where it is now. We desperately need an increase in giving from churches and individual supporters if we are to meet our budget and continue to the ministry at the level we are now. There has been a steady decrease in donations and it has not been this low in a long time. We need monthly partners to join with us in their giving.

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I would ask that you do your best to assist us at this time. **The work is great ahead of us and hundreds are coming into the kingdom of God. Financially, we can not continue at the rate we are going now. I pray and believe that many will listen to the Lord and help us do what the Lord has given to do.** The general budget has to be met before anything else is done. Sometimes we ask folks to pray, but friend, there are times that you do not need to pray, you just know exactly what to do. IMO has always been a ministry of honesty, integrity, and character. We will not stray from that.

We have grown so much in the last three years. Souls are being saved and set free from the kingdom of darkness. I have preached harder and with more passion this past year than I ever have. I have tried to encourage folks to wake from their slumber and see the condition the CHURCH is in. We have to have revival. Jesus is coming, and I want more than anything to be found doing what he called us to do. **Don't loose the vision when victory is so close at hand. God wants to move among us. Don't wait for some big event to come on us and make us move! Jesus only gave one command to the disciples, GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL... PREACH.** *You may not be called to go but you are called to send.* Help us reach the lost of Haiti.

I know, I hear those saying now, John you need to have faith. I have a faith that Satan will never shake. But James says, **Faith without works is dead faith.** We have spent 36 years of living by faith without the promise or guarantee of anything from anyone. Our God has never failed us yetn and He is not about to start now. However, He uses people. **He wants to use you.**

I trust you understand the SPIRIT of this letter and the URGENCY of it. We thank you for what you are going to do. Stand with us now like never before. I have not written to pressure you or put a guilt trip on you, **I have written as a servant of the most high in love, sharing the need that we have. Jesus said for us to ask and that we would receive.** That's faith.

God bless each of you. Joyce and I love and appreciate you. Keep us in your prayers as we do you.

In His service,

John & Joyce Hanson