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# Relief for Kids in Haiti



Hello Everyone,

Thank you so much for your interest and support of the children of Haiti.

It has been several months since I have written you, and I usually write you a newsletter while we are visiting Haiti. My heart is longing to be in Haiti and seeing the children, but unfortunately we have not been able to return.

The US Government has put Haiti on the “do not travel” list due to crime, civil unrest, and kidnapping. There is an ongoing risk of widespread, violent, and unpredictable demonstrations in Port-au-Prince and elsewhere in Haiti. Due to these demonstrations, on February 14, 2019, the Department of State ordered the departure of all non-emergency U.S. personnel and their family members. The U.S. government has limited ability to provide emergency services to U.S. citizens in Haiti.



## Travel Advisory Levels

**1** Exercise normal precautions

**2** Exercise increased caution

**3** Reconsider travel

**4** Do not travel

Protests, tire burning, and road blockages are frequent and unpredictable. Violent crime, such as armed robbery, is common, and incidents of kidnapping have occurred. Local police may lack the resources to respond effectively to serious criminal incidents, and emergency response, including ambulance service, is limited or non-existent.



Travelers are sometimes targeted, followed, and violently attacked and robbed shortly after leaving the Port-au-Prince international airport. The U.S. Embassy requires its personnel to use official transportation to and from the airport, and it takes steps to detect surveillance and deter criminal attacks during these transports.

The U.S. government has limited ability to provide emergency services to U.S. citizens due to reduced staffing and security concerns, and

the Embassy discourages its personnel from walking in most neighborhoods.

For this reason, we have chosen not to return at this time. The children are still being cared for and are in good hands at this time and we continue to get updates on a regular basis.



We continue to have a security guard at the orphanage in Kenscoff and we are working with a local group in Fontamara to provide security.

I continue to pray for the safety of the children and their caregivers, and your continued prayers are greatly needed. We are doing what we can, and God will provide for the rest.

Due to the violence in the Port-au-Prince area, we have started looking for a better

place to live, away from the majority of violence. We have focused our search in the Jacmel area where Marc and Rubens have many family members. If we can find a home before August, then we plan to move the orphanage and restart the school in the new area. Searching for housing and moving is very expensive and we are looking for God's leading and the right opportunity, so if you would like to help with expenses we would really appreciate the help. Our current budget is \$3000.00.



The kids are nearing the finishing of school and should be done by June 14. They have been very successful this year due to the quality of teachers. We continue to work with the staff and keep the kids engaged in their classes, and we are arranging for summer school. We are having bible classes every week along with the required Haitian curriculum.

As I shared last time, Marc has turned over leadership of our Kenscoff orphanage to Rubens and Lora because Marc has moved his family to the US. Rubens is Marc's brother and has been working at the orphanage off and on since we started in 2013. He is a Primary school teacher and has taught the children many times. Lora is Nadege's adoptive sister and has been our long term cook and caregiver since we started. Together, Rubens and Lora are living full time at the orphanage and faithfully taking care of the children and providing the same care that Marc has done in the past. These past few months, they have been joined by Sylvain, who has been



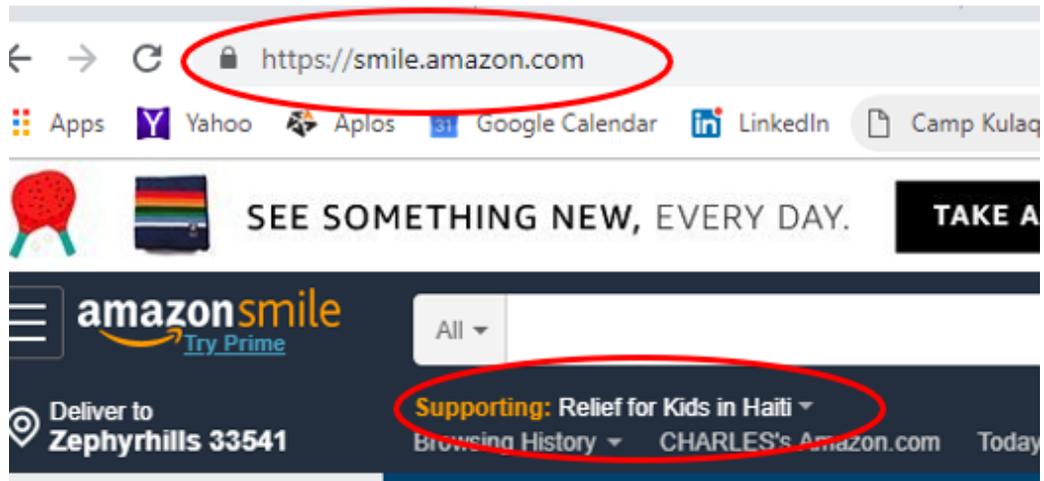


our bible teacher and takes care of most of the Administrative work to run the school. They still communicate with Marc on almost a daily basis and he continues to provide his expertise and translates for us. Rubens is engaged to be married in August of this year.

Marc and Nadege are doing well in Ft. Meyers and they have welcomed their new son, Justin Marc Francois to their family. He was born on May 6, 2019. Both mother and child are doing great.

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charitable organization. If you choose “Relief for Kids in Haiti” as your organization, then we will receive a check for half a percent of everything that you spend on Smile.Amazon.



That way, you are raising money for the children in Haiti while you shop for things that you want and need.

I encourage you to donate to the charitable organization of your choice. If you do not give to us, please give to someone and help them succeed. If you wish to donate to Relief for Kids in Haiti, please visit our website at [www.relieforkidsinhaiti.org](http://www.relieforkidsinhaiti.org). All donations are tax deductible in the United States and greatly appreciated by the children.



Please continue to pray for their safety. Regards,  
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Ely – 7 y/o



Sassan – 9 y/o



Crezou – 15 y/o



MackKendy – 11 y/o



Schneider – 11 y/o



Cedric – 8 y/o



Tatan – 10 y/o



Franceline – 7 y/o



Jasmine – 12 y/o



Darla – 7 y/o



Dedee – 7 y/o



Mislane – 9 y/o



Mivelore – 12 y/o