



# Helping Haiti's Orphans

James 1:27

Esperé Kay

## February 2020 Newsletter



Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! We are writing to you again from Florida. We continue to minister to our young adults in Haiti while we help Deb's dad each day. We have been busy assisting him with day to day life and organizing his finances. We believe this is part of the reason we are here. It's not always easy

juggling two balls at the same time but we are managing with Christ's strength and we know we are where the Lord wants us to be right now. We hope you all will enjoy catching up with us and in what our young adults have been up to as well.

### Current Conditions in Haiti

*"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine" – Isaiah 43:1b*



WhatsApp Image

We wish we had better news but, unfortunately, things have only declined in Haiti since our last newsletter. A few weeks ago, the young adults began sending us texts about a recent rash of kidnappings. Images, like the one shown here, were circulated on WhatsApp (a common way to communicate in Haiti) with information explaining how to avoid being kidnapped. Then a student was kidnapped outside of their school. As a fear tactic, a video was sent showing the kidnappers mistreating him and threatening students that this could happen to them. Our young adults texted asking for prayers and explaining how scared they were to go to school or anywhere. We encouraged them with scriptures and prayed with them.

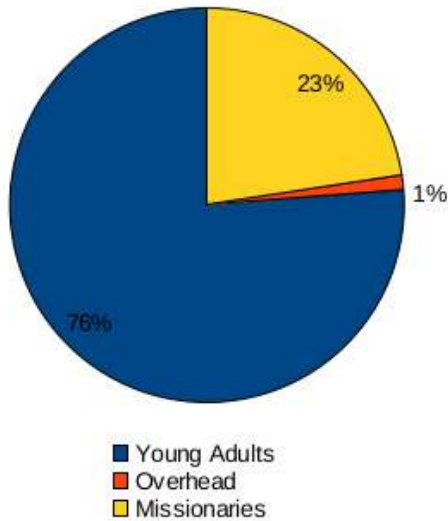
Shortly after, the police began protesting their low wages, lack of a paycheck, and their desire to start a union. Carnival (Haitian Mardi Gras) was supposed to begin which helps the economy but also costs the government a lot of money to support. The police demonstrated to shut down Carnival. The president deployed his newly formed army to stop them. The two groups shot at each other, two people died, the stands for Carnival were burned and the celebration was indeed canceled. Keep in mind, Carnival is steeped in Voodoo so on a spiritual level this was not a bad thing. However, a lot of innocent people have been hurt in the crossfire and, once again, Haiti resembled a war zone.

Please keep all of this in mind as you pray for our young adults. These are the types of things they face daily as they go to school. On the bright side, we are seeing many of them grow in their faith. They are praying and turning to Jesus for their strength and protection. For example, Jhonn texted our Esperé Kay Group, "Pray to God Every second!" Peter messaged, "All peace, love, joy in the name of Jesus Christ. Keep praying for Haiti." Please keep praying for Haiti and pray all our young adults continue to grow in their faith. Also, pray for us as we plan our return to Haiti the end of next month. Thank you!



Photo from BBC News

## Esperre Kay Actual Expenses - 2019



## Spotlight on Finances

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms" - 1 Peter 4:10*

Did you ever wonder who is in charge of organizing the finances for the Esperre Kay Program? This is a large portion of Dave's role in the ministry. Using his gifts of organization and mathematics, he keeps records of all the monies coming in and going out. Each month he checks receipts and gives money to the young adults for education and basic needs. He wires the money while we are stateside but he must pick up money transfers and give them their money personally when we are in Haiti. This is a dangerous job so please keep his safety in your prayers. He also determines our yearly budget, the budgets for each young adult and our needs for sponsorship. He helps our Helping Haiti's Orphans Treasurer and Bookkeeper enter data in Quick Books and in filling out our tax forms.

We realize how important it is to be accountable to God to make sure all donations are used for their intended purposes. HHO has very low overhead costs so over 98% of your donations go directly to the education and basic needs of our young adults or to support us as missionaries. We trust in God's provision for this ministry year to year. Please join with us in praying God will continue to bless the ministry as we serve Him and the young adults in Haiti.

## Sponsorship

*"God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them" – Hebrews 6:10*

We continue to have needs for sponsorship. Below are the young adults who are currently not fully sponsored. Remember, no amount is too little. Together, we can do this. Thank you!



### Jesula

Age 24 | DOB: 02/16/96

First year in university studying Business Administration

Loves to sing God's praises.

Needs: \$50 per month for education

## Sponsorship, cont.



### Kasalineda

Age 18 | DOB: 03/09/01

Grade 9 in High School

Works hard, is very helpful and kind.

Needs: \$70 per month for education, \$5 per month for basic needs



### Myrèse

Age 24 | DOB: 07/29/95

Third year in university studying Accounting

Enjoys singing, playing games, and helping others.

Needs: \$5 per month for basic needs



### Stevenson

Age 25 | DOB: 12/26/94

First year in university studying Music Performance & Education

Loves to sing worship music and play guitar.

Needs: \$30 per month for education, \$70 per month for basic needs



### Peterson

Age 25 | DOB: 01/21/95

First year in university studying Diesel Mechanics

Enjoys fixing things, sewing and playing soccer.

Needs: \$80 per month for education



### Olivier

Age 19 | DOB: 10/16/00

Grade 12 in High School

Enjoys playing soccer.

Needs: \$75 per month for education, \$60 per month for basic needs

**Together, we can do this! Thank you and God bless, Deb and Dave**