

Critical Situation in the Central Plateau – Appeal for Solidarity

Dear brothers and sisters, dear friends and partners,

In my capacity as Partnership Program Coordinator, I send you fraternal greetings on behalf of the Diocese of the Episcopal Church of Haiti, and on behalf of all your partners throughout the country. It is my duty, with immense pain and deep anguish, to inform you of the tragic and murderous situation currently raging in Haiti, particularly in the Centre Department.

The Plateau Central, once a bastion of relative peace, has now fallen under the control of armed gangs, starting with the town of Mirebalais. This region is now one of the country's lost territories. The situation is grave. Many people are wondering whether there is still a future for Haiti.

Haiti has become a veritable human slaughterhouse. In Mirebalais, the streets are littered with corpses: children, young people, old people, men and women from all walks of life. Unspeakable scenes of terror unfold before our very eyes: stray dogs devour the lifeless bodies, while the survivors flee in panic, hoping to find refuge elsewhere.

Schools close. Churches fall silent. Streets empty. The Bas-Plateau is deserted. Families collapse, traumatized. Everyone lives in fear, watching for death like an ever-closer shadow.

No one is spared. The entire population is affected, threatened and destabilized. The distress is total. People are running in all directions, looking for shelter, help, light in this thickening night.

In Cange, two criminals who came to take refuge have been arrested by the police, which only amplifies the fear and insecurity. Misery, for its part, is intensifying. Bellies are empty. Children are crying from hunger. Parents, who left without taking anything with them, are powerless to hear their children's cries.

Many walk barefoot, without clothes, without food, without hope. Today, brothers and sisters of good will are offering them a little hospitality, a little comfort, until something better comes along. But this is not enough.

That's why I turn to you, dear partners and friends. I beg you to keep the Haitian people, and particularly the inhabitants of the Central Plateau, in constant prayer, as you have so often done. But today, we need more than prayers.

We need your help. Immediately.

I'm launching an urgent appeal: come to the aid of children and families displaced from one community to another, without water, food or clothing. Every gesture counts. Solidarity can save a life. Don't hesitate to contact your partners, even if communications are difficult. Your efforts, your pleas, your compassion are our last chance.

Act in the name of love. Save the children. They are the future of Haiti. The future of humanity.

We thank you already for your listening, your compassion and your usual faithful and pragmatic support. May God bless you abundantly for all you do in the name of Christ, our hope.

In Christ,

Father Kesner Gracia

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