

# Acts 1:8 Missions Ministry

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## Haiti needs your prayers & support!

Haiti is in a State of Emergency to confront the worsening security crisis fueled by the growing power of violent armed gangs. 2 were just designated by the US as Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTOs) and Specially Designated Global Terrorists (SDGTs).



**US State Department alert 09/18/2024 & still in effect:** Do not travel to Haiti due to **kidnapping, crime, civil unrest, and limited health care**. Crimes involving firearms are common in Haiti. They include robbery, carjackings, sexual assault, and kidnappings for ransom.

**It's bad.** Our loved ones there have the most generous and kind hearts and long to live in peace and make a difference in their communities, but they face terror and chaos every day.

Many Haitians are here via programs where they are fully documented, law abiding, tax paying & contributing members of our society. It was announced Friday that a long-standing program, **Temporary Protected Status (TPS)**, will end this August 3, and all deport by September 2. Even those here since 2010.

From Julie Staven Brouwer's Facebook post of June 30, shared to our page:

TPS was first granted to Haitians in **2010**, after a catastrophic earthquake killed **200,000+** people and left **1.5 million** homeless—more than a tenth of Haiti's population.

### TPS is a legal immigration status.

People under TPS are **not** undocumented or "illegal" Hundreds of thousands of Haitians with TPS have done everything asked of them:

They followed the law. They worked hard. They built lives. They send money back to families struggling in gang-torn Haiti.

They are real people. You may not know their names, but I do. And it's heartbreaking.



From a report by NBC Miami on June 30, a TPS holder was quoted

"I've been kidnapped before and me going to this country and now is even worse than before, that's a fear for my life, you know?" before adding that sending him back to Haiti would be a death sentence.

When asked if he would have a place to live, he said: "No, there's no place to go, there's no place to go, there's nothing." He also told us that the gangs that rule Haiti would target him and other TPS returnees, assuming they have money.

**Pray for our leaders, everyone affected, and that Haiti can become a peaceful homeland.**

We know people everywhere need help and big decisions must be made. We remember the orphans' song, **"Even when we cannot see, He will make a way for me"**



On June 23, Josè Roy, owner of Kaliko marina, was brutally murdered as he tried to prevent gangs from stealing boats. Gangs have been attacking marinas at night. Kaliko is in the very neighborhood we serve, and many missionaries have been helped by this wonderful man. Our Dr Max hears that gangs plan to take over more cities including St. Marc where the closest hospital is and boast there is no stopping them.

Praying this evil will stop in Jesus' name.

Thank you everyone that helps us help them. Thank you for supporting the children's home, medical clinic, widows, orphans, and emergency response. You are giving hope and love in Jesus' name!

*Gifts have a direct impact for the Kingdom of God and we could never express how much it means to them & to us.*

Our mission has been asked to take over another orphanage we've helped since 2017, and also a school. We can't do it without continued support and more partners. Can you spare \$25/month? \$100? Ask your church, family or friends?



Meet Samuel, our director Esdras' son. He is 5 and born with a heart valve defect. He needs corrective surgery that is impossible there now. Recently, Esdras had to travel with him 3 hard, dangerous days to Cap Haitien to see a doctor because he can't breathe well. Can you imagine having to do that with your struggling child? Last year they had to go by boat and escape gangs to get to Port Au Prince. His mama is so sad for her boy. Please pray for Esdras, Develine & Samuel.

**A huge thank you to Hunters Creek Baptist Church & Mrs. Angie Sims for collecting at VBS to help him!**

We will be happy to come to your VBS or group and share too!



*Together we are daily meeting needs and being a source of comfort and help during this dangerous and heartbreaking time of terrorism and chaos in Haiti. Thank you!*

If you feel led to help, we help you get started! Call us at 706-436-5644 or use the instructions below:



You can set up thru your online banking system, thru our website or Facebook (see letterhead) via PayPal or text 4HAITI to 44321 and make a recurring payment. Most importantly, please remember this ministry and the Haitians in your prayers. Lives changed now and eternally!

*Thank you for giving hope & sharing the love of Christ! God bless you all!*



With much love, *The Bauknight Family* and all of us at Acts1Eight

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**Be part of miracles in 2025! Greater things are yet to come!**