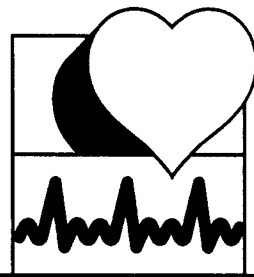


The Heartbeat

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News About Upcoming Trip

Pastor Bernard is very excited about his upcoming trip to Jackson County in September, 2008. He is going to be reporting on the following items:

- 1). Current political and social situation in Haiti; including the kidnappings
- 2). Hunger and starvation in Haiti
- 3). What the recent food distribution (Heart 4 Haiti has sent \$7,500 down to Haiti for food) has meant for church members and community
- 4). Pastor Bernard will be preaching on John 6. Even in the midst of hunger and starvation he will remind us that the "Bread of Life" is the answer.
- 5). Update on his KIA truck/fuel fund (cost of fuel in Haiti)
- 6). What his home generator has meant to his family
- 7). Update on his family
- 8). The churches, schools, and pastors of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti
- 9). Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School in Port-au-Prince
- 10). Student Adoption Program
- 11). National Student Test Scores for Good Shepherd students. Results were even better than last year. Good Shepherd Lutheran School ranks as one of the best schools.

12). Special Projects:

- Completion of 2 classrooms and wall at Good

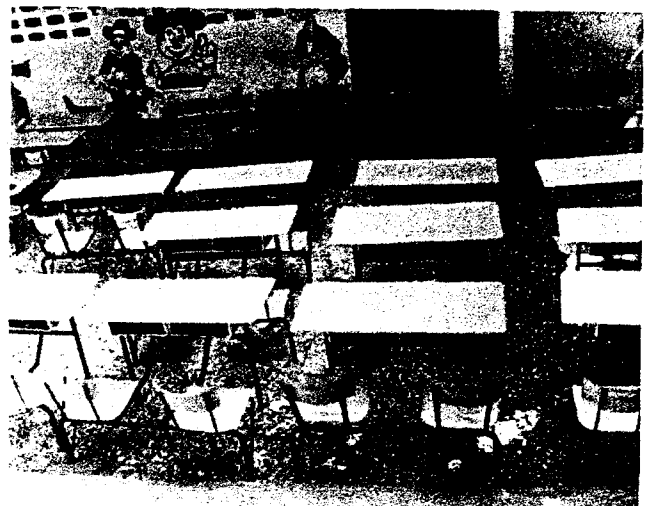
- Shepherd (materials needed + labor) - \$7,000
- Computers for new computer lab
- Total needed - \$7,000
- (\$3,500 given to date) - \$3,500
- Printers and ink - \$ 250
- 1 Yamaha keyboard - \$ 500
- 1 drum set - \$ 600
- 40 desks have been purchased and delivered to the school (see the picture below).

13). Bring thanks from the people of Haiti for all of God's rich blessings and the work of Heart 4 Haiti.

Prayer Requests from Pastor Bernard

1). "There have been peaceful marches against kidnapping. The whole country is crying to the government to bring this to an end. Churches are spending whole days in prayer crying to God. Lately, people have been kidnapped and killed, among them are some children and students from some of the schools in the city."

2). Tropical storm Fay damage



New desks for the new classrooms at Good Shepherd

To the Members of the Trinity Lutheran Church and all the other congregations and individuals in Indiana that have contributed money to purchase food for our people:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Grace and Peace to you from our risen and ascended Savior, Jesus Christ!

In the name of all the members of our congregations, in the name of the community members and in my own name, I want to express our heartfelt thanks to you all, dearest brothers and sisters, for your deep love and concern for God's people in Haiti. By your Christian deeds you show Jesus' love in your heart for the needy. Only God's acting love in your heart could lead you to such a quick action on behalf of our people. I cannot describe the positive impact that the distribution of the food among our members and the people of the community has created. The members of the community were impressed because they thought we would not share with them. They reluctantly came with their plastic bags to receive their portion and expressed their thanks to us for saving their children from dying for food. They reported that they have spent many days without food at all.

Do you know that some children and old people are dying every month from malnutrition? When they get sick and are taken to the hospital, doctors report that they are sick/die from malnutrition. Sometimes people who are not Christians think that they are sick/die from the attack of the evil spirit which most of the time is not true.

I, personally, cannot tell you how you help me in my ministry. Anytime I have the opportunity to stand up in front of the members and let them know they will be receiving some food; it is always like manna from heaven. When I give them the source where the food comes from, they always ask me to pass along their thanks and gratitude. For most of them having a distribution like that four times a year would be amazing. At this point, I felt embarrassed and did not reply back but just saying: "Do not worry about what you're going to eat, drink and wear tomorrow, just trust and believe".

Again, thank you so much for the three money transfers you have made on our behalf. We really appreciate that and are thankful to our God for providing ways to save his people down here.

In the resurrected One, Pastor Thomas Bernard



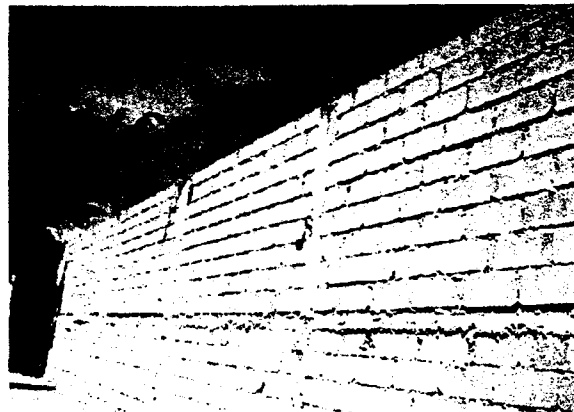
Pastor Bernard's KIA being used to haul food



Some of the many bags of rice that were distributed



Many packages of spaghetti await starved Haitians



The newly completed wall at Good Shepherd

PASTOR BERNARD TO VISIT JACKSON COUNTY, INDIANA FROM SEPTEMBER 5-22

Pastor Thomas Bernard to Speak @ Trinity, Vallonia Fish Fry
Don't miss our 7th Annual Fish Fry on Sunday, September 7. Serving will be from 4-7 pm. "This Old Guitar Band" will be performing on the stage from 5-7 pm. Pastor Thomas Bernard, the Pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, will also be speaking!
Trinity Lutheran Church is located 2 miles south of Vallonia on State Road 135.

The Itinerary for Pastor Thomas Bernard's September 2008 Trip to Jackson County, Indiana

Sunday, September 7	Preaching & Leading Bible Study @ Trinity Lutheran Church, Vallonia (Bible Study @ 8:30 am; Worship @ 9:30 am) Preaching @ Faith Lutheran Church, Salem (11:30 am) Speaking at Fish Fry (4-7 pm) @ Trinity, Vallonia
Monday, September 8	Speaking @ Lutheran Central School Chapel, Brownstown (8:30 am) Visiting classrooms
Tuesday, September 9	Missions Committee Meeting @ Trinity, Vallonia (7:00 pm)
Wednesday, September 10	Speaking @ St. Peter Lutheran School Chapel, Columbus (8:00 am) Visiting classrooms Speaking @ St. John Lutheran School Chapel, White Creek (2:00 pm)
Friday, September 12	Speaking @ St. John Lutheran School Chapel, Sauers (8:00 am) Visiting classrooms
Sunday, September 14	Preaching & Leading Bible Study @ Redeemer Lutheran Church, Seymour (Worship @ 8:00/10:30 am; Bible Study @ 9:15 am) Speaking @ LWML Zone Rally, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Cross Plains (2:00 pm)
Monday, September 15	Speaking @ Immanuel Lutheran School Chapel, Seymour (8:30 am) Visiting classrooms
Tuesday, September 16	Attending Brownstown/Seymour Circuits Pastors Conference
Wednesday, September 17	Speaking @ Zion Lutheran School Chapels, Seymour (10:00 am/12:30 pm) Visiting classrooms LWML Meeting @ Trinity, Vallonia (7:00 pm)
Thursday, September 18	Teaching Theology Classes @ Trinity Lutheran High School, Seymour
Friday, September 19	Speaking @ Trinity Lutheran High School Chapel, Seymour (10:00 am)
Sunday, September 21	Preaching & Leading Bible Study @ St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Brownstown (Worship @ 8:00/10:30 am; Bible Study @ 9:15 am)