



Bulletin

Caribbean Children's Foundation

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Planning for the Future

Recently, on October 1, 2023, I began working part time for CCF. Serving the children of Haiti for 26 years, I've seen a lot of heartache and tremendous progress. If you haven't already, you can read more about my journey with CCF throughout the years at www.caribbeanchildrensfoundation.com/blog.

Plans have fallen into place and now the office of Executive Director will be shared by me and one other person.

We are happy to announce Christine Meaney as Co-Executive Director serving alongside me for the foreseeable future. As I hoped would be the case, God has provided a leader with a deep love for Haiti and its people.

Chris is no stranger to Haiti! She has been on mission trips to our ministry and has led mission teams to work with us as well. She has served as a CCF Board Member for the last seven years. She has a love for our Lord and for serving people in need of God's gracious touch. Chris is hard-working, smart, diligent, and honest. She will continue working her full-time secular job, while handling CCF business on a part-time basis. Her goal of going full-time will be realized once Chris has retired from her current employment. We are taking this transition one step-at-a-time, giving Chris ample time to learn all she can about CCF's work in the USA and in Haiti, before she slides into the role full-time.

Please join me in welcoming Chris to this role and keep her in your prayers during this time of growth. Thank you, God, for the blessing of Chris!

Bringing me to this point in our ministry, I would be amiss by not thanking our CCF supporters and my personal supporters. Thank you for believing in me and encouraging me! Some of you have supported me through CCF since day one, while everyone reading this *Bulletin* has joined in our ministry at some point along the way.

CCF's supporters have been loyal, faithful, generous and a vital part of our ministry. Without you, we could not have accomplished what we were able to do.

THANK YOU for walking this journey with us. I trust you will continue to be a part of this journey as God unfolds what lies ahead. His work in Haiti is not yet done!

Serving HIM,

Nora Léon

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Co-Executive Director



"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: ... a time to plant and a time to uproot, ... a time to weep and a time to laugh, ... a time to be silent and a time to speak! What do workers gain from their toil? ... He has made everything beautiful in its time. I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live ... I know that everything God does will endure forever: nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it."

Excerpts from Ecclesiastes 3:1-13



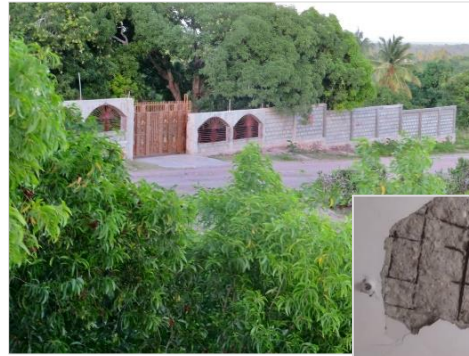
Left to right: Nora Léon, Chris Meaney, Gerson Léon.



CCF Board Members, left to right: Guy Huber (President), Shannon Kennedy (Vice President), Michelle Chandler (Secretary), Mary Rigterink (Treasurer), Lois VanVeghel, Debbie Jones, and Stephanie Arndt (bookkeeper).

Current Building Needs & Updates

At Grace Orphanage in Grann Plaine, the outer wall needs stucco and paint. They're still in need of a storage depot, and the second-floor ceiling needs repair work. We are grateful, however, for the outdoor kitchen already in use. The kitchen provides a safe area for food preparation by minimizing smoke inhalation from wood and charcoal fires.



Grace School in Boisbouton on Île-à-Vache is applying stucco to the building as funds permit. Repairs are needed on the foundation and the doors need to have rust-proof paint reapplied.

Street Kids Program



A caring community member prepares food and serves breakfast to local children. They are served bread with peanut butter OR bread with scrambled eggs and herring before heading to school.

Medical Blessings

CCF was once again able to help with the costs of a life-saving surgery for a little girl. Thank you, God, for the successful surgery and the healing that is taking place! Thank you, donors, for giving to our medical expense fund.



Cholera on Île-à-Vache

The current cholera epidemic in Haiti quickly made its way to Île-à-Vache. Several people have died in recent weeks, and there is an urgent need for IV fluids, rehydration salts, bleach, vinyl gloves, disposable garments and more. CCF has been able to provide some of these much-needed supplies to be distributed by the Department of Health. Funds may be donated to CCF to support the purchase of additional items in Haiti.