



# Hearts for Haiti

† Loving Children into the Kingdom

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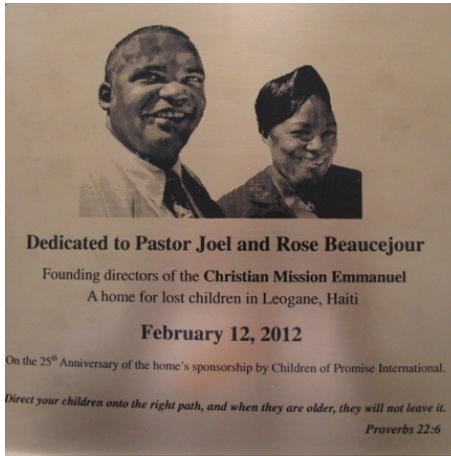
*Oh, Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name;  
make known His deeds among the peoples. Psalm 105:1*

Truly the Lord has blessed Children of Promise Haiti, aka Mission Chritenne Emmanuel. From the Letsch's who traveled to Haiti in 1987 to look for new directors, the families that helped start the ministry, the teams involved in construction right up to those who still go and minister to the children and help maintain and improve the property: **He** has been so good. That was the message shared with the approximately four hundred who worshipped at the compound on Sunday morning, February 12<sup>th</sup>.

The primary purpose of my trip was to assist in the celebration of 25 years of Children of Promise Haiti. The celebration took place at the worship service from 8:30 a.m. to about 11:30 a.m. In years past when we celebrated, the home had a large invitation list with big meals planned for all who attended. This year, refreshments of fried pies and juice were served to all who attended the service. Later that afternoon, the staff and the children had festive style meals served to them. Children's meals consisted of rice and beans along with chicken and a soda. The pictures below record the banquet shared by the children.



During the celebration, Children of Promise International announced that in honor of the dedication and service of Pastor Joel and Rose Beaucejour, the "big white building" would henceforth be known as the **Beaucejour Building**. A plaque was presented and later attached to the building where it can be seen from the top of the steps as you enter the porch (See photos on the next page.)



## HOT LUNCH PROGRAM RETURNS TO THE SCHOOL

The Hot Lunch Program was suspended a few years ago due to lack of funds. Through your contributions, an enclosed area for preparing and serving the food has been constructed, pots, pans, plates, silverware and glasses have been replaced allowing the program to once again provide for mal-nourished children. One hundred thirty lunches were served on the first day. The cost of each lunch was approximately 95 cents. Wow! Look at the pictures and rejoice at the amount of food each child receives. The chart below shows the American dollars it takes to serve lunches each month. That is why we are currently able to serve lunch only one day per week.

### Hot Lunch Calculations

	<u>1/week</u>	<u>2/week</u>	<u>3/week</u>	<u>4/week</u>	<u>5/week</u>
Meals/day	130	260	390	520	650
\$ .95/meal	\$ 123.50	\$ 247.00	\$ 370.50	\$ 494.00	\$ 617.50
Month	\$ 494.00	\$ 988.00	\$1,482.00	\$1,976.00	\$2,470.00

*Based on 4 weeks per month*



“Kitchen” Facilities



Waiting for Lunch



Charcoal Stoves



Staff Preparing the Meals



For Many, this is the ONLY hot meal of the day



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## IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUE THANKS TO OUR DONORS



**Lavatories:** The floor (pad) was repaired and widened.



**Toilets:** Doors were added to give more privacy



**Compound Front Gate:** The rollers were repaired/replaced and the bent rail track was straightened and secured

## THANKS TO OUR FATHER

It is with much praise and thanks to our Lord and many of you who responded to the need voiced in our last *Hearts for Haiti* edition that we can announce, effective March 1, 2012, **all** of the employees and staff at Children of Promise Haiti received an increase in wages and salaries. This was announced to them when the remittance was received in March. We wanted our dedicated staff to know that **Jesus** had heard their prayers and it was **He** who had answered them so nothing was mentioned while I was there. *All thanks be to our Heavenly Father.*

## WAIT UPON THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD

Twenty-two years ago, my wife and I began sponsoring a 7 year old girl whom the Lord led us to in the Haiti home. After seven or eight years there, she had to leave the home. During the last 13 or 14 years, I have inquired about her and no one seemed to know anything about her. Last June, I was told that one of the men knew where she lived. In November, we were reunited with her. She had been in Port au Prince when the earthquake hit and her life was spared. I asked her if she was married and she responded "no, but I have a boyfriend who wants to marry me". In February (on Valentines Day) she was married and I was able to attend her wedding. What a blessing! (Picture on the following page)

*Train up a child in way he should go and when he gets older he shall return to it. Proverbs 22:6*



Wilson and Pastor Nidaud at the wedding of a former home orphan

## ANOTHER MIRACLE

Years ago, Pastor Joel and I contracted with a man to make mattresses for the children. Over the years the mattresses held up really well but we were unsure if the man was still alive. His factory is on the third floor of a building in downtown Port au Prince. Needing new mattresses, we went looking for him only find that the night of the earthquake he was at his seat on the third floor when it hit. His life was spared and we are now replacing mattresses from him as funds allow. They are made of nylon reinforced vinyl, a good quality 3 inch foam pad and are hand sewn for durability. The cost is approximately \$ 60.00 per mattress.

## JABEZ FIELD

Several years ago, land next to the school was purchased and donated for the purpose of helping with the food supply by growing a garden. It worked for a year or so then waned. Recently, Catholic Relief Services from whom we receive some food each month announced that effective this fall, they will discontinue this program. They are now encouraging children's homes to get into the gardening business. Our staff person, Soubner, is excited about the program and has attended several planning seminars to learn how to better manage a garden. We are blessed to already have land that is fenced to begin such a program. Plowing and planting started in May with the hopes of raising many types of food. A tithe of what we grow will be shared with members of the church, other portions will be used to supplement the children's diet, some will be sold to help with the cost of other needs and some will be shared with Soubner for his family's use and income. As we all know, ripe tomatoes, beans, etc. have a short shelf life so being the best stewards of what the Lord provides is wise.



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## BLESSINGS FROM THE LORD—A NEW TRUCK!



It is with great joy and thankfulness to our Lord and so many of you that we include pictures of the new truck purchased with your generous gifts. The truck was delivered in April and is in the shop having a new bed fabricated. The new bed will allow us to transport cargo more privately and will also have a lockable gate on the back so that people cannot just jump in to steal what's there. The staff will now be able to go to Port au Prince and transport goods and teams to and from the home. Words cannot express *Merci* and *Thank You* enough!!!! The Lord is so good to provide through YOU!



***Withhold not good from them to whom it is due,  
when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.***

**Proverbs 3:27 KJV**

With His Word as a guide, I humbly ask some of you to consider a one-time or additional monthly gift to support our workers and teachers. Our elementary free school has over 100 children plus the home children to teach. These 100 additional children come from the community around the home to learn not only the ABC's, math, science, etc., but most importantly - to learn of Jesus and the plan He has for His children. Our workers include those who prepare the meals for the children in the home and those who wash and iron all the clothes and those who oversee the children daily. Each child has only two school uniforms and they need to be washed and ironed for each day of class. Play clothes and church clothes must also be tended to.

***What would the Lord ask of you? Don't ask yourself, ask Him.***

See the reverse side to make credit card contributions or for electronic funds transfers. Or you can call 937-436-5397 and we will assist you in making a donation. Of course, you may send a check and indicate in the memo section or by a note where you want the money to be used.



## — Credit Card Charge Authorization —

06-2012

I (We) authorize *Children of Promise International* to charge my Credit Card in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Begin withdrawals in the month of \_\_\_\_\_ and continue  Monthly  Quarterly  6 Months  Yearly  One-Time

For all commitments currently on record and \_\_\_\_\_

Visa  Mastercard  Discover

Charge on the  1<sup>st</sup>  25<sup>th</sup> day of the month

Card No: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV Code: \_\_\_\_\_

(CVV Code is the 3-digit number on the back near the signature block)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Send this form to: Children of Promise, 6844 Loop Rd., Centerville, OH 45459 ❖ Fax to (937) 438-4972 ❖ Email to [Accounting@promise.org](mailto:Accounting@promise.org)



## — Electronic Funds Transfer Authorization —

06-2012

I (We) authorize *Children of Promise International* to withdraw funds from my account in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Begin withdrawals in the month of \_\_\_\_\_ and continue  Monthly  Quarterly  6 Months  Yearly  One-Time

For all commitments currently on record and \_\_\_\_\_

*(List additional children, homes, missionaries, etc. you wish to support)*

Withdraw Funds from  Checking or  Savings Account

On the  5<sup>th</sup>  20<sup>th</sup>  Other \_\_\_\_\_ day of the month.

I (We) understand that this withdrawal will continue until I (we) notify Children of Promise International to change or cancel the automated withdrawal.

**WE MUST HAVE A VOIDED CHECK OR DEPOSIT SLIP TO WITHDRAW FUNDS!**

I (We) acknowledge the origination of ACH/EFT transactions from my (our) account must comply with the provisions of U.S. law

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### The Lord has asked me to help COPI Haiti by:

- Increasing my monthly support to \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for each child/worker or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for my sponsored project(s)
- Providing a  monthly  One-time  Other: \_\_\_\_\_ donation for \_\_\_\_\_
- Sponsoring a new  girl's home or  boy's home for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per  Month  Year  One-time  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Helping to purchase a new vehicle with a contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode: \_\_\_\_\_

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