

Dear Sponsors and Supporters of the Students' Adoption and of the Lord's Ministry in Haiti,

Grace and Peace to you from God our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I am thankful to God for the privilege to write you this whose purpose is to thank you ever so much for your commitment and also to keep you informed about the status of the work down here and the actual situation of the country.

First of all, I want to thank you all for the blessings you are sharing with us. I give thanks to our God for such a commitment on your part. Without it, it would be almost impossible for us to carry out the ministry.

At Good Shepherd we have experienced various blessings from you. They contribute greatly to the progress of the work. Our generator is still running very well and with it the church is able to hold all its evening activities; a digital camera has been donated to me by a couple from Trinity Lutheran Church in Vallonia. It is easier to send pictures to you now. What about the brand new KIA truck? This is really something I cannot explain. With it I am able to go everywhere in Haiti. I don't care now about the pedestrian kidnappers. Since it is brand new, it won't leave me in the dark streets where some kidnappers might hide themselves trying to capture people. My windows are always up and I always want to make sure that my tank is not empty. Even though all of us down here are always suspect while in the streets, but with a brand new vehicle the chance to be captured by those evil guys is minimal.

Thanks be to God, the situation is better now. The country is more peaceful. The people are able to go down town to take care of their activities. Many of the kidnappers are arrested and sentenced. Our children feel more confident while going to school and in the neighborhood. You can now see a real joy and a smile on the face of the children, teachers, and others. There are even some little parties around the street now during the evening. Our Lord is always good to us.

In the name of the children/students/teachers who benefit from the sponsorship program, I want to thank you so much for your commitment and your Christian love. In one more year some of our students will be going to the university. Isn't that something? Together we are saving souls for our Lord and making better citizens for the nation.

We all know it; this world offers nothing lasting to our new generation. But they have everything they need for a well-balanced life. First, they have the inspired Word of God which is their first need, and then they have education which will allow them to read God's Word, and be witnesses to others and become self-supporters.

We have a two-month school vacation. Children/students will be back to school the second week of September.

If you are not yet a sponsor of a child, please do so for this coming academic school year. By so doing you will save him/her spiritually and physically.

Again, thank you so much and may our Heavenly Father continue to bless you and your ministry!

Sincerely,      **Pastor Bernard**  
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