



## Emergency Response

Donating is such a personal, private but important thing in each of our lives that it should never be taken lightly. Luke 6:30 says "*Give to everyone who asks of you, and whoever takes away what is yours, do not demand it back.*" A powerful admonition, but how do each of us interpret this in terms of practical application in our lives. As the directors of Haiti Mission, Faie and I along with the board of directors always approach inviting people to support the activities of Haiti Mission with prayerful discernment, responsibility and a knowledge that each of you are receiving lots of solicitations. That's why when new needs arise which would require additional funding, we always pray and discuss those before we present those to you for your consideration. Some things are clearly outside of our capabilities. Other things are just as clear that we are being called to stretch a little more. One of those situations was with the emergency that arose in Haiti this summer. As much as we possibly thought that our circumstances here in South Louisiana and to various degrees throughout the United States were dire, it was clear that there was nothing even closely resembling the disaster that was occurring in Haiti. So, in the midst of our hardship and difficulty, we sent out an appeal to stretch and share. The response was very gratifying. Up to now we have collected \$15,000 in funds earmarked specifically for emergency disaster relief and considerably more in additional funds to further develop other projects which were in various stages. One other thing which this emergency made clear to us was the absolute necessity of developing funding for a feeding program for our children. We can put it off no longer; so please read the article in this edition about our "*Feed the Children – One Meal at a Time*" for more details. Before you do you might want to use Luke 6:30 as your Lectio Divina for a day. Be assured of our prayers for all of you and the fact that whatever you do is so greatly appreciated and multiplied in such an incredible way.

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### One Child at a Time...One Meal at a Time

"I wish there were an end to world hunger, but what can I do?" That question has entered all of our minds, probably many times in our lives. Deacon Lloyd reported at our October meeting that the Haitian children were still leaving school after lunchtime with empty stomachs with the prospect of little or no food at home. It was his hope that we begin feeding the children one meal a month. With 750 children, couldn't they be fed a healthy meal for \$1?



This month the Haiti Mission, Inc. will kick-off their campaign to provide one meal at a time, one child at a time. Our immediate goal is to find 37 families to donate \$20 a month. Wouldn't this be a wonderful Christmas gift for the children? And wouldn't it be a magnificent Easter gift to present the children with two meals monthly? We all have too many bills, but we usually spend \$20 on burgers and fries at least once a month. Why not donate that money to the children. Our ultimate goal is to provide 2 meals weekly for each child, but we will need 300 donors. Each family which commits to participation will receive a picture of the Haitian children they are feeding. Can this work? Of course! Look what we've already accomplished.

You have all done so much. At this bountiful time of year, if you are able to stretch a little more and sacrifice a little more, let's feed one child at a time, one meal at a time.

Call Kay Dugruise, project chairman, at 985-446-9603, 985-414-0049 or email her at [kayfun@charter.net](mailto:kayfun@charter.net) today or send your commitment to our business office. Just send a note with your gift if you would like monthly reminder envelopes.



### **Solar Pump Maintenance**

One of the draw backs of solar pumps in Haiti is the initial expense. Depending on the depth of the well, the amount of water desired and the location of the well, a solar system can be anywhere from twice to four times the amount of a manual pump system. A few of the benefits are that a solar system can pump much more water than a manual pump in a shorter period of time, it generally requires much less maintenance and the maintenance can be done with manpower without the necessity of a service truck. Here you can see Gary Lirette supervising some maintenance being done on the solar pump system which is installed at the

compound where the mission teams stay when they visit Haiti and from where most of the mission activities occurring in the region are coordinated.

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Greetings