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Dear Friends and Supporters of Haitian Connection,

When it comes to Haiti, it is difficult to look for the positive. For the past 8 weeks Haiti has sunk further and further into a tailspin – if that could even be possible. The gangs have taken over the country and blocked the fuel terminal, so nobody can get gas. That in turn does not allow for clean drinking water to be produced and that in turn allowed cholera to reappear, with hundreds already dying. There are no IVs, no lactate ringers. Hospitals have closed and many clinics are not functioning. Schools have not opened yet, and banks are only open 3 days a week, and the list goes on.

Haiti needs hope right now – a light that can dispel the darkness. Haitian Connection shines a little light in Jérémie. As Fr. Rick so aptly puts it, “we work by getting in between the cracks”. Despite all the hardships, Haitian Connection has been getting in between the cracks by:



conducting 5 summer camps in 5 different rural regions



continuing our mental health program



expanding the sales force for konparets and constructing an oven in Latibolye



continuing our cash without condition program for 10 rural women



finishing construction on 4 houses for women and their children



sponsoring elementary, vocational, and university students with scholarships



sponsoring the youth empowerment program via financial contributions



joined the Laudato Si movement in Haiti (Save Creation, an environmental movement initiated by Pope Francis)

*Here is what the poet Rumi wrote about the cracks that have become our beaten path:*

*"I said: what about my eyes?*

*He said: Keep them on the road.*

*I said: What about my passion?*

*He said: Keep it burning.*

*I said: What about my heart?*

*He said: Tell me what you hold inside it?*

*I said: Pain and sorrow.*

*He said: Stay with it. The wound is the place where the Light enters you."*

**But none of us has money. We need to count on you for that.** Thank you as always for your support, because your support enables hope to take action.

Be a light in the world, and many blessings for this coming holiday season.

Renate

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