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Dear Friend in Christ,

I am so grateful for you. I bring you three stories of children whose lives you have radically transformed in Haiti.

What you have done for them, your partnership, prayers, and generous support, will echo into eternity. Thank you!

Just a few weeks ago, I was in Haiti to meet with staff. I was also able to spend some time with several children, to learn how Mission To Haiti (MTH) has changed their lives, and how they feel about you. **Their responses were inspiring!**

First there is Sperantha, in 11th grade. In her early years, she was hungry, didn't know if she would ever finish school and had a constant, nagging fear that she would end up at the mercy of the Haitian Voodoo culture, be victimized by a gang, or even be forced into prostitution. (Sadly, all three are very common.)

Not long after enrolling in an MTH school, a Sunday School class in the U.S. agreed to sponsor her. Her fears and anxiety turned to joy. You see, the mother of this precious girl did not have the means to feed her and her siblings, much less to help Sperantha realize her dreams. Her mother's only income was being a street vendor selling cola. Her father had suffered a stroke, unable to work.

Because she has been sponsored, Sperantha is receiving regular meals. Not only has she been given food at school, but she's been fed spiritually. In November 2019, she received Christ! And there is more ... much more.

After dedicating her life to Christ, this young woman is aspiring to become a medical professional, a great need in Haiti. She wants to be a doctor or a nurse to give back to her community!

From fear of being victimized by gangs, Voodoo, suffering from malnourishment, or falling into sexual slavery, this young woman's life has been totally transformed. Thank you so much!



This photo brings me joy. That is Sperantha on the right, in class. She was hungry, facing a life of being malnourished. She feared gangs or being forced into prostitution to survive financially. But you intervened. You prayed for her. You fed her! You led her to Christ! Now, she has a goal to become a doctor or nurse. This is the power of love, of food, of intervention, the power to help Haitians transform their own nation. For all you have done, and to her sponsors, I say thank you!

I also spent time with Pierre. He has been attending an MTH school since the third grade. But his life could have easily taken a different course.



There is life in Pierre's eyes instead of sickness or death. Today, he is Dean of Students, walks with Christ, and is so grateful for you and his sponsors. Coming from a poor family with 6 children, he was fed through his MTH school. He is one of many young people who have been nourished, educated, and now are going on to influence their nation for Christ. Glory be to God and thank you for all you have done!

A few years ago, his cousin was involved with Voodoo and it is believed succumbed to a curse and died. Voodoo is very real here. Soon after his death, Pierre attended a party with the wrong friends, and was suddenly hit by a Voodoo curse himself. He saw a blinding flash of light and felt sick immediately.

Pierre's parents were at a loss. They watched him lose weight by the day, growing weaker and weaker. His eyes grew dim. They came to realize that he was suffering a spiritual sickness.

They turned to God and began praying over Pierre. A pastor visited the house to pray with him as well. Having heard the Gospel for many years at the MTH school, Pierre received Christ. The chains were broken. Almost immediately, he began to heal, and his strength returned.

Today, Pierre is 20 years old. He has become the Dean of Students at the very MTH school from which he graduated. Coming from a large, poor family, he is adamant that if he hadn't attended the MTH school, been sponsored and fed on a regular basis, his life would

be drastically different. He says he would have likely joined a gang or fallen to Voodoo. Instead, he is helping to influence all the young students at his school. Pierre told me: ***"It is an honor to serve the school that gave and continues to give me so much."***

And one more thing, like Sperantha, Pierre wants to go into medicine. He plans to enroll in medical school and become a doctor. Again, this is the fruit of your partnership. Thank you!

Lastly, I want to tell you about Dynia (pronounced Deen-ia). What an amazing young woman! She is a confident, educated, wife and mother of three. She began attending an MTH school and was sponsored in 1994 as a preschooler. She says of sponsorship that it was a gift that *"exceeded every expectation."* Dynia came to the Lord in her second year at the school. Her sponsor, Harold, has joined with me on MTH mission teams, so Dynia was able to meet him in person, a bond that she values deeply.

When I talked with Dynia, she cringed to think what her life might have been like without the MTH school, the meals and education she received. She too feared she might have resorted to prostitution, a common trap, and she's certain that MTH, and especially her sponsors, saved her from a life of hopelessness and despair.

Today, she beams when she talks about her passion to serve the Lord. And she has become a nurse! Recently, Dynia felt the call to full-time ministry, ministering to women and children. She is leading a Bible study at her home alongside her husband and three children.

But I must tell you that a shadow did fall across Dynia's face when talking about her father, Roody. Yes, he was instrumental in making sure his daughter attended school, because he couldn't afford to educate or feed her otherwise. But to this day, Roody is a Voodoo witchdoctor.

So, with my letter, I want to pass on her request. She has asked the entire MTH supporting family to pray for him, that Roody will come to the Lord, turn from darkness, and find life. In Jesus' name we pray!

I hope you have been encouraged as I have told you about these three young Christians. They all come from poverty, from hunger, from a culture that desperately needs Christ. And one thing they all have in common: **they were fed at a Mission To Haiti school.**

This is what drew them, a key factor in why their parents enrolled them. Their families could not afford to feed them properly, but because of you, they received nutritious meals, ending their malnutrition, enabling them to focus on their studies, not their empty stomachs. Thus free, they learned and grew, and many do come to Christ.

This brings me to a reason I'm writing this month. Yes, I hope to encourage you through my letters, that you might learn all that your partnership means. But I also want to invite your greater involvement in transforming lives in Haiti.

You see, more and more families want to send their children to an MTH school (there are 15 MTH schools so far in Haiti!). Neighbors so often see the profound difference in the children who attend, as they thrive and grow. **We see it too—feeding these little ones provides the foundation for transformed lives, winning trust, and building the leaders of tomorrow.**

Perhaps you remember in my March letter how I shared the vision of Pastor Junior. He oversees the MTH school at Lestere and wants to expand to accommodate hundreds more children. Of those who enroll he estimates that 40 percent will be made new in Christ. **Feeding is the first step, requiring capacity to feed more children.**

This is why nearly all the MTH schools need to upgrade their capacity, by upgrading their kitchens with new and larger stoves, pots, bowls, and feeding utensils. The needs vary by school and kitchen, but my best estimate is that one kitchen for one school can be upgraded for a cost of \$2,500.



Rather than languishing on meager meals—all their parents can afford—instead of suffering from malnutrition, these students benefit as they are given daily nutritious meals. Now, able to learn and grow, to benefit from leadership modeled by great MTH teachers, from hearing the Gospel, their lives and families are changing. From these young people will come leaders of tomorrow who will join with you to help transform Haiti for Christ.

This amount will provide all the currently needed upgrades.

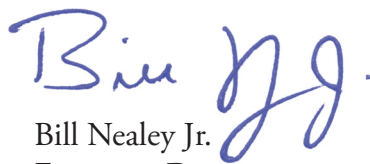
Again, it varies by school (some are quite primitive to our western eyes), but in the semesters ahead, hundreds more children can be fed through each school and kitchen. **The result can be many more Speranthas, Pierres and Dynias—the leaders of tomorrow who will help transform their nation.**

Would you feel led to upgrade one kitchen, according to your ability, for a gift of \$2,500? Perhaps you can upgrade two kitchens by a generous gift of \$5,000. Doing so could be a meaningful project for your church, Sunday School class, or extended family.

Of course, not all of us have those kinds of resources. You can also help individually through a gift of \$50, \$100 or \$250, as God has blessed you. We have the buildings, the schools, and the people ready and waiting to cook—and **students waiting to enroll**. Only the funds are needed. However, as the Lord may lead you, give as you are able.

In closing, we are honored to be your hands and feet here in Haiti. It has been my pleasure to bring you the good news of what you have done. Pray for Dynia's father Roody to turn from Voodoo. Pray for the schools and the funds needed to greatly expand. May God bless you abundantly as we go forth together lifting Haiti up in His name.

For the People of Haiti,



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P.S. God truly has His hand on the children of Haiti. You are feeding little ones. Lives are being saved, whole families are coming to Christ. But millions more are yet to be reached. As soon as the needed funds are received, this ministry expansion of the kitchens can begin. You can designate your gift to feed children, to supply the kitchens with much needed food, stoves, bowls, and utensils. And you can also sponsor a child. Many are waiting. Please visit missiontohaiti.org. The reputation of the MTH schools continues to build and draw families wanting their children to enroll. Your gift will help enable each school to open their doors to feed many more, to lead them to Christ. If you can, please send your gift by June 30, 2022. That will enable staff to purchase and install the equipment to be ready for the Fall semester. You can also give via credit card at missiontohaiti.org/shinelight. **You can also give by calling (305) 823-7516.** Thank you, and God's best to you.