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A note from Tim and Liz

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The Randolph family on summer vacation

So much has happened since the winter 2024 newsletter both within the Randolph Household and in Haiti. Let's start with family highlights. Tim was recognized by the National Academy of Inventors and by the Office of the Vice-President for Research at SLU for a patented, low-cost diagnostic testing invention designed to diagnose sickle cell disease in Haiti and Africa.

Liz has returned to clinical practice where she provides services to American Veterans from her own clinic. Liz is also serving as a distributor of a relatively new phototherapy product called Lifewave that has significantly contributed to Liz' healing from fibromyalgia and is helping many others.

Since the last newsletter, Dawson got his driver's license, graduated from high school, and landed his first full-time job. He is also preparing to try his hand with an Amazon business and expand his YouTube channel.

Joshua is beginning fourth grade and is still very involved in a variety of sports. He watches baseball, basketball and football regularly, but his skills are being honed in baseball.

Harrison is beginning the second grade and is most interested in swimming and gymnastics. Although his interest in other sports has been minimal, he has recently shown an interest in baseball.

Clara is in her last year of pre-K and she is still under the impression that she is Queen. Other than her self-imposed authority, she is nearly perfect in all other ways.

The Randolph's have had a busy but delightful summer. In June we did a 9-day, 5 city road trip. Each travel day was a four-hour trip to the next destination. We visited Liz' college Indianapolis, Pro the NFL Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, Niagara Falls, Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio, Navy Pier in Chicago, IL then back to St. Louis.

In late July we embarked on a second vacation with two primary foci: to visit family in Sanford, NC and to deliver our summer Haiti shipment to our shippers in Miami. While in Miami we enjoyed a couple of days on the beach. We stopped in Savannah, Georgia on our way to Miami, Florida, then after Miami we undertook a four-day home with stops trip Tallahassee, Florida, Trussville, Alabama to visit George and Margaret Fritsma, and stops in Tupelo, Mississippi

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and Memphis, Tennessee to commemorate Elvis. Joshua discovered Elvis a month earlier and everyone has been indoctrinated because of his passion.

On a much more somber note, the struggles in Haiti continue but the arrival of specially trained Kenyan Police are partnering with Haitian Police and military to provide hope. However, this hope comes with a price. Skirmishes between the combined Haitian forces and gang members are producing another level of insecurity. More on this topic in upcoming

sections of this newsletter. As a result of these events, I decided to cancel my winter trip to Haiti. Please realize that our work in Haiti in ongoing and will continue in my absence, just at a slower pace. The summer shipment has been delivered and meetings have already begun with our Haitian ministry partners to advance our work in spite of another cancelled trip to Haiti.

The innocent Haitian citizens are victims of these circumstances and need us more now than ever. At the same time, Liz and I are seeking wisdom from the Father as we determine the best way to help

while keeping our primary mission in focus and maintaining the safety of all involved in the work of RWM. Although I am working as hard as ever, the pictures in this newsletter are largely the same as in the last newsletter as a result of the cancellation of the last two mission trips.

My most sincere thank you for your prayer support, financial support, and physical support. Everyone is needed to keep our work going and growing.

All for Him, Tim

Annual Fundraisers

As you are probably aware, RWM hosts an annual fundraiser banquet in the St. Louis area. It provides the opportunity for the RWM family, living in the St. Louis area, to gather and meet one another and receive a deeper understanding of Haiti, her people, and the work of RWM. If you live in the St. Louis metro area, we encourage your attendance. Expect the event in the spring of 2025. If you do not live locally, we thank you for your support of this event in absentia. In addition, encourages everyone consider hosting an annual

fundraiser event at your church or civic group. Size does not matter; we are only interested in the annual commitment. RWM will gladly provide the start-up costs and support in other ways. Where possible, Liz and I are happy to attend your event to share more about our work. We have learned that once an event has been completed, replication in subsequent years becomes much less taxing. Although you have full freedom to select whatever type of fundraiser event you prefer, a simple bread and salad spaghetti, dinner does not require large

amounts of effort and is a lowcost event. Another type of event could be a go-fund-me site. In my view, the key to any event is the target audience. The RWM family is already generous givers. It is best if your event targets a group not already included in the RWM family, like your biological family, church family. civic family. community. If you are interested in spearheading a fundraiser event, please email Tim to brainstorm, gather information, get it on the books, and to solicit support.

Recent Timeline for the Current Situation in Haiti

I suspect most of you are aware that since the independence of Haiti, the Haitian people have lived under corrupt a government, controlled by the called Haitian elite "Bourgeois." There have been signs over the past few decades (post Jean-Bertran Aristide) that the level of corruption may be diminishing under the last three presidents: Rene Preval (2006-2011), Michel (2011-2016),Martelly Jovenel Moise (2017-2021). I have noticed evidence of some investment in infrastructure under these leaders. It is my understanding that the investment of government funds into infrastructure in Haiti requires the approval and cooperation of the Bourgeois. It was my impression that many of President Moise's campaign divert promises to were funds governmental infrastructure to include roads. electricity, cell phone service, waste management, etc. This plan did not set well with the Bourgeois resulting in public demonstrations that began in 2021. These demonstrations started peacefully but gradually intensified with the appearance of gang leaders, eventually resulting in gunfire and arson at local businesses. size. firepower, The number of gangs increased over this period. This trend reached a crescendo with the assassination of President

Moise on July 7, 2021. Although Columbian group arrested and imprisoned for the assignation, there were other rumors of foreign nationals being involved to include the USA. It is my opinion that the main question is not: From where did the assassins originate, but rather: Who is the mastermind behind the assassination? Many and I. both missionary and Haitian to whom I have spoken, believe the Bourgeois had the most to gain by eliminating President Moise. I am unclear if the emergence of the gangs is an unfortunate aftermath of the assassination plan or if it is an extension of the original plan. Murders and kidnappings for ransom have become a daily occurrence in Haiti, mostly centered in and around the capital city of Port-au-Prince (PAP). The seaports around PAP are gang controlled as well as the major roadways allowing gangs to control commerce. As a result, many missionaries have left Haiti, and the Haitian citizens are being held captive in their own country.

In a plea for help, Haitian Prime Minister Henry Ariel negotiated support from the UN but no country agreed to send troops to assist the Haitian National Police until recently. In October 2023, the UN Security Council authorized the deployment of a

multinational security support (MSS) mission to Haiti at the the request of then government. A month later in November 2023. Kenvan government voted to support the Haitian request by pledging a total of 1,000 specially trained police officers to be deployed in groups over time. Sunday, March 3, 2024, gangs overtook 2 major jails in PAP releasing 3,800 inmates including gang leaders and 17 Columbians indicted for the assassination of President Jovenel Moise. On March 13, 2024. US Marines were deployed to Haiti to protect the US embassy. Between May 3-5, 2024, the US sent contractors to Haiti to build barracks for the soon to be arriving Kenyan police. On May 23, 2024, the first Kenyan deployment was delayed but a month later, on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, the first group of 400 Kenyan police officers arrived in Haiti. In addition to Kenya, several UN countries have pledged and/or financial personnel support to this mission to include Algeria, Antigua, Bahamas. Bangladesh, Barbados. Barbuda, Belize. Benin, Burundi, Canada, Chad, Chile, France, Germany, Jamaica, Grenada. Guyana, Mauritius, Nigeria, Paraguay, Tobago. Trinidad. Spain, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the US.

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Labsco

Our first and only Labsco business, established in the north in Haut-Limbe (red star on map), is now 2 years old. We have about 75 customers but the situation in Haiti has exacerbated the already present recession significantly reducing sales. Although we are still operating in the red, the products we offer are critical to the ongoing operations of all our clinic customers to diagnose and treat their patients.



Current Labsco in Haut-Limbe

In anticipation that Haiti will eventually stabilize, we are in negotiations to open a second Labsco in Gonaives about 60 miles south of the original Labsco (yellow star on map) that takes about 3.5 hours to drive. The franchise owner in Gonaives will be Eben-Ezer Mission who has been a ministry partner of RWM for over 15 years. A building already exists on the Eben-Ezer property that Eben-Ezer is providing for this initiative.



Potential Labsco in Gonaives

Currently RWM has Labsco materials in storage in Saint Marc (blue star on map) and there is surplus inventory at the Labsco in Haut-Limbe, Together, about 75% of the starting inventory needed to open the Labsco at Gonaives is already in Haiti. It is my hope to finish the negotiations with Eben-Ezer mission over the summer and training the Labsco manager in the fall. The building will also need some key repairs before we can open. Depending on how the political unrest manifests over the next 6 months, the ideal would be to have a soft opening of Labsco in Gonaives in January, 2025 and a hard open in the summer of 2025.

Current situation in Haiti

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A total of 2,500 troops have been pledged to be deployed in phases at a cost of some \$600 million a year, according to the Security Council. United States is this mission's largest financial contributor, providing over \$300 million and up to \$60 million in equipment. On July 16, a second group of 200 Kenyan police arrived in Haiti. On July 19 the Kenyan police recaptured the Auorite Portuaire Nationale (APN) port, which fell to the gangs on March 6, 2024, the main port receiving US humanitarian aid. For more up-to-date information, please follow us on Facebook at Randolph World Ministries.





Sickle Care Center

The Sickle Care Center (SiCC) in Saint Marc has had little progress since the last newsletter. As before, the shell of the building is finished but much remains to be ready to open to include:

- 1. Installing the leach field to the septic system
- 2. Finish the installation of the light fixtures, bathroom essentials, and the interior doors
- 3. Install the clean water system
- 4. Painting
- 5. Purchasing and installing furniture and shelving
- 6. Purchasing and installing medical supplies and equipment
- 7. Purchasing meds and stocking the pharmacy
- 8. Purchasing and installing the generator to provide power
- 9. Hiring and training the Haitian staff

I was planning to complete item #1 during the last two trips to Haiti, both of which were cancelled. The leach field is a new concept to our Haitian contractor, but we may need to transfer this task to them. Items #2 and #3 belong to our Haitian contractor but insecurity and lack of supplies are stalling these tasks. Tasks #4 and #5 could be done by missionary teams but insecurity is

preventing me from bringing teams. Items #6, #7, and #8 need to be done with my supervision. Time will tell when we reach this stage of the process. Prior to initiating steps 5-8, a security plan would need to be in place to prevent theft. The final stage of hiring the staff will be the costliest and I will need to have the revenue streams in place to take this step.

RWM is working on 6 revenue streams to support the SiCC:

- 1. Profits from Labsco businesses (we eventually envision 6 separate Labsco businesses)
- 2. Grants (I have written two grants to date, but none funded yet)
- 3. Fundraiser events (We encourage our supporters to consider an annual fundraiser event)
- 4. Donations from our loyal supporters
- 5. Sharecropping (we plan to rent the surplus land to local farmers to stimulate agriculture)
- 6. Patient sponsorship (We plan to start a sponsorship program for our patients)

RWM is also opened to church and business support. Lastly, we are also entertaining the idea of an Amazon business to sell overstock items donated to the ministry and possibly Haitian made items to support Haitian business.



SiCC progress as of July 2024

The SiCC is a lofty but critically needed medical venture. We estimate the annual mortality of children born in Haiti with sickle cell disease to be approximately 80% or 1,200 by age 5 years. Although sickle cell disease is not curable, except for a few very new and very expensive procedures, it is treatable. In contrast, the annual mortality rate of children born in the US with sickle cell disease is less than 1%. RWM is small but God is NOT. In the flesh I do not see how this project will happen, but in the Spirit, it is a done deal. I thank you for your support and covet your prayers.

Critical needs of RWM

Although financial growth is always a need for all ministry groups, RWM has an immediate need for a van. In our 24-year history we have used personal vehicles for all our ministry needs, except for a 5-year period a decade ago when we used a van donated from within the RWM family. We can use any

type of van but have the following order of priority:

- 1. Mini-van able to tow a small cargo trailer;
- 2. Full-size van;
- 3. Cargo van.

In lieu of a van, we could also accept a large SUV. Of course,

the donation is tax deductible. If you have a van you are trading in, know of someone who is, or have a friend or family member in the car dealership business, please feel free to approach them on our behalf and send interested parties to me for negotiation.

Closing Remarks

In full transparency there are days where the obstacles we face in Haiti and the enormity of the need together seem insurmountable. But other days the Holy Spirit interrupts these thoughts and replaces them with the magnitude of God's love for the Haitian people and His endless power to meet the needs of RWM. My job is to pray, to put

one step in front of the other, and do my due diligence to plan, prepare, and work. Thank you for volunteering to be a partner in this work. Please continue to pray for me, my family, everyone associated with RWM, and especially the people of Haiti. We are doing excellent work that will require exponential growth over the next few years

to meet our lofty goals. I encourage you to reach out to others who may feel led to partner with us as an individual, as a church, or representing a business. Feel free to direct any of your contacts to me so we can determine the best fit for their skill set.

All for Him, Tim

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