



# PASSIONIST MISSION | HAITI



## GRACE AND BLEAKNESS *by Hugo, CP*

Jesus talks about the parable of the wheat that is invaded by enemy hands, who plant weeds among them. At the harvest, his angels will separate them. I must let weeds of violence; hunger and desperation grow too amid the field of barley, beauty, and compassion. This parable is tough to hear and abide by. This is what life has been like in Haiti for the past months.

The assassination of the president this past July was followed by an increase of price on basic food products, already a crisis that not many mention. Then we had a 7.2 earthquake in the southern horn of Haiti, followed by a Tropical Storm four days after the quake while millions of people were mourning their dead, without a roof over them or food on their plates. The Weeds seem to take root much faster in this Country. So much so, that the weeds and their despairing presence can confuse the heart and mind of more than a few. Past conversations I held with two different acquaintances, both with first-world privileges (advance education) left me flabbergasted. Both let me know that these tragedies, which give no break to the Haitian people, are because these beautiful and people have been consecrated to Satan. Yes, they said that the natural and political calamities of Haiti were at the fault of Haitians themselves, and as a punishment, because one or a group of Haitians, at more than one point in their history, consecrated this place to the power of Satan. What a poor religious and social formation these two individuals have, not to mention the disrespect. (continue on pg. 2)

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# Passionist

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Father Julián Díez González, CP (Sacred Heart Province) is from Infinillas, Northern Spain and has been a missionary in the lands of Central America for two decades: in Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, and Chile. He is 59 years old, and he entered the Passionist Minor Seminary when he was only 12 years of old. He was ordained in 1991. He joined the Passionist Mission in Haiti in August. With permission of his Provincial he has come to accompany and reinforce our Mission in Haiti.



## PROFESSIONS



The province of St. Paul of the Cross has rejoices in the commitment of our 3 newest profession.

Jonathan Ramos from Puerto Rico professed vows in Jamaica, NY in August. Adenald Fleury and Daniel Cadet from Haiti, together

with two Mexicans and one Dominican Novice, professed first vows in Queretaro, Mexico on the 4th of July. Both of them, Daniel and Adenald are studying English and awaiting their visa in order to go to the USA for further studies.

# MISSION

*(continued...)* I must admit that this explanation is very attractive. Especially, as you see the few kernels of hope wider in front of you. You do not need to deal with the biopolitical complexity of the Haitian people with this view. You do not need to think much or look beyond your nose. These individuals did the opposite of what Jesus was inviting his disciples to discern as they heard him set forth the allegory of the weeds and wheat.

The life of the disciple is to plant the Kingdom, fields of justice, truth, compassion, etc. More so, we are called to sustain the grace of redemption as we face the bleakness of our sin and the power of our accuser, Satan, fully displayed before us in the fruit of the weeds of corruption, the mendacity in Haitian Politics; neo-colonization, the not-too-invisible-hand of first world powers, interventionism; the arms industry, that makes a few millions of dollars by arming our thugs and police, at the same time; and hunger, sustained by intermediaries who raise the price of the basic food the poor can afford.

Beyond the politics in Haiti, the violence of the Country has hit close to home. One of our lab technicians was kidnapped as she was driving home about a month ago. No less than a few weeks after, a young wife, mother of two, six months pregnant, and leader of the Orphanage next to our office and pastoral center was kidnapped in the middle of the night. 25 armed gangsters disarmed all four security guards and entered the orphanage where 30 children live. After difficult and sensitive negotiations, with those who care for the wheat and with those who work close to those who plant the weeds, the young pregnant leader was freed unharmed.

The lab technician is back to her necessary and very important work at St. Damien's Hospital. Our young mother and leader went back to comfort her other 30 babies at the orphanage right after she was free from abduction. These are not the fruits of a people who supposedly have been consecrated to the power of darkness. These are fruits of the Reigning of all that is good and true!

As we plant the fields of the reigning of God, in peoples hearts, ours, first of all, we must have the moral and spiritual stamina to sustain our mission while the weeds throw their shade and, at times, as they discourage our feeble hearts and minds. But, we will fear no evil, for justice belongs to God!

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SPPHAITI'S MISSION:  
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TO UPLIFT**

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Uplifting our community implies the task of creating friendships with neighboring organizations that are close to our mission. These friendships have developed slowly and with a lot of mutual respect.

One of this friendship is with a group of recent university graduates that want to serve their community by putting their talents to work. These group of young enthusiast have come together to create BIWOTEK, a vocational school. Since they did not have a physical place to to begin SPPHAITI partnered with them in order pushed them along the dream they are pursuing. So far, they have 25 students who are in their Driving School and Electrical Trade Program.

Along with BIWOTEK we are partnering with a middle school called Communataire de la Charite. They generously opened their classrooms for our adult education program where we had 25 adults who are learning how to read in write. La Charite is in great need of some reparations.



Through the help of Br. Luis Daniel, CP, who spent six months in Haiti, we are fundraising to fix the bathrooms for the students and teachers and we will fix the roof on one of the wings of the school.

## 2nd Anniversary of our Adult Education Program (Akademy SPP)



This is Jeanita. She is a 32-year-old mother of 2 who was not able to go to school as a child. She came from a numerous family and there was not enough money for her to begin basic schooling at a young age. As she grew up, she felt shame as she felt inadequate with it came to reading or writing. Life taught her how to do basic math in order to survive.

Two years ago she was motivated by one of our university interns who teach at our Adult Ed. Program to join. Jeanita refused. She was afraid of sitting in a big crowd of people. When she found out that our classrooms keep no more than 10 students she decided to give our program a chance.



During our anniversary celebration, Jeanita was overjoyed and showed everyone her national identification card. She

boasted because she no longer had to write an X where it asked for a signature. She wrote her full name and the I.D. card has become a trophy and sign of her capacity and future possibilities.

You can help us walk with others like Janita. With \$1,500 USD a year we can provide formation and a stipend to our University Interns who teach at our Adult Ed. Program, Akademy SPPHaiti.



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