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Fire Deal Double Blow to Haiti Family in Atlanta

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ATLANTA -- Johane Ingram is a native of Haiti. In a cruel twist of irony, Ingram will now get a taste of what her Haitian family is going through in earthquake ravaged Port-au-Prince. A fire destroyed Ingram's home early Saturday on Niskey Lake Circle in southwest Atlanta.

"Just the other day my mother and I were talking about putting funds together to send over for supplies," said Ingram. "You're never prepared for anything like this."

A fire captain at the scene told Channel 2 Action News reporter Mike Petchenik that a faulty power meter likely sparked the blaze.

Ingram's husband told Petchenik that he first noticed something was wrong during a power surge at the family's home.

"I stepped outside and I heard a crackling noise," he said.

After firefighters put out the blaze, they said it reignited again hours later.

Now the Ingram's, who have three young children, will have to pick up their own pieces before they can even begin to help devastated relatives overseas.

"Total shock and disbelief," said Johane Ingram.