



Paul Prevost, May 1, 1955 - February 22, 2023

## Going Home

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God” (Matthew 5:9, NIV)

Friends,

Many of you may already know of Paul's death, on February 22, from cardiac arrest. However, his heart was not the only one 'broken' that day as his family and friends mourn his passing and celebrate his life "well-lived." Paul embraced [Three Simple Rules](#) to improve the world: **Do no harm, Do good, Stay in love with God.** Today, February 28, is his funeral.

Storytelling connects us and keeps people 'alive' and close to us. Paul's story--his WHY--was **'Taking care of Eve.'** It goes something like this...

Felisane breathed life into the existence of HAPI through her son, Paul.

In the 1960s, two horrific hurricanes swept through southern Haiti, bringing a significant food shortage in the agricultural community of Mizak, Haiti. A mother responsible for 14 children was stressed and had a stroke. The family sold land and carried her in a hand-crafted chair more than 10 kilometers down rocky mountain trails to the nearest clinic. After six months of care, the money was exhausted, and her condition had not improved. Strong men now carried her home.

Her youngest son, Paul, aged 15, and one of his sisters shared the responsibility of caring for their mother, sitting at her bedside day and night. Inevitably, the day came when Paul's sister cried out, "Mama is dead!" Paul could not believe it. He rushed to her bedside, and sure enough, she was dead. Still, he started pressing on her chest and calling her name. Finally, she opened her eyes and said, "Take care of your sister." Now Paul had many sisters! So, being a practical 15-year-old, he pressed again, asking, "Mama, *which* sister?" With her dying breath, she whispered, "Eve."

Paul was greatly distressed because he had no sister named Eve. What was his mother's request of him?

Paul left his community and went to the city to find a way to live. He always searched for the meaning of 'Eve.' He self-studied at a public library, and one day, he read the Bible. There he found Eve and understood that God had spoken through his mother to call him to a universal life of service to women. All women were his 'sisters.'

**May you rest in peace, reunited with your dear mom, Felisane!**



Do you want to know MORE of the 'HAPI Story?!' Here is a new 30-minute interview with Valerie Mossman-Celestin, HAPI Executive Director, on HAPI's origins and determination to empower and change lives in Haiti!

## Your gift saves lives.

Keep another heart BEATIng!

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**E = education on prevention**

**A = awareness / mobilization**

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