Liberté Ministries

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A Ministry overseen by Petersville Church of Christ

"Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes – – –" (Mark 9:37)

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We talked about the "hunger bench" last year. Praise God all of you rose to the need, collected quarters, and made other contributions enabling us to banish the hunger bench from Bonnette School. Even little Oakley (May 2021) gave her life savings to help the children.

Before this food program became a reality, 70% of the children came to school in the morning without having any breakfast at home. After two hours in class some of them would leave class and actually lie down on the bench beside the office because they were so hungry.

Pictured here are some of the school's staff preparing today's lunch; a peanut butter sandwich and juice. Some days they serve rice and beans and canned fish. Sometimes we are able to serve rice, beans, and hot dogs.

To God be the glory, your faithful support last year put this scripture into practice for 430 plus children. We believe this is one of the foundation stones for a better future in Haiti.

All of the kids and staff in Haiti are more grateful than words will allow me to express. We will be announcing this year's campaign in the near future.





It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. **(Galatians 5:1)**

Mission

Our mission is to help all of our "neighbors" live in the dignity given to mankind when we were created in the image of God. Our desired outcome is that when children "graduate" from Harry's Home at age 18 they will be physically spiritually, intellectually, and emotionally healthy; educationally and vocationally equipped to live a full life as a valued productive member of the Bonnette community.



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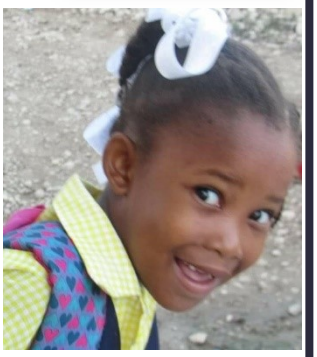


We are on the Web at liberteministries.org

Pray

Give

Go



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
(Matthew 19:14)

"Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders – – –"

(James 5:14)

Members of the Croix de Bouquet Church are seen here rallying around a church member in her hospital room. She has no family so, in the spirit of James 5, these sisters and brother are her best hope. Let me share what I mean.



If they had a car, these folks could travel to a hospital within a twenty-five to thirty minute drive. However, in Haiti there is approximately one physician per 4,273 people. That is about one tenth the medical coverage that we experience in Alabama.

Haitians generally have no health insurance. There are essentially no government assistance programs. Nearly all of the $13.00 per person the government spends on health care is invested in facilities. 98% of medical care is provided on a "direct payment" at point of service basis. So if anyone like this woman goes to the doctor or hospital, she will be expected to count out the cash for the services she receives.

With average income of about $3.00 per day, a doctor visit costs almost six days, or a week's income, for an average Haitian. A night's room and board in a hospital costs about nine days income. (According to World Health Organization). In the US the cost of a doctor visit averages less than one day's income and a night in the hospital averages about two days' income.

To many of us, when Paul tells us in Galatians 6:2 to "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ," we are reading about an excellent Biblical principle that we should apply to our lives in order to be closer to God.

On the other hand, the members of the Croix de Bouquet church read that same passage and to them it is far more than just a distant principle. For them, Paul is talking about the daily reality of sharing their brothers' and sisters' struggle for subsistence.

That is why we are all SO grateful to all of you who live by Philippians 2:3b-4 Paul writes, "– – – Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests – – – "

Thank you so much for caring about the precious people.

Truth & Secret in Haiti's Creole Proverbs



Bèf plizyè mèt mouri grangou.

A cow of many masters dies of hunger.

When no one is assigned responsibilty , the job doesn't get done.