Liberté Ministries

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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.

2022 UNA Christian Student Center Peanut Butter Drive

*** * * There Are Changes to This Year's Drive * * ***

Each year the UNA Christian Student Center coordinates a peanut butter drive for the children in Haiti. This year the focus is on collecting funds vs actual jars of peanut butter. Because of this we are extending the deadline and providing the opportunity to make contributions on-line. You may make a contribution directly my mailing the check to Liberte' Ministries 6870 County Road 200 Florence, Al 35633. Or by giving securely on-line at liberteministries.org; simply click the **GIVE** button in the upper right corner. Please indicate on your check or on-line donation it is for the UNA Christian Student Center Drive. Contributions will be open until August 15th.

Why Peanut Butter?

Many times when we bring up missions, kids, and Haiti, the first thing that people say is, "Oh yah that's the annual peanut butter drive." Peanut butter collection have been a hallmark of the work in Haiti for almost as long as anyone can remember; but why?

According to the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), statistically about 510,000 of Haitian children are in households that are "severely food insecure," meaning they have run out of food and likely have gone one or more days without eating.

In 1916 George Washington Carver published 105 ways to prepare peanuts, including peanut butter. It is an inexpensive, highly portable, fairly non-perishable, source of high quality protein. That is why it has been a mainstay of missions in Haiti for many years.

Historically the cost of peanut butter in the US has been lower than the cost of the product in Haiti and a US government program called the Denton Act, reduced the cost of shipping to nearly zero.

Denton Act shipments have been suspended for 2 years, dramatically increasing shipping costs.

However today, the street violence, that began about 2018, makes moving ground cargo from Port au Prince, the principle port of entry to the ministry area impossible.

We can publicly share two conclusions. First, we must stop waiting for "things to return to normal" and develop new permanent strategies to advance the Kingdom.

Second, for security reasons we can't share details here. Suffice it to say, using cash offers great flexibility with respect to where the product is purchased and how it is transported to the point of need.

Please pray for our safety and wisdom, as we move forward. Also please pray for our brothers and sisters in Haiti who face great danger every day. Remember when the Apostle Paul wrote, "He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us."

New QR Code

Should you wish to support the work in Haiti financially,. simply scan this code with your smart phone and follow the prompts.

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We are on the Web at liberteministries.org

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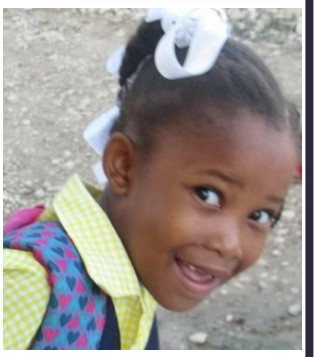

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
(Matthew 19:14)

Love Extends Beyond the Walls of Harry's Home

With your prayers and generous support, Harry's Home has been a tremendous success, as a "residential home" for orphaned children. However, there are thousands more Haitian children living in extreme poverty on the streets. In fact, I'll venture to say that there are more children in need than could ever be accommodated in full time residential facilities. So, with the leadership of the Haitian ministry team and the support of loving members of the congregations, we are exploring other possible approaches to the problem.

The Croix de Bouquet (CDB) church put their collective arms around four young men and brought them into homes to provide for their room, board, and discipleship.

As you can see, they are becoming taller day after day: Sonson, the tallest one is ready to go to college this year, Kiko his brother is ready for high school. The other two are still at elementary school. One of them Remyssen can't wait to begin working in motorcycle transportation.

The young men are very happy and grateful for your love and support.

Remyssen DOSSOU

Roodenson FAUSTIN

Sonson BRUTUS

Kiko BRUTUS

Truth & Secret in Haiti's Creole Proverbs

Byen pre pa lakay.

Close isn't home.

Being close doesn't count.