

# Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Dear Love Feeds OUR World Family,

We would like to express our deep gratitude for all you do to minister to those in need in Macomb, Haiti, and locally, through prison ministry.

It is hard to believe another holiday season is already here. 2024 has been a difficult, but blessing-filled year for all of us who serve at Love Feeds OUR World.



7th Grade Shilo Students

While schools in Port-au-Prince and larger cities are closed, Shilo is open, and our children and teens are in school daily. We are located less than 30 miles from the outskirts of Port-au-Prince, but you'd never guess because it takes hours to get to us by vehicle, which makes our community relatively safe compared to the larger cities.

If you have been watching the news regarding Haiti, you know that while other nations have sent troops of reinforcements to support the Haitian government, they've had little to no impact on slowing down the violence. Some news sources are now calling the chaos in Haiti a "civil war" as children are being forced to become child-soldiers and the senseless killing of infants, children, and adults increases.

For us, the greatest difficulty is that people are starving, and the high prices of the limited food in the markets weighs on us daily. Our children at Shilo are eating meat, veggies, rice, pasta, etc., but these items are incredibly expensive, and it takes a great deal more money to operate our ministry today than it did just a few years ago. But we press on trusting God, and knowing that He has a plan for our little village.

One of the most exciting things that has happened in 2024 is our new church building. We have been slowly building for the last several years. In Haiti, buildings don't go up all at once (at least not usually). They are built little by little, and that is why many times you see just a foundation or a few walls for several years.

While there is still work to be done, we can now use this building for church services on Sundays and week nights, and it functions as our 7th and 8th grade classrooms during the weekday.

This new building allows us to have 7th and 8th grades available to our students at Shilo, which we were not able to provide in years past. This is a huge benefit to our community.

In Haiti, most students who attend school never go beyond 6th grade, and according to UNICEF, more than one million Haitian children do not get an education. One of the greatest things we can do to prosper this nation is to educate the children and youth. It is through education that this nation will prosper. This is a demonstration of the old adage — give a child a fish and feed him for a day; teach a child to fish and feed him for a lifetime.

One of the greatest things we do at Love Feeds OUR World is to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. Shilo church is the center of hope in our community. The people in our village know that Shilo Church loves them, and while we may not have the resources to solve all their problems, we pray and do what is in our means to do.

One ministry we have for our community is to help new parents. When a mom has a baby,

we give out clothing, blankets, and other items to show we care. It is hard to be a mother in Haiti, and many times the fathers are not around or they may have more than one family. This leaves a mother in need with a new infant to raise. At Shilo, we do our best to surround parents with love. In addition to new baby items, children may come into our feeding program and attend Shilo school, and we have young adult groups to support young families and help couples stay together.

In addition to our work in Haiti, Love Feeds OUR World serves locally in prison ministry. Currently, there is a team of five individuals serving at Taycheedah Correctional Institution in Fond du lac, Wisconsin. This is such an amazing opportunity to see God move in the lives of incarcerated women. Love Feeds OUR World has always been sent to the least of these, and it's a great honor to bring the gospel to these ladies through church services, Bible studies, one on one mentoring, etc. We have seen hundreds of women come to the Lord, and nearly 300 women (mostly new believers) baptized since we started this ministry. God is changing lives.

It is through the prayers, serving, and finances of our partners that we are able to do what we do. Beyond our minimal operating expenses, all of our current income goes to food and education for the people of Macomb. We have 23 Haitian staff who diligently serve our 300+ children and elderly.

It is unfortunate that we cannot get to Macomb at this time or bring teams, but it is such a blessing to know that God is sustaining the Macomb community during these difficult times. We have such an amazing Haitian staff who faithfully tend to our children, the elderly, and the community.

One thing we have learned though serving the poor and broken is the importance of prayer. Unless God moves, we can do nothing. The need in Haiti and the US is overwhelming, but He always shows up as His people pray. We are asking you to join us in prayer for at least 15 minutes a week for the needs of Love Feeds OUR World and all those we serve.



8th Grade Students at Shilo High School

If you would like to contribute to the work of Love Feeds OUR World, a giving envelop is enclosed or you can give online at [lovefeedsourworld.org/donate](http://lovefeedsourworld.org/donate). The donations we receive during the Christmas season help support our children all throughout the year.

You can also shop our online apparel store, which is accessible through our website. The profits from the store and our continuous doTERRA fundraiser support our work in Macomb. It's so exciting to know you can purchase quality items and support missions at the same time.

From our family to yours, we wish you a safe and healthy Christmas season and a prosperous new year.

Thank you & God bless you!

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