



# Hearts for Haiti

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## EMMANUEL: GOD WITH US

*For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour,  
who is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2:11)*

As the Advent season was approaching, two teams traveled to minister to the children of COPI Haiti - and did they! The first team came from Lighthouse Bible Church in Columbia Station, Ohio. From sun up to after sundown, they gave themselves tirelessly to the business of making life better for the children. For many years the children kept their clothes under mattresses or hanging on the bed frames. When this team left to go home, each of the children had a cubicle to call his or her own! In addition, the older girls had a cabinet with a rod on which to hang their dresses. As the cabinet was carried into the room, the two girls who were in the room burst into tears of joy. In addition, two of the three houses donated by Catholic Relief Services that were made of plywood and painted with latex paint had received two coats of oil based paint to help extend the life of the buildings. The team dining area and the hallway both received fresh paint and the team distributed many pairs of Crocs® that were donated by their congregation. They also spent three afternoons with the children doing craft projects.

The second team from Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Kettering, Ohio refurbished the dining room tables and made new benches for them. For the first time in many years, the children could eat together while seated. The team also completed painting the buildings. Their afternoon projects centered around Advent and looking forward to the celebration of Jesus' birthday - Christmas.



## COPI HAITI celebrates 25 years

Twenty-five years ago, the Lord began a ministry in Haiti that has touched many lives. We thank those who had the vision for Haiti as an area in which to open a children's home. We also remember and thank those who traveled to Haiti to recruit, open and build the orphanage.

We think of children who have been taught about Jesus, educated in school, learned a trade and how to live with others. Then we remember the parents of those children who found a place where their children could be cared for and loved. What a comfort this must have been for them. Their children will survive!

Next, I think of the team members who have ministered to the children in craft projects, music, and physical labor making the compound a more comfortable place in which to live. If a person goes on the mission field and returns home the same person he was when he left, then woe unto him. To all of you, Children of Promise International, COPI Haiti and I say ***"Merci, Bene swell Littenell!" Thank you - Praise the Lord!*** I, too, can't even begin to tell you how much this ministry as done for me personally. If you had told me in December of 1987 that I would be serving my Lord on the mission field, on the Board of Directors, and in the office, I would have told you that you had me mixed up with someone else. My, what the Holy Spirit can do! Then to have a wife who supports me at home and joins me in Haiti for this cause is such a blessing. ***Thank you, Jesus.***

One of the greatest needs in operating a home for children is reliable transportation. The first twelve years were difficult as we never knew whether or not our vehicles would start, run normally or overheat or get us home. God provided two new vehicles for the home in

1999. One is completely out of service and the other cannot meet the needs of the home today.

The Daihatsu truck that is used for all transportation and collections must be replaced soon. It is the lifeblood of the homes as it takes workers to market and Food for the Poor, children to the hospital when they are injured or sick, picking up and returning teams to the airport, hauling building supplies and taking the children to the beach and any number of other jobs too numerous to list.

I have mentioned this before and many of you have responded: the vehicle fund has about \$35,000.00 for the purchase of a new truck. Our best estimate of the cost of purchasing a new vehicle and having a bed made and installed is between \$40,000.00 and \$45,000.00. The Daihatsu brand has now been replaced with a Hino brand. Yes, there are other manufacturers, but the service we have received from our current truck and what we see in Haiti convinces us that we should stay with a tried and true manufacturer.

The bed for the truck needs to be more secure than the one we now have. We cannot lock it when it is loaded with merchandise, food, clothing, etc. and the upright posts are not close enough together to keep thieves from jumping on or reaching in to take items as we travel. The bed also needs to be enclosed at the rear with a gate that can be locked. The standard bed is only eight to ten inches tall and provides no protection at all.

Please pray for the Lord's will in purchasing a new vehicle and whether or not He is asking you to help financially. We put our faith and trust in Him to provide even before we ask but ask as He has commanded us to do.

## FOR YOUR PRAYER AND CONSIDERATION

I am asking you to consider becoming one of thirty Haiti contributors to increase your monthly support by \$10-\$20 per month. Alternatively (or in addition to) being one of those thirty that are able to increase your contributions to improve His children's lives, perhaps you will consider enlisting one other person or family to join you in His ministry. By letting others know of your prayers and contributions to support the children in Haiti, you can further the work of providing a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, educating, feeding, clothing, and providing medical care for those who have nothing.

What will your increased support accomplish? It will make it possible to give the staff that cooks, washes, irons, and cares for the children day in and day out a chance to receive a \$10.00 per month increase. These workers endure heat and rain to provide for the children.



Can you imagine washing this many or more clothes each day in a pan like this, then having them ironed for school the next day, or cooking in 90 - 105 degree heat over a charcoal fire three meals a day for about 55 people?



Your generosity will also help pay the teachers at the school another few dollars a month or it will provide better food, more protein, or better clothes for them. The three directors in charge of COPI Haiti could also be given a little more for the constant care they take of the children. It's been a few years since many of them received a raise and like everywhere, the cost of living continues to increase!

## MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM SPONSOR'S GIFTS



Whether it be girls or boys, young or old children in any country are grateful to sponsors who provide funds so that they may receive a gift.



Christmas is one of a few days a year that feasts are enjoyed. As you can see, the portions are large and there is an ample supply of meat. Smiles show the joy that comes with the food.



Donors begin sending contributions in October and early November so that the funds can be remitted in the November to purchases of gifts while prices are lower than they are closer to Christmas. It also gives the staff an idea of how to plan the dinners for all.



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## — Credit Card Charge Authorization —

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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## — Electronic Funds Transfer Authorization —

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

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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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