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Dear Louis,

I was cleaning my desk and ran across the letter you sent in May. It's about time to return the favor and write to you!

I am sorry I didn't respond immediately to your request for an address: L A Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home, 2607 Williams Blvd, Kenner, LA 70062-5539; (504) 466-8577. I hope this helps.

We have been busy at St. Brendan's particularly since Father John decided to seek help for his alcohol addiction. He has been gone since October and we hope he returns in February. We are so relieved that he is getting the help he needs. Father Rafael has been getting some help from his brother "rent-a-priests"☺ We Deacons have been doing extra preaching to give him some break.

I went to Haiti twice this year and have attached our Christmas letter that talks about my trips. Three hurricanes devastated the island this year between my visits. I couldn't see much impact in Bassimzim, but the nearest large town, Hinche, was hit very hard with flooding. Several of the people with micro-loans lost their inventory that was stored in Hinche. Developing a relationship with our sister parish, Our Lady of Fatima, has been a blessing in so many ways. A little help goes a long way.

My grandson Damiano is now 19 months old. We were fortunate to see him 3 times this year. On his 1st birthday in May, when he and his parents came to Atlanta at Thanksgiving, and we had the opportunity again to visit him in San Francisco at Christmas. "D" runs rather than walks most of the time. As his Dad says, "he is so cute and very smart."

I want to leave you with a recent Homily that focused on Paul's letter 1 Thes 5:16-24: "*Brothers and sisters: Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil. May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.*"

All God's Blessings,