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"Great Prosperous" United States lies the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere.

I find it extremely disturbing that our present government can focus on a nation in the Arabian Gulf and totally ignore the cry of its neighbor. Could it be that this is the case because Haiti has no lucrative resources. How is it that we repeatedly seem to have interest in countries that have profitable resources...like oil?

How can we ignore the cry of Haiti, how can we keep silent and continually allow our government to legislate immigration laws that blatantly discriminate against Haitians while all other ethnic groups, such as Cubans, Mexicans and Vietnamese, are welcomed to our harbors of refuge.

It is reported that the administration of Aristide is responsible for countless deaths. Many are alleged to be for ceremonial sacrifices.

In August of 2003, Dr. Sir Walter Mack led a delegation of his members on what was a return mission to Haiti for him and the first for his members. Not only did the team consist of Union Baptist members, but he welcomed members of the team who were dedicated members of Greater Cleveland, St. Peter's, Stocksdale Church of God, New Covenant Church and Victory World Outreach. Our host was the honorable Bishop Joel Jeune of Port-au-Prince Haiti.

Bishop Jeune is the Haiti host for TBN and has a strategic ministry that is impacting the nation of Haiti. Repeatedly he has been threatened by the government, he reports to Dr. Sir Walter Mack, of Union Baptist Church. He also reports that his very own colleague Pastor Jackson is presently in custody by the tyrannical authorities of Aristide's administration.

Protest in the streets are appexing to the point of heated pressure. Bishop reports that he had to flee for the safety of his life. He is presently unable to return to his own country!

In a recent conference call with Bishop Jeune, I asked what can we do to help? With urgency, his response was, "Nobody believes that these things are happening. Americans think that it is unbelievable."

Dr. Sir Walter Mack led his congregation into prayer for Haiti during the Sunday morning worship service. He challenged his people to call your local newspapers, call CNN, call WXII, write to your congressman, ask them why are we not hearing the reports of the casualties of Haiti?

We can all do something and the first place to begin is with prayer. In Psalm 2:8, the word of God tells us to ask of Me the nations and I will give the heathens as your inheritance and the end of the earth as your possession.

Haiti has suffered for so long and yet we have it within our means to make a difference. If there is any people group that should respond to this cry, it should be the African American community. We were told while in Haiti, that we were the 1st African American mission delegation to come and bring humanitarian aid to the Jeunes ministry. A team of selfless volunteers gave of their time, effort, resources and even the threat of their lives to go in and minister love to a forsaken people.

This team was a group of people just like you and me, who refuse to turn a deaf ear to the cry of Haiti. If you are wondering how could God use you, I'm sure many of the team members questioned themselves in the same manner. But later they were able to see that all God needs are willing vessels.

Rufus Myers, a native of Winston-Salem, didn't know how God could use him. Many asked him are you ready, are you ready? He bowed his knees the day before the departure and God responded to him, "Your willingness and your faith have made you ready". He became the "Chief

of Security" on the entire trip for everyone.

Mercedes Miller, also a native of Winston-Salem, states that the plight of Haiti is intensified when you have a love one in the midst of the turmoil. "My oldest sister now lives in Haiti. Giving my natural and spiritual resources and encouraging others to do the same is vital, because we have brothers and sisters in Haiti who are working diligently to save the lost, feed the hungry and house the homeless. We are needed more than we could ever imagine!

Elizabeth Robinson, a teacher in the Forsyth county school system, reports that her compassion for the people has never ceased. She aches inside her heart saying, "We need to band together to help the nation of Haiti!"

Deacon Gray of Union Baptist Church, age sixty-nine, encourages the people to know that their age doesn't have to be a barrier. He states, "Many need to send money, prayer and love to the people of Haiti...we need to do whatever we can do. If anybody should be helping, it should be the black church."

Naomi Singletary, of Union Baptist, was a diabetic, whose insulin was in her lost luggage while in Haiti. She also had a back injury that left her unemployed and friends suggested she not go. Nevertheless, she felt the Lord had made a way for her and she was determined to go despite her obstacles. You see, what you make happen for others, God is obligated to make happen for you and while in Haiti, Naomi received her blessing. She said she no longer complains after witnessing the gross poverty of the Haitian people. She realized how spoiled she was and vowed to never complain again. When asked if she would do it again, she responded, "in a heartbeat", because her heart bleeds for the suffering children of Haiti.

Each candidate optioned not to advert his or her eyes from Haiti. This experience motivated them to know that they can never complain about anything ever again. They both now testify to living a life counting their blessings.

It is obvious that our government does not have Haiti as its concern. Our former president, Bill Clinton, placed Aristide in office. As a nation, we have spent over \$93, 162,110,000 (93 billion one hundred sixty two million one hundred and ten thousand dollars) on this war in Iraq. Every 48 seconds it cost the U.S. \$100,000 for this war. That's enough money to feed the nation of Haiti for 5 years! We have yet to find weapons of mass destruction...Selah.

Haiti presently has an external debt of \$1.1-\$1.2 billion. They are currently paying it down at \$50-\$80 million yearly. That's twice the public health budget, triple the education budget and quadruple the agriculture budget. Haiti's debt makes up 35% of it's GDP.

Come on people, let's rise up and stand up for justice and equality. Isaiah 1:17 tells us that as believers we should seek justice. The Word of God has just as much to say about injustice as it does prosperity and salvation.

We are couriers that execute justice in the earth. We are His ambassadors. Here is how YOU can help. You can seed financially to support the Jeune family by calling our office at 888-521-0373. You can call every facet of media on a local, state and national level and alert them to what is going on. You can write your congressman and president. You can call TBN and ask, "Why are they not sharing the suffering side of Haiti?" You can call the 700 Club, The Word Channel and M.B.C. and ask the same. Most importantly, you can pray for Haiti; that God would intervene on the behalf of His people to deliver them. Pray for the victim's families. There have been many students injected with the AIDS virus and babies kidnapped for sacrificial ceremonies!

**IT'S TIME TO HEAR THE CRY OF HAITI!**