Liberté Ministries

November 2021

A Ministry overseen by Petersville Church of Christ

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. **(Galatians 5:1)**

Mission

Our mission is to help all of our "neighbors" live in the dignity given to mankind when we were created in the image of God. Our desired outcome is that when children "graduate" from Harry's Home at age 18 they will be physically spiritually, intellectually, and emotionally healthy; educationally and vocationally equipped to live a full life as a valued productive member of the Bonnette community.

Keelie Flaps Her Wing

Over 50 years ago, Edward Lorenz posed a question: "Does the flap of a butterfly's wings in Brazil set off a tornado in Texas?" Lorenz was a mild mannered metrology professor, who discovered the chaos theory. Without going into great detail, Lorenz understood that small movements in one part of the world could make a big difference in another part of the world. Allow me to introduce you to 10 year old Keelie Rogers, who "flapped her tiny wings" in Columbia TN, and made a big difference for children in Haiti.

Keelie was moved with compassion to help children she'd never met. One day a family friend arrived for a visit and brought Keelie, and her brother and sister a copy of a little book called, "Lovely's Story". This little book, produced by Liberté Minsitries, explains the daily life and needs of children in Haiti. Keelie read the book to her brother Kyzer, and after reading, with big tears in her eyes, she looked up at her grandmother and said, "BeBe, I want to send Lovely a doll.

BeBe replied, "Keelie, Lovely is much older now and I'm sure she's too old for a doll."

"Then what can I do?", she asked. BeBe said, "What about sending 'Blessing Bags' for Christmas?" BeBe explained how Blessing Bags are sent to children in Haiti so they will have a gift for Christmas. She explained that children in Haiti often don't even have a pencils for school, or clothes, or even a Bible. She told Keelie, this is a way you can help and make a difference.

Keelie's eyes lit up with excitement. She talked to her mom and shared what she wanted to do. Her mom encouraged her, but said, "Keelie, this is your project. You have to handle it all."

Armed with a list of possible Blessing Bag items, Keelie went to the Elders of the Highland Church of Christ and ask for a meeting. They met with her and she explained what she'd like to do, she told them about "Lovely" and they encouraged her to proceed. Keelie distributed list and the entire congregation got involved bringing candy, toys, flip flops and t-shirts. Everyone was excited to help!

Keelie began with a goal of 20 Blessing Bags. In the end, she and her cousin, Clara, with the help of many church members were able to fill 40 bags!

This is such a testament to what one flap of a tiny wing in one part of the world can do in another part of the world. If a 10 year old girl in Columbia, TN, sees a need and can make such a significant impact, what could we all do working together?

Keelie is motivated to do more. Once the bags were filled, she looked up at her grandmother and said, "What's next?"

Her next goal, fill coin cards to help raise funds for Liberte Ministries to banish the hunger bench.

Thank you Keelie for being a servant of Christ and showing us by your example what it means to "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." **Matthew 5:16** | Debbie Dupuy 10/24/21

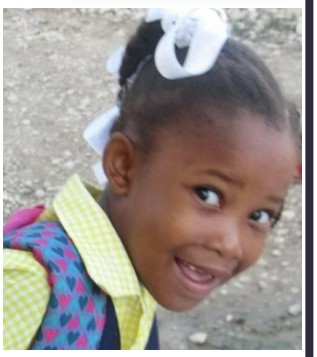
Liberté Ministries
6870 County Road 200
Florence, AL, 35633
(256) 366-7970
arvy@haitisbs.com

We are on the Web at liberteministries.org

Pray

Give

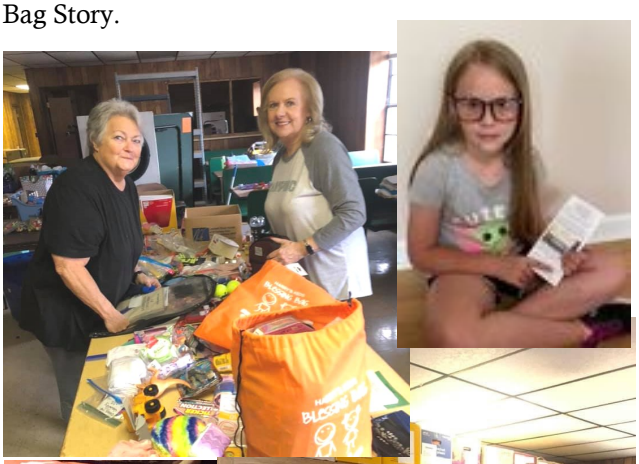
Go

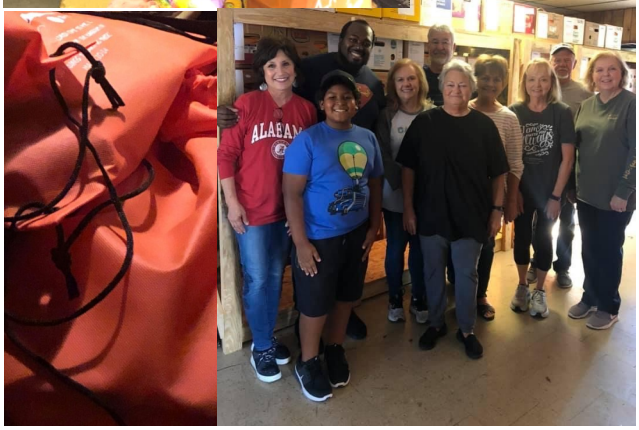


Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
(Matthew 19:14)

Blessing Bags, Blessing Bags, More Blessing Bags

We just told you about the terrific impact that little Keelie had with an idea and a little love; well a lot of love. But, there is much, much more to this year's Blessing Bag Story.





I wish that I could individually list everyone who helped, but first of all I don't have enough space and second of all I'd surely miss someone. Then I'd be in trouble; *again.*

Here is what I can say: THANK YOU to the 30 or so congregations who were involved and everyone who contributed blessings, packed bags, filled cartons, or loaded vehicles. And we need to give a HUGE THANK YOU to Harry Hames for, once again spearheading the operation.

This year Liberté Ministries will ship 6,300 pounds of Blessings in 1,061 Blessing Bags to Haiti for Christmas.

We will talk about school supplies in another edition.

Kidnapping Update

I am writing this on the 12th day since the kidnapping of 17 Christian Missionaries took place in Haiti . The situation remains critical. A demand for $17,000,000 has been made. The sponsoring mission asks for your continued prayers.

This case should be of great concern to Christians everywhere. Join us in praying for the victims, various government officials and law enforcement who are now involved in this case. Pray that God will grant them strength, faith, and wisdom.

The Christian Aid Ministries has posted: "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God" (**Philippians 4:6**).

Truth & Secret in Haiti's Creole Proverbs

Pito ou solda nan parade ou pa chèff nan lanfè.

Better to be a soldier in paradise than a chief in hell.

Happiness is better than power.