



## The Foundation for the Children of Haiti

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My Dear Friends,

I am writing to ask for your prayers for Haiti.

There has been a major increase in violence in Port au Prince as it appears we are facing a war between gangs and the police. As the police push back against the gangs, the gangs retaliate against the population. Although I was able to go to church this morning, gangs have now warned everyone to stay off the streets.

As bad as things have been for the last 4 or 5 years, this situation is far more distressing. Everyone is feeling a lot of pressure and stress as we fear that this war is about to begin. No one knows where the fighting will spread. We are in the unknown, and all we can do is to wait in our homes and pray.

Thank God, up to now everything has been normal for FCH – our children, patients, and staff are all safe. The school and hospital have been open, projects have continued. We thank God that He has so far preserved FCH from all that has been going on. We give Him the glory.

This week we had planned to open our new welding shop at the Children's Village (a project to teach the older children an employable skill), but with the threat of increased violence, this is now on hold.

***Please pray for Haiti; pray, pray, pray for Haiti.***

With love, *Gladys*

### **Excerpts from news reports on the current situation in Port au Prince – November 17, 2025**

Public threats from a powerful Haitian gang leader began circulating on social media following weekend security operations by the Haitian National Police, the Armed Forces of Haiti, and the Gang Suppression Force (a UN authorized, multinational security mission).

"Leave the streets to 'Viv Ansanm' [the dominant gang coalition controlling Port au Prince] so that we can confront the police," the gang leader is quoted as saying.

On November 13, Marines assigned to protect the US Embassy in Haiti exchanged gunfire with members of a gang coalition. The attack occurred in Tabarre, an area of Port-au-Prince once known for relative calm but now dominated by armed groups.

The attack on US personnel reflects a sharp deterioration in Haiti's broader security collapse. Heavily armed gangs control over 90% of Port-au-Prince. Neighborhoods once considered safe have fallen under gang influence, while others remain trapped between rival gangs and police operations.

Residents face daily threats of kidnappings, killings, and house burnings. The control exerted by the gangs continues to fracture communities, choke economic activity, and has paralyzed government institutions.

More than 1.4 million people have been displaced in Port au Prince as families flee attacks, and entire neighborhoods empty out.

For the residents of Port-au-Prince the immediate concern is survival.

***Thank you for your prayers and support***