

Dear Brothers in Jesus Christ,

I praise God that the LCMC is supporting various Ministries of the Lutheran Church of Haiti. Among those there is the school feeding in which three people and two congregations are supporting each a school with \$250 US a month. Now we have five schools being supported by congregations and people in the LCMC. As I said in my previous report to you, the school feeding program got started las February the 1rst, 2004 at a very difficult time. The feeding program is about providing one meal a day to the children in the school Monday through Friday during ten months of the school year as the government recently decide that the school year should be 10 months instead of 9.

For this paricular feeding program in Which the LCMC Churches and people have been supporting, we have Director that has been hired by the Artibonite District to oversee the program in order that the goals of the program be achieved, which is to show the children and their parents Jesus' love while getting the community involves into the program through their gifts and time to help cook the food. The local Church is also using the feeding program as an outreach tool in terms of inviting the Parents to regular Church activities in the community.

A great blessing the beneficiary schools have experienced concerning this feeding program is a tremendous growth taking place both at the school and the local congregation levels. It is like life is coming back in those schools because the children are having the hope they will be fed before going back home. This is making lots of difference. The meal that a school is serving to the children is the only one the children will get. They parents are so poor that they can't afford to provide daily meals to their children. That's why they (the children) won't miss a school day because they won't have anything at home besides the meal they eat at school.

Another interesting aspect of the feeding program is the teachers and the cooks are eating also. So the food is for the children, but the teachers that are volunterres to pray and make sure the children wash their hand before each meal are also allowed to eat. In each school of the five schools there are two volunteer cooks from the community.

The school feeding program Director is making two visits a month to each one of the five schools to make sure that the food is being cooked on behalf of the children and that only those that are allowed to eat should eat, not the people in the community.

The feeding program is doing great. God has used your monthly support to bless lots of children and I pray that next year each one of you that is supporting a school will be able to come down for at least three days to visit that particular school you are sponsoring. In case you know a friend that would like to sponsor a school let me know.

Now I do have pictures for each one of the school you are sponsoring. All the pictures show the children that are eating in that particular school you are sponsoring. These pictures were taken on the first meal served last February. It took us a while to get the pictures developed but now they are available.

Please send me your postal address so that I can mail the pictures to you as well as two months financial report on how the funds you are providing are being used.

Once again thanks a lot for your support to the school feeding program. Remember that pictures of the school you are sponsoring are available. Please get me your address so that I can mail those to you ASAP.

In Christ' service,

Rev. Revenel Benoit