

# Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church

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To the Supporters of the:  
Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church &  
The Students Adoption of the Ecole Le Lutherien

Dear Christian Friends,

Grace and Peace to you from the Triune God!

Delighted about my recent trip to the United States where I've got the opportunity to visit different churches and schools in the Indiana District under the initiative of Rev. Eric Ahlemeyer, I want to say a very big "THANK YOU" to you for welcoming me with love and charity in your church and school. This "THANK YOU" goes to all of you, dear Pastors, to the members of your congregations, to the teachers, to the children attending your school, to the administrative staff and even to your guests.

It is always difficult for me to find the appropriate words to describe my joy and that of the beneficial of the Students Adoption Program who are the students, the members of the different congregations, the teachers and the members of the community. Needless to tell you more about the importance of a student adoption program in a country like mine where the majority of the parents are unable to pay the tuition of their children. I am to tell you that any coin you are collecting for such a program remains a real blessing for the whole ministry. Our school is always accounted among the best schools in the country but for this year the score is even better. The high school students will tell you a little bit more about their impression and their excitement after the result given by the **Ministry of the National Education** down here.

I thank you all in a special way for saving me from pulling water from my deep water reservoir by providing the needed money to purchase a generator for my family. When I went up there last September I shared my own history with the members of the Trinity Lutheran Church, Vallonia, Indiana and some other congregations and schools concerning the energy power which is a real problem down here. I did not dream of having a generator at this present time because I could not afford for that. My wife and I were putting a little project together. We came up with the idea to purchase a generator for the family at the end of the year 2008.

Everything is done in our house to have running water but without electricity it is impossible for us to make use of it even though we have an electric pump. It is always a burden for me as a pastor dealing yet with so many activities at both the church and the school and then when I get home to use basket to pull water from the water reservoir and take it to the bath tub for the family. As a father of three children, I always do it joyfully because children depend on their parents and for some type of works even the wives some time depend on their husbands. Thanks be to God, the problem is solved in an incredible way. The money is now sitting in the bank to purchase that generator. This realization is the fruit of your Christian love. From now to the midst of November the picture will be sent to all of you who have contributed to the purchase of that generator. I was also blessed with so many other things such as pastors' shirts for all the pastors, school supplies, the Microsoft Office Home Student of 2007 and so on.

What about the project submitted to the Administration of the Trinity Lutheran Church, Vallonia, Indiana last October? I was surprised and excited when Pastor Eric told me that two of the items mentioned in the project (40 school desks and 4 tires for my KIA) are yet approved and the money is already sent down here. What a blessing for the children of the school! What a blessing for me to have four new tires! Step by step the Lord is changing the crucial situation of our church and school. He is using faithful and committed Christian brothers and sisters like you to help us with the work down here. We are very thankful to God and we will take all the opportunities He has given to us to make Him known to those who yet ignore His saving Gospel.

From Saturday evening to Thursdays evening the Haitian people have made a very bad experience with **NOEL which means in English Christmas**. Noel was the hurricane that stopped down here and caused a lot of damages. A few people are died and some others are out of place to live. For those who were already starving, their living condition is worse now. But thanks be to God, the members of our different congregations are safe. They might be hungry and thirsty but as far as the hurricane is concerned, they are all ok. This is God's pure grace because some of them live close to Cite Soleil where **Noel** has caused a lot of damages.

Again, thank you so much for your prayers, your constant support and donation. As you are a fountain of blessings for us we pray that we will be also a fountain of blessings at least for our own people. Lift high the cross!



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