

# The Lane Family

## Missionaries to the Island of Hispaniola

The nations of Haiti & The Dominican Republic

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Dear Supporters and Faithful Prayer Partners,

Many of you have expressed concern for the people here after all the storms: Faye, Gustav, Hanna and then Ike, one right after the other. I have lived on this island now for almost twenty years and there are towns under water where I have never seen water before. I used to drive through the town of Peñon to go to the churches in Polo, but two months later I still have to drive around the town, adding about twenty minutes to the trip. Some areas are still cut off because bridges are out. Many people have lost everything.

Here is a list of helpful relief items that we can distribute and we feel are worth shipping.

Our house was broken into while we were in the States. The thieves broke the ironwork off the back door and went in and generally ransacked the house. They stole our computers and other electronics, a shotgun, and other items. We figure this is not the first time and probably not the last time.

The church in Jarabacoa was also broken into at night in September. The thieves came with a truck and a crew. They cut through the steel bars in the back of the building, smashed through a steel door and stole the inverter, eight large batteries, the projector and other equipment.

I want to say a special thank you to all of the people who have helped us with special offerings in the past and who have added us or increased our support. We know that there are tough times everywhere and we really appreciate your faithfulness. But we still have so many construction projects on the table waiting for funding.

We have three projects just in Haiti that would cost more than \$50,000 to complete. The church in Gembal needs an addition. The Mount Calvary Baptist church in Post Cazeau needs a permanent building (they have already bought the land). The Maranatha Baptist Church construction in Port-au-Prince is still ongoing and will cost tens of thousands before it is complete.

We also have projects in the Dominican Republic that are in need of construction. We have another Haitian congregation in the capital that has outgrown its small rented space and needs a building. We need to build a wall around the Boca-Chica property so that we don't lose it to squatters. All of these projects but one has a congregation, a pastor and a location, but the people are so poor that the total amount they give is pretty small.

We also need to build some small outbuildings on the property we use for church camp, such as an outdoor kitchen and more permanent showers and toilets. At this time we build temporary structures each season for the churches to use and the young people sleep on the ground in tents. Please pray about taking on one of these projects, in whole or in part. Pray for lost souls in Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support,

**Missionaries Wesley and Melina Lane**

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*"And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." —Acts 5:42*