

# Spreading Good News

Nord Est Haiti  
Lutheran Mission

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## In Haiti

### Haiti's Political Situation

(from a couple conversations between Rev. Daniel Paul and Rev. Samuel Wiseman)

The Haitian political situation has many facets that have led to Haiti's present situation that go back to the founding of the country as the second oldest country in the western hemisphere, as Haiti defeated the French to establish their country in 1804. Most of the information that is presented here can be found online. I add some honest perspective of Rev. Daniel Paul who has lived in Haiti his whole life. I humbly provide this information, knowing that there is way more to the story.

The last presidential election in Haiti occurred in 2016 and the last legislative elections occurred in 2017. President Jovenel Moise was elected in 2016. In 2019 the periodic legislative election did not take place. The terms of the elected members in the legislative body expired. Tension in Haitian politics was building. President Moise was assassinated in July of 2021. Three days before his assassination, Henry Ariel was appointed Prime Ministry. Ariel's appointment was approved by a council, yet his appointment was not able to be confirmed by the legislative branch due to lack of quorum since many of the legislators' terms had expired. Prime Minister Ariel operated in his office with much tension until his formal resignation on April 24, 2024.

Through this time, armed gangs gained power. Haiti's largest city and capital, Port au Prince, is estimated to be at least ninety percent under gang rule. The gangs are connected with people and groups vying for political power. In order to try to subdue gang action, which is causing disruption of commerce, unsafe travel, and general terror to the Haitian people, the United Nations authorized Kenya to provide military troops.

As of July 2024, four hundred Kenyan troops are in Haiti with a reported two thousand, five hundred anticipated by January of 2025. This action of foreign military occupying the country also has tension. There are reports of Kenyan troops boasting of their continual rule. Many local Haitians are skeptical, at best, that this foreign military involvement will be able to do anything. *(continued page 2)*

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#### Acronyms:

ELCH: "Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti" which is in altar and pulpit fellowship with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

MADO: "La Maison de Agneaux de Dieu Orphelinat" translated as "The House of the Lambs of God Orphanage."

CELO: College Evangelique le Lutherien de Ouanaminthe.





## TEACHER SPOTLIGHT



**Bien-Aime Manise** is a dedicated teacher at our institution, with 13 years of service. In addition to teaching, she also oversees teacher supervision and manages key aspects of the institution. Her boundless energy and rigorous organization create an ideal learning environment.

Always attentive to her students, she takes the time to know each one, providing a safe and nurturing space for them to flourish. Her approach enables her to maintain a calm and respectful control in the classroom, ensuring optimal learning conditions.

As a supervisor of teachers, Ms. Manise supports and guides her colleagues, contributing to ongoing improvements in teaching quality. Her attention to detail and commitment to the institution ensure efficient and harmonious daily operations.

Bien Aime Manise inspires her students and serves as a leadership model for the educational team. Her positive approach and constant encouragement empower students to reach their full potential. We appreciate her dedication and value her presence within our institution.



### **Haiti Political Situation** *(continued from page 1)*

Garry Connille assumed office as Prime Ministry June 3, 2024. A Haitian transitional council made this move to establish order. Garry had previously served successfully as Prime Minister 2011-2012. On September 8, 2024, a nine-member electoral council was established according to the Haitian constitution. Procedures are being taken to have a national election in February 2026. Rev. Daniel Paul is hopeful with these proper actions according to the Haitian constitution; however, he said, "It is hard to say what will happen with the elections." There is a need to settle some turmoil and establish security that is planned to take place over the next sixteen months. Let us pray for the proper handling of Haiti's political challenges.

# Treasurer's Report

We thank you our new and long-time supporters of the ministry in northeast Haiti. You are a blessing to the day to day support of the orphanage, school and church. The year end giving donations help to support the education expenses of the 2024-25 school year. School started in October with classes for students preK- 13th grade (Filo). The current breakdown of expenses we face to support the school in Ouanaminthe and Baja include the following:

\$40 provides ministry's portion\* for daily meals for a student per year. (\*Trinity Hope Feeding Program is an organization that supports schools in Haiti with a portion of the food costs.)

\$375.00 provides uniform, books & supplies for an elementary student per year.

\$500.00 provides uniform, books & supplies for a secondary student per year.

\$ 100.00 provides compensation for an elementary teacher per month.\$225.00 to provide compensation for a secondary teacher per month.:

Some of our supporters have joined together to have a group donate a monthly amount to cover the expense of a teacher. Others have looked at the breakdown and budgeted a donation of \$40 a month to cover the meal for a student for the year. May this inspire you to think of ways to join with others to support NEHLM. This newsletter serves as a communication that can be shared with others and help to expand our reach and those willing to donate. As you gather over Thanksgiving and Christmas, may you be encouraged to share about Rev. Daniel Paul and the children in Haiti.



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## How You Can Help

*For easier giving, use this QR Code:*

*Or feel free to use the form below and mail in your donation*



**I prefer to support ongoing work of the Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission (NEHLM) by:**

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**Experience the blessing of sharing the gospel with children in Haiti. Sponsor a student, an orphan, or a class.**





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## College Corner



### Welcome to Whitney Paul

Whitney Paul was welcomed to the USA to live with Rev. and Charlotte Wiseman on August 30 thanks to NEHLM Vice Chairman Jeremy Yancey. This was Whitney's first time flying, so Jeremy flew to Miami to meet her at the airport in Miami, flew with her and drove her to the Wiseman home all within a 24-hour window. She had a quick hello with her sister and some of the people in La Grande, Oregon, and soon thereafter went to Eastern Oregon University's Summer Bridge. Summer Bridge is a two-week orientation: living on campus, visiting the area, and being introduced to other students; all to help them transition to eastern Oregon and college life. After this busy two weeks, she began her classes at Eastern Oregon University on Monday, September 23rd.

Charlotte took Sarai and Whitney to a Lutheran Women's Missionary League Rally at Bethlehem LCMS Kennewick, Washington and they did a presentation on the ministry of their mom and dad at MADO ( La Maison des Agneaux de Dieu Orphilinat) and CELO (College Evangelique le Lutheriene Ouanaminthe). Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission appreciates this opportunity to inform and possibly engage others in this ongoing ministry of caring for and educating children in Haiti. NEHLM is delighted to bring these presentations to others. Please contact NEHLM for more information. Whitney has been making adjustments to her move to the United States, specifically rural eastern Oregon. She says her biggest joy is to be reunited with her sister Sarai. They had not been with each other for over a year. Her biggest struggle is adjusting to the colder days of fall. She has been warned that it will be getting a lot colder than it is now. Sarai and Whitney cooked a Haitian dinner for the members of Faith Lutheran Church on September 29th. The dinner was well received and they received compliments for the wonderful food. Whitney says her favorite food she has had in the USA is fried chicken. Haitians eat a lot of chicken, however, the fried chicken of the USA has its own unique appeal.



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