



HAITIAN OUTREACH January 2019 Newsletter

January is Haitian Outreach Month at St. Bernard Parish @ St. Camillus Church, Fitchburg

We will have collection bins at the entrances of the church to collect school supplies, backpacks and children's clothing and shoes. The parish is always very generous to Haitian Outreach and we are grateful because it makes a difference in the lives of the children we minister to. Many thanks.

2019 Trip to Haiti!

A group of 12 will be leaving early March 2019 for a week in Haiti. We will see 302 children and deliver their backpacks. One volunteer is monitoring our processes as he will model our program for children in Liberia. We wish him well!

Pray for a safe and successful trip.

Electric Upgrade at St. Marie

Donations and Fund raisers will allow us to purchase an electric up-grade at St. Marie for our use when we visit. It will enable us to keep the refrigerator and another appliance plugged in at the same time! Hurrah Thank you for your generous donations!

Sponsors Needed We are always in need of new sponsors for the children. Sponsors can change from year to year and we always have some children in need of a permanent sponsor. If you know

anyone who is interested in changing the life of a child in Haiti, and help to move them out of poverty by helping them to get an education, please contact Pauline 978-407-4397.

19 College Students! We started September 2018 with sponsorship for 19 college students. Haitian Outreach will support 5 students going to university in Haiti with Grant Funding and 14 sponsors agreed to help their students attend higher education! We will see these students in March and deliver their backpacks. This is amazing! Who would have thought— attending a University was a possibility!

Location! Location! Location! As of November 30th we moved our stock out of the property on Water St., Fitchburg. We are still looking for a viable new location with heat and running water. We have our supplies stored in different places for the winter. We continue to search any resource to find a kind person to allow us to do our work for the children in Haiti. If you know of anyone who has approx. 2,000 sq. ft. that we can use to prepare our backpacks, please call Deacon John at 978-618-9323. We are willing to pay utilities and rent can be taken as a tax deduction. We are a tax deductible non-profit organization.

New Collaboration Deacon John and Pauline continue to meet with organizations in the local area who are excited to work with us to fund raise and collect school supplies that we can send to our schools. St. Bernard's High School will be soliciting and collecting school supplies in January. 3rd Grade at the Elementary school already collaborate with us.

Shipments to Haiti Our first shipment left in August – 126 bins and our second shipment left in October-62 bins. The first shipment arrived safely. Recently received word that our second shipment has arrived and is safely waiting for our arrival to distribute to the children.

MANY THANKS!

We cannot begin to list the volunteers, donors and supporters who give us the means to continue this beautiful ministry. Seeing the faces of the children is heartwarming and we wish you could all be with us to see your sponsor child in person. We truly are making a difference in their lives and the schools we serve.

Wishing you Peace and Joy in the New Year!

What We Are Collecting

In addition to our school supplies we are also collecting, cans of chicken, tuna, hams and silver or plastic ware for our schools.

Mandatory Items we place in Backpacks we build:

1. NEW DRESS SHOES
2. 1 PR. SANDALS OR FLIP-FLOPS
3. 2-BARS OF SOAP (LADIES PREFER IVORY)
4. 2-WASHCOTHES
5. TOOTHBRUSHES & TOOTHPASTE
6. SHAMPOO (NO CONDITIONER)
7. 5-WIRE BOUND NOTEBOOKS
8. TEENS ALSO GET A COMPOSITION BOOK
9. 1-PKG PENCILS
10. 10-PKG BLACK PENS
11. 1-PKG OF BLUE PENS
12. ERASERS
13. RULER
14. SMALL PENCIL SHARPENER
15. HAIR PICK , BRUSH, COMBS
16. DEODORANT
17. SMALL DRY ERASE BOARD
18. 2-PRS OF WHITE OR BLACK ANKLE SOCKS
19. JARS OF VASALINE

Suggestions of Other Items We Include In Backpacks:

- Coloring books
- crayons/markers/colored pencils
- Small purse, or scarf
- String of beads
- Scissors - any size
- 1-2 lbs. bags of Rice and Beans
- Small Mirrors
- Lip gloss
- Deck of cards
- Jewelry/earrings/necklace or bracelet, watches
- Individually wrapped candy or lollipops
- Girl or boy toys/jump ropes, jacks, dolls, soccer or basketballs
- Calculators
- Sewing kits
- Nail kit and polish
- Journal or small notebook
- Underwear-children-girls or boys-teens
- Sun hat or baseball caps

We are also collecting arts and crafts for our older students age 14 y.o. and over to place in their backpacks.

Haitian Outreach believes that "Education is Key" "If you teach them...they will grow"