

Celebrating My 80th with a Cause!

A Milestone Birthday

Hello friends and family,

I can't believe it, but this Fall I'll be 80 years old!!! I am so grateful for all of you who have blessed my life. I am celebrating by fundraising with a goal of \$2,500 for a cause dear to my heart—a ministry for 46 children in Haiti who are in dire need of permanent housing.

Good Shepherd Mission for Children- near Mirebalais, Haiti

I joined the volunteer ministry team of three pastors in Haiti, virtually, about 1 year ago after I reconnected online with Marie Denise, a friend from my seminary study days, who is now the House Mom of these precious children who have no parents to care for them. I am daily in contact with Marie and this ministry team. Good Shepherd Mission for Children- Haiti is a small God-centered home that gives children (2-19 yrs) a place to grow up safe, fed, clothed, healthy, educated, and loved.

Progress So Far (see attached photos)

Because of the political situation and the collapse of infrastructure in Haiti, Good Shepherd Mission lost its last funder and God called me to do what I can. This year, thanks to a little help from a few family members and friends:

- Children now get two meals a day.
- We purchased a hand-run bread-making machine and a stove to begin a small bakery from bread sold locally.
- We began a very large garden and it is now producing a few vegetables.
- We financed getting the twins and the House Mom badly needed health care.

Our Most Urgent Need now – a Permanent House

We have so many more emergency needs, but now our biggest challenge is housing for 46 children. Our temporary housing is not adequate. The lease is up in January and we need permanent housing. The older children who were homeless before joining the Good Shepherd family have been traumatized by the instability of temporary housing. The good news is that I discovered that the former funder bought land and began construction of a permanent house for the Good Shepherd Mission. Piles and piles of construction materials are waiting to be used. We just began construction last month in hopes of finishing Stage I—two large rooms, a bathroom and a temporary kitchen. That would allow us to relocate before January and give us more time to complete Stage II—four large rooms—over a year. Our goal of completing Stage I before January is reachable if we can raise at least \$2,500 as soon as possible.

How You Can Help

Please keep this ministry in your prayers and pass this letter on to your friends, family. The twins, who joined the Mission at age 4 months after their mom was killed by gang members, will be as grateful as the other 44 children. To see more details and/or donate, use this safe fundraising link: www.Spotfund.com/GoodShepherd



Thanks for helping us! We love you!

Blessings and prayers for all of you,

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Rev. Dr. Joyce Penfield