

# SHILOH CHILDREN'S HOME

The Schmidt Family in Haiti



July 2023



Dear Friends and Family,

Thank you so much for your prayers and support of our family's ministry in Haiti. GOD called us, in 1985, to share the Gospel and make disciples in this land dedicated to the enemy since 1791 and rededicated in 1991. He gave us a heart full of love for these precious people!

Over the years we've mostly lived in small villages, coming alongside to help out orphanages, and schools with feeding programs, as well as providing church leadership training to needy rural churches. We have had the privilege of hosting church teams from the USA, providing needed medical care, construction helps, and VBS. We have also helped with hurricane & earthquake relief by transporting and assisting medical teams, building and repairing homes and churches, as well as installing new and repairing existing water systems.

As an outreach, we evangelize to remote areas. With the help of local churches and Pastors, we have had many opportunities to transport a movie projector, large sheet, and generator to show the JESUS FILM! (We eventually were able to upgrade to a video player/projector which was much easier to transport, especially when on foot.) It was a highlight to all who were able to see/hear the outdoor movie and many heard the Gospel for the first time and trusted Christ as their Savior. Praise the Lord!

In 2010 God called us to start Shiloh Children's Home and for the past 13 years, He has given us the privilege of caring for handicapped children. It started while living as a family in Haiti with 4-5 severely to moderately handicapped children. Our only girl was adopted; two have since passed on and are in the arms of Jesus. We still have two boys, Jason and Maurice, who are significantly handicapped.

Over the past few years, Haiti has become extremely hostile and unsafe. Our dear Haitian couple, Pastor Nelson & Sister Dieulene, who have been caring for the boys for many years, are now in the process of adopting them into their family. Along with their two young girls and the boys, Nelson & Dieulene have felt the call to shepherd a church to many of the 2-3 million Haitians living & working in the Dominican Republic. They are working on securing the rent money and moving to a safer and better community in the Dominican Republic.



*Nelson and Jason*



*Nelson and Maurice*

### **Request for Prayer for Wisdom:**

This past year financial support for Shiloh Children's Home has been dwindling. We have had a couple of months when we have not been able to send the full amount of their basic monthly stipend. Our goal has always been for SCH to become self-supporting and find a Haitian Church to support Pastor Nelson's ministry and family. We are so thankful to Nelson and his family for their love and care of the boys, and for his faithfulness and diligence in persevering all the way through to Graduating, this year, from Pastoral Training. We know God is able to provide for all of their needs and we are depending on Him!

*"do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7) And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*

*Philippians 4:6-7*

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

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Serving the Lord in Haiti



### Mission Goals for the near future

Our goal for SCH has always been to help them to be self-supported and nationally run. For the past several years we have had a Haitian couple caring for all the needs of the children with the help of donations from the US.

Nelson has recently finished all the schooling and other requirements and he is now a Pastor. His sweet wife, Dieulene, has worked for SCH almost from the very beginning. They now have two little girls who are a great blessing and encouragement to the two remaining handicap boys; who have recently been adopted by the Valcourt family. This is a wonderful example to the church family and all the people in the community. Sadly, due to the lawless gangs in Haiti, the children are in great danger. The boys may be targeted for murder because they are perceived as unnecessary and unproductive, and the girls could be targets for an even worse fate - sex trafficking.

Nelson has been trying to get his family out of Haiti and into the Dominican Republic for over a year. They finally got the adoption papers completed, and secured a place to rent in the DR. Nelson has felt called to start a church for the many Haitians living & working in the DR. They are anxious to move and praying for the LORD's guidance and provision to be able to cross the boarder safely and expediently.

*“Now unto HIM that is able to do EXCEEDINGLY ABUNDANTLY ABOVE ALL that we ask or think, according to the POWER that worketh in us, unto HIM be GLORY in the church by CHRIST JESUS throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.” Ephesians 3:20-21*

*“And HE took a child, and set him in the midst of them: and when HE had taken him in his arms, HE said unto them, whosoever shall receive one of such children in MY name, receiveth ME: and whosoever shall receive ME, receiveth not ME, but HIM that sent ME.” Mark 9:36-37*

*“Then saith HE unto HIS disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; PRAY ye therefore the LORD of the harvest, that HE will send forth labourers into HIS harvest.” Matthew 9:37-38*

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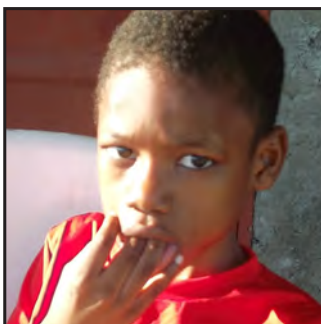


Dear Family, Friends and Prayer Partners,



It is with great sorrow that we write to tell you that our SCH son, Jason Leito Innocent, went to be with Jesus. He was 18 years old. Jason was ill for the past few months, losing weight due to stomach pain and vomiting. He was taken to the hospital in Hinch, but did not improve. On December 20th the Lord took him home. We are thankful that Jason will have a new, healed body and mind. HALLELUJAH!! He is at peace and happy now.

Jason was born with Cerebral Palsy, a congenital disorder of movement, muscle tone, or posture due to abnormal brain development. Despite this, he learned to walk and understand much of what was said. He was able to follow simple directions, but he was unable to talk. Jason loved to walk over to us and put his head in our lap to get a tender head and back rub. He was a thinker, mostly about how he could get more food or get a toy with his feet when it was out of arm's reach.



Please pray for Haiti, as the situation there is still very grave. Most of the missionaries there have returned to their homeland because of the gangs and marauders, making it unsafe for foreigners as well as nationals. Food and provisions are also hard to get, but we know our GOD can supply all our needs especially when so many are praying.

We thank you for your love and generosity over the years, and pray for GOD's perfect will, not only in Haiti but all over the world. Please pray especially for Maurice, our last remaining SCH child. He is in a very difficult situation because of the bandits who believe all handicapped children/people should be killed claiming they are taking what little food is available from the healthy children.

*"But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." - Matthew 19:14*

*"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." - Ephesians 3:20-21*

*"The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace." - Numbers 6:24-26*



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