

# HAITI . . . NO WATER, NO ELECTRICITY, NO GAS . . . . . LOVE IT OR LEAVE IT !

(BUMPER STICKER SEEN IN Port-au-Prince)

**“ARE WE READY FOR YOU? “ “ARE YOU READY FOR US? “**

**“THE NEEDS ARE SO GREAT IN HAITI, IT CAN BE OVERWHELMING “**

**“PRAY, PRAY, PRAY, WE NEED TO PRAY”**

I suppose this is a strange way to start a letter; however it best expresses a few of our thoughts, fears, questions, and concerns. Dr. Plett, my English 101 professor at Greenville College, taught that a written article should quickly get to the point. “Outline for the reader where the author is headed,” he would say. I am breaking that rule.



So what is the point? Before I bring that up again, let me give you some history and a family update. Our names are Daniel and Dee Ann Snyder. We have 3 children. The oldest, Ashley, is a nursing student at Andrews University and in June 2007 was married to David Jewell. David is an elementary education teacher and the son of Pastor David and Shirley Jewell. Rachel, is a junior at Spring Arbor University and the youngest, James is a high school junior. We first left for the mission field to go to Rwanda, Africa in 1993. In 1996, after evacuating from Rwanda during the 1994 war and genocide, we moved to Haiti where we had been until 2005. During 2005, we “ran into a wall” and felt clearly that God wanted us to leave Haiti for a time. Our original plan had been to consider returning after 2 years. Within 2 months of that decision, all of our missionaries were asked to leave Haiti because of the insecurity caused by the deteriorating political situation and frequent kidnappings of expatriates. Our missionaries returned in October of 2006. For our part, we have been living in Stevensville, Michigan and working with the Southwestern Medical Group. This is the largest medical group of Christian doctors supporting foreign missions in the United States. As Charles Osgood would say . . . now for the rest of the story! Or as Dr. Plett would say . . . get to the point.

Dee Ann and I have continued as Associate missionaries while home and have been in contact with headquarters. We also have continued to visit Haiti to monitor the situation both in the country and at the hospital. We contacted our mission in July of this year to let them know that we believe we are prepared to return to Haiti. I will resume medical outreach at Dessalines Hospital and Dee Ann her mission support duties as she also continues to run the household. We requested a departure date of August 2008.

There are a number of issues we face as we look to that goal. The Free Methodist Mission organization is undergoing many changes that are new to us that affect the way a missionary gets to the field. We are planning to move forward and would be happy to let each of you know of our plans as we know of them. We have confidence in God but are striving to live in concert with his will for our lives so that we may continue to be “God directed rather than self directed.” The Bible, prayer and Oswald Chambers devotional “His Utmost for His Highest” are the bulwarks of our grounding. We have seen the excitement in those of you who have been part of our ministry in Haiti or who have visited and worked in Haiti and we hope to regenerate that again as we re-establish with the work at Dessalines Hospital. We appreciate all of you and will continue to keep you updated with the work in Haiti as we know more.

Sincerely,

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