



# CARIBBEAN CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

## MISSION NEWS

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### CCF History Corner

Caribbean Children's Foundation (CCF) celebrated our 20-year anniversary in 2023. In this and future issues I would like to share a bit of the history of CCF. Who we are, how we became and what the future holds for this ministry.

Caribbean Children's Foundation was born out of the love for the children of Haiti. Four friends had taken a mission trip to an orphanage in Haiti. In 2003 they decided to make a greater impact by starting CCF.

Nora began her work as a full-time missionary in 2004. She traveled to Haiti with a mission team on one last mission trip. When the others returned home, she stayed on. Her main mission at that time was to help orphaned children on the mainland alongside Pastor Israel. In 2005 Pastor Israel tragically passed away. Nora continued her important work there making a tremendous impact on the children's lives. Caring for them when they were upset by the circumstances before them, seeking medical help when needed and giving her heart as a mother to them.

Nora was content in doing her mission work as a single person, BUT if God had different plans, Nora prayed for Him to send someone who loved the Lord. Since Nora was not out looking for a man, it would be necessary for God to put that person into her life. The man also must love Haiti as much as she did. As God would have it, He did bring that particular man into Nora's life!

Working alongside Nora at the orphanage, Leon would help Nora on projects. Nora continued to focus on her work. During her free time, Nora could be found at one of her favorite spots studying Kreyol. On one such day, Leon found her in the church garden studying. Leon had been keen to learn and improve his English. They struck a deal. Leon would help Nora learn Kreyol and Nora would help Leon with English.

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After sometime, the two fell in love. They eventually married in July of 2006. This would be the beginning of a relationship that would bring a great impact on the lives they touched. The Lord would work through their lives to bring hope and improve the lives of many.

As Nora signs off "Until next time" .....

## CURRENT EVENTS

### Education

School will begin again soon for Grace School of Ile-a-Vache and Boisbouton students. While there are areas of violence and gangs on the mainland, so far, the island of Ile-a-Vache has not been greatly affected by this. The children will still be able to start school in the fall. However, due to what is going on in the mainland, food sources have been growing scarce. Our feeding program will be more important than ever this year. A big THANK YOU to all of those who support our education and feeding program. The meal that is provided to students each school day will be vital.

University Students – Two of our boys; Stanley and Wenschel are attending school on the mainland in Les Cayes. Stanley is studying to become a doctor and Wenschel is studying Business Administration. The boys live near the school, but they do need to walk to school.

### Orphanage

Manmi Yeyet must travel to the mainland to get supplies for the orphanage. This can be a dangerous trip. Please pray for her protection as she crosses the sea to get to the mainland, and for protection as she shops on the mainland for the supplies the children require. The boys of the orphanage are well cared for and are thriving.

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When Stanley and Wenschel return to the orphanage during their school breaks, they are very good models for the boys and an inspiration to them. Stanley has also been educating the people on Ile-a-Vache on what he has learned while in medical school.

### Street Kids – “P” is for Protein

Several years ago, we started a program in the slums of Les Cayes to provide children with a meal before school two days per week. We have three people in Haiti managing the program. We had been feeding them various combinations of seasoned eggs, peanut butter, and bread. We also purchase oil and charcoal to cook the food. Because of the extreme inflation, eggs and peanut butter have become very expensive. They are currently being fed a combination of rice, spaghetti and cornmeal. Because of the food insecurity in Haiti, there has been a request to feed 25-30 children, instead of the current 15. We will also need to add one additional person to help manage the program. Additional funds are needed to cover costs for the current program due to rising food prices and additional funds will be required to increase the number of children we can feed.

Food insecurity is a problem that has been an ongoing issue in Haiti for a long time. What is food insecurity? The Oxford Dictionary definition of food insecurity is “the condition of not having access to sufficient food, or food of an adequate quality, to meet one's basic needs”. The Haitians have been unable to afford food or unable to obtain the food that they require. Food insecurity is a growing problem and will worsen until things turn around in Haiti.

### Construction

We have started to obtain items to furnish the Medical Clinic. The current situation in Haiti has made it difficult to continue getting the needed items.



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### Emergency Relief

Due to the food insecurity issues that Haiti has been facing, we have provided community meals in Madame Bernard, Grann Plaine, and Boisbouton. The people have been very grateful to receive these meals. A number of people have come up to say thank you because they have not been able to feed their families on a regular or daily basis. We will continue to provide these meals as it is possible for us.

CCF has also helped a family of seven on Ile-a-Vache rebuild their home that was destroyed by an earthquake 3 years ago. The family had been living in a grass thatched structure. What they had tried to save when they could to rebuild their home, each time they had gathered money, another issue cropped up. The mother has suffered from medical issues and it was more important to assure she was taken care of by the medical treatments that depleted their funds. The father came to us to ask for help. On Easter morning 2024, they moved into their rebuilt home. They praise God and are very thankful to our donors that provided funding to remove this burden from them!

### How You Can Help

#### Prayers:

Your prayers make a difference! Please pray for:

Stanley and Wenschel, that they will have safe travels to and from school.

Please pray that the food needs of the Haitians and their children will be met. That hunger would decrease and health would increase.

Please pray that the situation in Haiti will stabilize and the gang activity will cease so we can restart the furnishing of our medical clinic which will improve the lives of people living on Ile-a-Vache.

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### Donate:

Your donations help us to continue this ministry. Please consider a donation to make an impact on the lives in Haiti! The QR code will take you to our website where you can also make a donation.

#### PLEDGE FORM

Thank you for blessing the children of Haiti through CCF. We appreciate your prayers and your gifts.

- Use Where Needed Most
- Orphanage Support
- School Feeding Program
- Child Education
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_



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*I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.*

John 15:11-12

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