

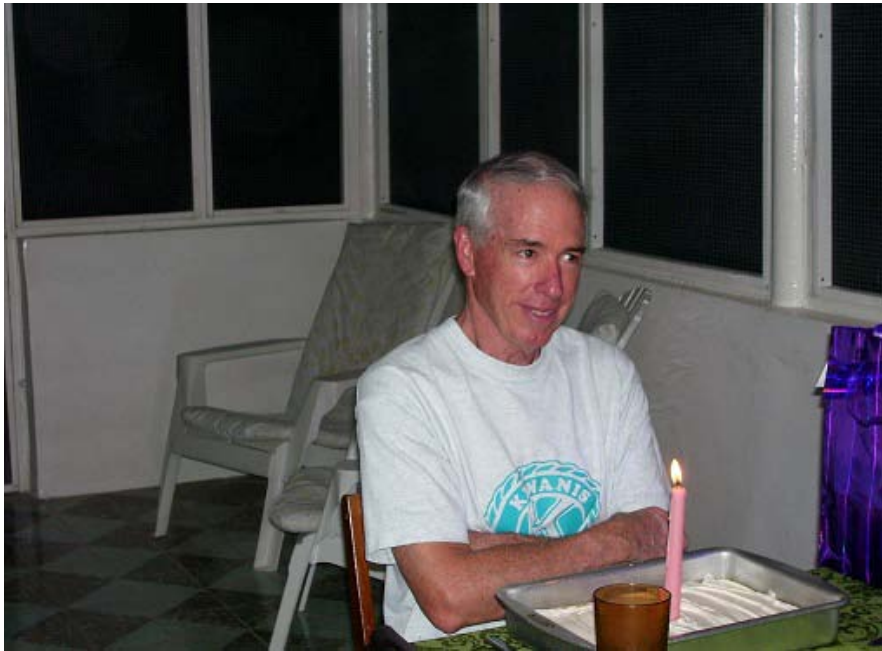
Hi Everyone, Things are going well for us in Haiti. We will see if the same can be said after the election results are announced. Right now everyone has enough to complain about and issues to blame on conspiracy on. This week when we went to get fuel the station was closed. Fortunately we have the owner's phone number and were able to contact him. When I called and asked why the station was closed and how long it would be closed he told me that it was closed because he was waiting for the technician to come and change the price per gallon that the pumps charge. In Haiti the price of fuel is set by the government and every station everywhere charges the same price (but the size of their gallons seems to change). Since I had been here the price for diesel has remained at \$3.00/gallon (approx given the exchange rate). Overnight the price went to just over \$4.00/ gallon. Of course in the US the price of fuel has gone up over the past 5 months too, but not all at once and with many of the people in Haiti unaware of the unrest in the middle East there are many people eager to make up stories about why the fuel jumped so much. Lucky for us the generators are diesel and not gasoline powered because gasoline has gone up over 50 cents per gallon and is now just under \$5.00/ gallon.

We also had a bit of fun this week. Since coming to Haiti we have become friends with a family (Pastor Ben Hopp and family) who live on the mainland near where the Wesleyan Warf is. They have 4 children who seem to really enjoy playing with our boys and our boys really enjoy playing with them. On Thursday Michelle had arranged a visit so we all went over and stayed overnight so that the kids could have time together playing. It was lots of fun, but unfortunately the Hopps will be leaving for a year of fund raising in a couple months. It will be sad for our kids not to be able to see this family once in a while because they have been real encouraging and have been in the country three years so they know quite a bit they have been able to share, but haven't been here so long that they have forgotten what it is like to be learning everything.

The last part of our week has also been fun because we have two of the WISH board members here. Dentist Jack Heck and his long time Dental Assistant Jane Howard are here. They have kept busy in the dental clinic and even gave us a reason to celebrate this week. Friday was Jack's birthday so we had cake after dinner and then on Saturday afternoon arranged for a Haitian choir to come and sing for us. We were joined by some people from Scotland (part of a dental and medical team which is staying in the Wesleyan guesthouse). I think the concert was a little bit slower than what everyone had in mind but the singing was good and everyone enjoyed it.

Okay, enough for this week. Keep praying that our container will be released. We are all very anxious to get the supplies off of it and we are equally anxious to host the teams who will be coming down to assist with the installation of everything.

Blessings,
Rod



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