

Arriving in Haiti was exhilarating and something I've never experienced before. I acknowledge all of these emotions due to circumstance of such a foreign world. Yet I could not help but be smothered by the sights, sounds and smells that had never before come to my senses. As our group moved from the tarmac to the customs office, to baggage claim and finally to the truck I began to feel more and more comfortable.

These comforts faded though as we began to drive up the coast of the country to the city of Montoius. I was more aware of poverty and culture in a two hour truck ride through a loud and new environment than ever before in my life. I was blessed to arrive in the village of the FMS ministry headquarters with a bit more clarity of what I was to expect in the next seven days.

That night, when all was done and put to bed, God proclaimed His Sovereign protection over our trip. I woke suddenly in the night to loud music played on Congo drums and much chanting. The night was very dark, as there was no electricity that night, and I was frightened by the absolutely unexpected circumstances. The music continued driving a rhythmic beat that seemed louder and darker as it went and God led me to pray to Him. I was prompted to pray earnestly for the light of God to break the darkness. I prayed this until the Lord took me again to sleep.

I awoke the next morning to find that in the night a march had started with intentions of performing the rituals of some dark religion at the house of a witch living nearby. The Lord would not allow it. The witch was ashamed because of the presence of the Christians in the FMS headquarters and would not allow the march to enter her property. This march either continued on or disbanded there.

God has the power; He is our safety and our light. He is overwhelmingly worthy of our trust in Him for His glory to be shown through our life and death where ever and however that may be brought about. We can and should trust Him with our earthly lives because he is not only in control of whether we live or die in the flesh but also holds our eternal souls in His hands. Friends, serve Jesus in Haiti if He has called you there, and do not be concerned about your life; His plan for you is perfect.

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