



FEEDING HAITI

Due to the great need in Haiti for food we ask that you consider how you and your family can contribute financially to help meet the needs of families in Haiti who are starving. We are asking if each family in our congregation would consider making a one time or weekly contribution over the next several months. Donate to Haiti ONLINE at www.immanuelseymour.com Or drop your donation off in the Feeding Haiti box in the narthex.

Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church & School

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Grace and Peace to you from our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! We pray that this update on God's ministry in Haiti finds you well. We are thankful to our God for all His blessings and healing during this pandemic. If we are still alive, it is not because we are better than the others, but because of God's unconditional grace. He has a plan for every one of us; if we keep silent, the stones will cry out in praise (Luke 19:40). We are sure that "we will not die but live and tell what the Lord has done. The Lord sharply corrected us but didn't let us die" (psalm 118:17-18).

Church activities resumed on July 12, and this Monday, August 10, all the schools have reopened. As you can imagine, it is challenging to embrace this new reality. New structures need to be put in place as we learn daily and improve our methods. We rescheduled all classes to reduce the number of children present at once. There are a number of challenges that prevent us from properly functioning. It is extremely warm right now; the kids/students who have their mask on cannot keep it for long, and others don't own a mask. We're trying to do what we can; however, the situation is overwhelming. We are continuously working to see if and how we can save the academic school year: 2019-2020. Schools will close on October 30 and reopen on November 9 for the academic school year 2020-2021. At church we have two worships on Sunday morning: the first is from 8:00 am to 9:15 a.m. and the second from 9:30 to 10:30. Wearing a mask is also challenging during service as the warm temperature is very intense. Some of the members don't wear a mask, which can potentially be very dangerous.

We want to take this time to thank you for all your prayers and support as you allow us to make a difference in the community. We know that the pandemic is challenging for people all over the world economically and physically. Many people die of starvation, and some do not survive the impacts of Covid-19. We want to thank you for continuous support through such hard times. On behalf of the needy in our church community it would be such a blessing to help us purchase at least 2500 masks for schools and churches. Food is also a concern, and we would like to ask for some food for the needy. It would be a blessing and would allow us to better serve those whose care God has entrusted to us. The masks and the food would give a total of \$7,500 US. This will allow us to provide a pair of masks to those who need it as some don't own a mask, and others only use that one mask every day. There is a shortage of food in our community, and your assistance would allow us to provide support to those in need.

Regardless of all the changes and limitations, we enjoy doing what we do in his honor; it is a privilege to be God's instruments. The pandemic teaches us many lessons. But no matter the circumstances, we believe God is in control and has the whole world in his hand. Thank you for all you do, and may our Heavenly Father continue to bless us all!

Pastor Thomas Bernard