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AMERICAN MISSIONARY BEATEN, TAZORED AND IMPRISONED SINCE OCTOBER 2010
US Embassy in Haiti states there's not much they can do—

BRADENTON, FL—New reports of the prison conditions and growing frail physical health, clearly present the feared evidence of Daniel Pye's humanitarian rights being violated. Not to mention being imprisoned without cause for 5 months. Dr. Timothy Heck, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist from Indianapolis, IN was granted access to visit Pye in the overcrowded squalor of the Jacmel prison housing 400 men. Pye has favor among many of the guards and Dr. Heck was allowed to bring in supplies and spend 4 hours debriefing, interviewing, counseling and letting Pye know the extent of the growing support back home. That was great, but nothing like the encouragement and joy of freedom to hold and hug his wife, Leann, 37 weeks pregnant, Riann and the 20 Haitian children in their orphanage that hold their hearts in Haiti. The US Embassy set up this timely visit for Pye with Dr. Heck.

Dr. Heck, having been to Haiti on numerous relief efforts over the years, was overwhelmed with the conditions he found. Heck says, "*Danny is in a frail condition and his life is at risk.*" Heck reports that Pye has experienced inhumane conditions and treatments:

- As the only white man (*and only American*) in the prison, some of the prisoners like to play a game on him involving slapping him hard enough to leave a mark—on a white man's skin.
- The cell is 10' x 12' with 24 prisoners and enough bunks that only sleep 8.
- As a result of getting caught up in the middle of fights that break out in the courtyard—during two 30 minute periods daily—he now stays in his cell to avoid the violence and punishments.
- He has been beaten.
- He has been tazored by the guards.
- Has witnessed two people being beaten to death by the guards' nightsticks.
- Has been sexually assaulted, forced to fight a man off in self defense.
- Guards will wave their guns around and sometimes shoot into the air around the prisoners.
- Prisoners have not had sufficient food. Danny has food brought in to him by his family twice a day, but he only eats one meal, and then shares the rest with his fellow prisoners.

Pye's wife received a letter via email, March 2nd, from Brandon J. Doyle, Vice Consul from the American Embassy in Port-au-Prince stating, "A consular officer will, however, take all steps necessary to ensure a U.S. citizen's right to legal counsel and due process." Really? How can enduring 5 months of torture, starvation, malnutrition, abuse and exposure to TB, cholera, surviving malaria, skin infections and rashes from intense unsanitary conditions, and then being arrested the 2nd time which violated Haitian law, be considered due process? Not to mention far from humanitarian.

Pye was arrested without charges or cause October 13, 2010. Pye was released on December 24, 2010, but before he and his pregnant wife could get to their vehicle the police accosted him and returned him to prison. He is there today—now 5 months in prison without cause. Leann is due to deliver their 2nd child, a son the end of March.

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The Pye's work is part of Global Effect Ministry. Significant expenses and ongoing income relies on the Pye's contact with donors. Needless to say that has become very difficult and expenses are mounting. Tax deductible contributions can be made at www.globaleffectministry.com

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The prison of Jacmel holds about 400 prisoners

Many of the prisoners have been held for months and even years without charges

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He was placed on a "No Visitor List" for one month because he tried to help out a fellow prisoner who has Tuberculosis, was spitting up blood and needed medication. Danny tried to get the paper Script out, which is perfectly fine with almost all the guards but the one who disciplined him for this. Danny's intent was to have his family purchase the medicine that the man could not afford.

Danny has been in the middle of many outbreaks of fights in the courtyard when the prisoners are taken out for 30 minutes twice a day. Because of those fights and the subsequent beatings from the guards, he stays in his room virtually all the time.

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He has ministered to a 14-year old boy who was jailed for stealing a goat when his family was starving.

Danny gives him food and encouragement.

Danny witnesses to many of the other prisoners.

He is in the process of writing a book.

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