

# Dreams for Haiti

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## Christmas greetings and blessings for a glorious 2018!

As we look back at all the things that have happened this year we are feeling very blessed. We started out the New Year with a fund raiser at Busch stadium which was fun and helped raise money.

In May we sent a container to Haiti which had much needed supplies and food on it. In June the Settle family went to Haiti to unload the container and do a few projects. The school now has a nice swingset. Sponsored kids were visited and new ones were interviewed. We were able to see the progress on the new class rooms. We also met Pastor Charles' new granddaughter who is still needing prayers for some medical issues.

In July we received several large donations of items. Things were boxed for the next container to be shipped to Haiti or sorted for the next garage sale. We also received a donation of easy read children's books to ship to Haiti.

We had several very nice speaking engagements where the audience was very interested and volunteering to help.

In October we shipped another container with more food and school supplies, clinic needs, clothing and sponsored gifts. We were fortunate to have a lovely day to hold a garage sale in November. A small group will be going to Haiti on Nov 29<sup>th</sup> and returning Dec 8<sup>th</sup> to unload this container and share Christmas presents with the families.

Although there are valleys along the way we feel God's blessings on Dreams for Haiti. One of the "valleys" is Pastor Charles' granddaughter needing prayer, she spent a lot of time in the hospital when she was born. Just this week I learned that our principal was riding his moped home from school and hit a cow. He is in the hospital with head injuries. 3 of our school girls lost their only living parent and are now living with grandma. One of our school boys went home from school with a stomach ache and was dead by the next morning.

But there were many joys to share also. We now have more children sponsored and able to go to school. Our animal project is going very well with chickens, goats and ducks everywhere. Our sewing school now has a room and the ladies are excited to be able to participate in this. Our church is small but definitely making an impact on the community. With the food that we send and the food that other organizations donate the children are looking better and teachers are reporting they are doing better in school now that they are fed. We are very grateful for the more than 10 years we have enjoyed rent free storage space to store our items and to ship our containers from.

None of this would be possible without great friends and supporters like yourselves, whether it be with donated goods, monetary donations or your faithful prayers. You are all appreciated and we feel grateful to have you in our lives sharing our Dreams for Haiti.

Blessings from the board of Dreams for Haiti

