

SHILOH CHILDREN'S HOME

The Schmidt Family in Haiti



March 2019



Dear Supporters,

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~ Genesis 1:27 ~*

We are created by GOD, male and female, each one, a special creation. From the tiniest baby to the oldest great-grandparent, made for a special, divine purpose by GOD. Hallelujah!

We have lived, visited, worked and taken teams to Haiti since March of 1985. GOD has given us the blessing and privilege of loving Haiti, and knowing some of His special people there. Haiti is not the same now as it was 34 years ago, when we first went with our six oldest children, then ages nine months to 10 years old. Our love for the Haitian people and their need to know CHRIST's LOVE and HIS Sacrificial Death on the Cross for them, is still the most important calling of our hearts.

Since 2010, after the Earthquake, the LORD directed us to care for the “throw-away” children of Haiti. We have been so very blessed by GOD's provision, through your generous, sacrificial giving, enabling us to do that. Our goal has been to create a model which could be duplicated throughout the country. CHRIST's LOVE in action!

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from GOD, and whoever loves has been born of GOD and knows GOD. And this commandment we have from HIM: whoever loves GOD must also love his brother.” 1 John 4:7, 21 ESV

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Nelson, Dieulene & Nehemi



Jason & Maurice

Jason will be 14 in July! He loves to give & receive hugs, have his back rubbed and any objects he can find. He is very curious. He walks and crawls around on the floor and on the ground outside: exploring everything and taste testing whatever his hands find. This, unfortunately, causes him to be sick regularly; due to the primitive conditions.

Maurice, 10, is a happy, mobile little guy: rolling along on the floor, or walking on his knees and shins. He is very enthusiastic about everything and eager to communicate. He seems to know and understand most, if not all, conversations, and enjoys learning to speak new words. His contagious smile endears him to everyone who is blessed to meet him.

Both boys love watching Nehemi, & trying to imitate her. They also love being read to from the Bible & hearing hymns sung to them.

We are so grateful to the LORD for enabling these boys to grow and learn. Without your support of Shiloh Childrens Home these boys might not be alive today.

We are looking forward to taking some teams in this year, as GOD provides, to bless and encourage the SCH Family by loving on the children, work projects to improve their very primitive living conditions and community outreach through VBS and door-to-door evangelism.

Please continue to pray for the work of SCH and open doors to replicate similar works in other villages; where handicap children are still thrown on garbage piles, left to die.

May GOD BLESS YOU as you have so richly blessed the lives of those touched by the work of Shiloh Childrens Home in Haiti.

In Christ's love and service, Tom & Ginger Schmidt

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“Now there are [distinctive] varieties of spiritual gifts [special abilities given by the grace and extraordinary power of the Holy Spirit operating in believers], but it is the same Spirit [who grants them and empowers believers]. And there are [distinctive] varieties of ministries and service, but it is the same Lord [who is served]. And there are [distinctive] ways of working [to accomplish things], but it is the same God who produces all things in all believers [inspiring, energizing, and empowering them].”~ 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 AMP

Ginger and I recently shared, in a church in FL, our call to care for handicapped children in Haiti. As always it is hard to talk about these precious children without great emotion! We feel so blessed and honored to have a part in nurturing the lives of these sweet ones. As the above passage in 1 Corinthians reminds us, we all are given gifts from God to serve, help and encourage our brothers and sisters in Christ. We thank you for making this possible, through your prayers and support for us, together, to be His ministers to these special children.

It has been a challenging spring, with sickness in SCH and much unrest in the country. We praise God the children continue to grow in body and, Lord willing, in spirit; knowing Christ's love in their hearts. We continue to Pray for the physical and spiritual struggles in Haiti; and the safety and spiritual growth of His people. To God be the glory!!

“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.” ~ Ephesians 6:10-20 KJV



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“Pray w/out Ceasing”
~ 1 Thessalonians 5:17 ~

We thank you for your prayers for SCH! We Praise the LORD the boys, Dieulène & Nelson and family are all doing well. The move to Hinche has been good for all. They have electricity, well water, an outhouse, and food easily accessible! Such a great blessing!!

We continue to pray for Haiti concerning the turmoil over fuel shortages and the unstable government. There has been some improvement recently. We pray this will be the beginning of more stability in all areas.

We hope to get a team down sometime to do some work on the home. Screens on windows and doors would help keep bugs out and some other ‘cosmetics’ would be an added Blessing!

Please continue to pray for the health of the children. We covet your prayers! This year a dear friend of Ginger’s has gone on to Glory. We will miss JL, she was such an inspiration and a strong Prayer Warrior for us. But we know she is no longer suffering, Praise GOD!! May you be Blessed by the Father’s Love.

“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.” ~ Hebrews 12:1-2

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“Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,” Jude 1:24

Tom was able to make a trip to Haiti even with all the turmoil going on in the country now. There is very little fuel and many businesses have closed because of all the roadblocks and lack of travel in the country. The port, where commodities are shipped in, is closed. Sometimes whole areas are cut off by protesters. The conflict between the president and legislature is at an impasse with no end in sight until some time in January when some political dissident's terms expire. There are so many things regulated by the government: fuel prices, water, electricity, schools, teachers, police, area leaders. The government has no money source since the port is closed; customs funds are not coming in due to the government shut down. Fuel is normally subsidized by the government and black market fuel is available at double the price from the Dominican Republic. It's a volatile situation throughout the country.

At Shiloh Children's Home, Dieulène and Nelson are able to care for the boys because it is a small home. Tom was able to bring in clothes and food to help encourage them. The boys still sleep in the same beds/cribs they've been in for nine years. This is definitely a project we need to work on this year, to make or get proper beds for them. They all live in two 10' x 12' rooms that they rent in Hinche. They do have electricity most of the time which is a great blessing! They have a water faucet in their yard, as well as an outhouse. Nelson's brother and his family rent the two rooms above them, and his two younger brothers have a small 6' x 8' room each off the courtyard.

They've had some hard times as Dieulène's dad passed away a few weeks ago, and their 2nd daughter is due any day. Nelson is now in his fourth and last year of Bible school to become a pastor. Tom was able to spend a few days with Nelson and the boys. They are well and continue to grow and learn. Please keep them in your prayers, as life is not easy in Haiti. We are blessed to have such a loving and caring family managing Shiloh Children's Home. We would like to see this model duplicated in other communities around Haiti. Living in Hinche gives them a better platform for sharing the love of Christ and Christ's love for orphans.

We sincerely thank you for your prayers and financial support of this valuable ministry in Haiti. May you be blessed richly, as you have so richly blessed others.