

*Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year from all of us at
Love Feeds OUR World*

We hope this holiday season is a blessed time for you and your family and friends. It has been one of the most difficult and rewarding seasons for Love Feeds OUR World. We are so thankful for your continued love, prayers, and support. Now, more than ever before, we need to work together to help the Haitian people.

This past summer Haiti suffered a 7.2 earthquake, and while our immediate community was not impacted, just a few hours down the highway from us business and homes toppled, and thousands lost their lives or have been displaced. Since then, Haiti has gotten even more unstable. At this time, travel to Haiti is not safe for anyone. It is reported that there have been over 800 kidnappings this year. Gasoline is now over 20 dollars a gallon (when available), and ports are blocked by powerful gangs who are holding fuel hostage; the demand is that the Prime Minister resign his position, or they will not allow the fuel into the country. Many people are trapped in their homes afraid to come out due to incredible violence and gang activity. We look forward to the day when it is safe enough to take mission teams to Macomb and get everyone updated pictures of their sponsored children. Yet in the midst of these trying and scary circumstances, God is faithful.

Shilo Elementary School is thriving. Our children are healthy, eating daily, and getting regular medical care from our onsite nurse. We have wonderful, educated teachers who see to the needs of our children in pre-school through sixth grade. Our seventh and eighth grade students are now attending a local high school

and were given scholarships this year to cover the additional cost.

In addition to all the impactful work being done by our elementary school and feeding program staff, we have begun the first stages of building our high school. The land purchase is complete and now we are purchasing building supplies and hiring builders. Our plan is to start construction this winter/early spring. However, we encountered one hiccup a few weeks ago when our well pump was stolen. This pump is critical to our school and feeding program and must be replaced before we can begin construction.

In this last year, it has become apparent that Love Feeds OUR World is running on miracles. Each month we face financial shortages, and each month God provides. It's a step-by-step faith journey, and He sends many people to give. At numerous times in the last year people

have said, I feel God telling me to give this to you, and they hand us a check or donate online for the exact amount we need. Just a few months ago, we had approximately 20 students



in need of high school scholarships. We advertised on Facebook and a few people gave toward scholarships, but we were still really

short. We felt the Lord telling us to fast and pray. In the middle of the fast all the money came in at once. It was beautiful. It was nothing we did to make it happen; we just followed His lead. Even just this past month, we had a deadline to send the money to Haiti to cover our November expenses. It was Nov. 29th at 8:00 a.m. and we were really short, and God knew we had a deadline that day. By noon, approximately \$2000 was donated from a variety of people, several of whom had never given before, and we had what we needed for our November expenses. God is still doing miracles today!

On one of our many trips to Haiti over the years, we prayed for a partially paralyzed stroke victim. It was amazing to watch as she got to her feet and walked. She said that all her pain she had been experiencing in other parts of her body was gone. But what was even more amazing than



that was when we went back the next day to check on her and spoke with her caretaker. Her caretaker was not a Christian at that time, but

she said to us that because of this miracle, she wanted to commit her life to Jesus. As the woman's caretaker, she knew firsthand that a miracle had taken place. She saw the awesome power of God, and that is the same power that is available to us as we trust Him and follow where He leads.



And that is our mission at Love Feeds Our World — to do what He is doing. A constant question we ask is God, what are You doing and what do You want us to do to partner with You. This is His ministry, not ours. We are just blessed to be part of it.

God has really been speaking to us about activating the body of Christ to take care of the poor, and that is what we have been seeing in all the financial miracles. He is showing us that as followers of Christ, we all have a responsibility to love our neighbor and to take care of those in need. We want to encourage you this Christmas season, to ask the Lord how and where he is calling you to give. Look at what he is doing and partner with Him in whatever way He leads you.

In closing, we just want to thank you so much for everything you do, whether you sponsor a child, make donations, have gone on a mission trip, or pray for us. We are all part of ministering to the country of Haiti, and we do it together.

God bless you & have a wonderful Christmas season!

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