



# Moore News

# In Haiti....

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## Hurricane Tomas passed by about 60 miles from Marfranc in the middle of the night on Thursday, November 4th, 2010.

Tomas was supposed to hit our end of the around 1:00 AM. We had boarded up the south- and west-ern-facing windows so that driving rain would not drench those rooms. At 3:00 AM, Steve and I woke up to strong winds with rain coming in our bedroom window. We put up some additional curtains and that solved the problem. When we got up around 6:00 AM, there was hard rain, gusts of winds probably over 60 MPH, and the Grand Anse River on the rise.

The rivers here rise and fall very quickly, but we were not expecting to see so much water. By 10:00 AM, the river was almost overflowing the banks here and was up to the path in our yard, which is about 12 feet above normally dry ground and gardens. Several large trees had blown down during gusts of wind. A large bread fruit tree fell into our yard, a large rubber tree fell in our back yard; neither landing on anything. A very, very large rubber tree fell down on the kitchen building in the camp next door! Trees are not quiet when they crack and fall. The walls and floor of the outhouse at the church/school where we work and attend church in Marfranc, fell in after the ground collapsed.

Reports from this area were that no one was hurt, but many animals (mostly horses and cows) were washed away because they were in the river area when the flood hit. Trees destroyed a few roofs, and a few houses on the other side of the river were destroyed by high water.

### Before (on the left).....and after (on the right).

This is the river looking back towards Jeremie from the camp next door to us.



Being there was much more dynamic that these pictures can show. The noise of the rain, the swollen river and the wind was amazing and awesome to watch from a safe place. We can only imagine what it might have been like or sounded like had the eye of the hurricane actually gone over us. God was amazing and protected all of us here and also so many thousands in Port-au-Prince. We are thankful that it was as mild as it was.

This is looking out from our front porch.



On my Facebook page, I have posted several short video that show how fast the river was flowing and what the wind sounded like. It is so hard to describe.

**Before (on the left).....and after (on the right).**

This is the garden area directly in front of our yard. There is a path between us and the garden that is 12 feet below our path. Notice that in the before picture you can't even see the river, but in the after picture you can see the river in the distance.



This picture was taken from our front porch. Normally you can't see a lot of the river and the large trees you see are on the other side of the river bed, in the middle of a garden. The trunks of those trees are covered with about 6–8 ft. of water.

Some of the damage that was sustained during Hurricane Tomas. I do not have pictures of the destroyed plantain groves or all of the debris that was all over the streets and yards.



Left:  
Large Bread Fruit tree that fell in our front yard.

Right:  
Pastor Plaisir's out house that fell "in".



Large rubber tree that fell on the roof of the kitchen at the Baptist camp next door.