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Haiti Mission Update
Thank you to those who donated towards the Haiti relief effort for the community of Sobier! Since last month’s update, an additional $3,000 has been raised, making possible this month’s food drop, with an additional three more months planned ahead. Flour and sugar have been added to the food package, along with oil, canned salmon, spaghetti and rice.
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