



World Wide Village Update

May 2009

World Wide Village is a nonprofit Christian organization actively serving the people of Haiti through nutrition, micro-enterprise and collaboration with other ministries and organizations. This newsletter provides a brief update on our recent activities and the population we serve.

Ready for the Storms

Hurricane season is again looming in the Caribbean. World Wide Village is proactively planning a readiness strategy to serve storm victims impacted by the inevitable storms. Through your financial support the goal is to have more than 300,000 pre-packaged meals from Feed My Starving Children (www.FMSC.org) on hand to quickly mobilize and provide assistance to areas in need.



In addition to the disaster preparedness, collaborative partnerships have been developed with other ministries, supplying shared meals for orphanages and schools throughout Haiti. Many smaller ministries would benefit greatly from the meals but are unable to bear the burden of the shipping costs. (The cost to transport via semi-trailers and ships for each container of 44,000 pounds of meals is approximately \$9,000.) As Brian Lloyd of Harvest Fields Ministries (www.harvestfieldhaiti.org), one collaborative partner, shared recently after receiving boxes of FMSC food from WWV, "I can't accurately describe how huge a blessing this is for me and the communities we serve in Haiti."

Please consider partnering with us by sponsoring boxes of food. Shipping costs for each box of food (216 meals) in a container is approximately \$8.00. **Your gift of \$400 will ship 50 boxes; \$160 will ship 20 boxes; \$80 covers 10 boxes and \$40 will ship five life-saving boxes of food.** Any size donation is a huge blessing!.

Use our online donation option - its fast, secure, and simple. Of course, you can ALSO mail a check or contact the office to arrange payment by phone.

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Peanut Butter Saves Lives

In April, World Wide Village officially launched the **Medika Mamba** program for 10 children in Cazale. Medika Mamba is an energy dense peanut butter, significantly fortified with protein and nutritional supplements developed by St. Louis-based Meds and Food for Kids (www.medsandfoodforkids.org). The name "Medika Mamba" means "peanut butter medicine" in the Haitian Creole language.

Got Office Space?

Do you know of office space (very affordable) available in the St. Paul or surrounding area? Continued growth necessitates locating between 1,500 and 2,500 sq ft of space. A sublease option would be great.

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Haiti**

**October 4, 2009
Airport Marriott
Bloomington, MN**

*Watch for your invitation
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The Medika Mamba formula delivers almost immediate results for many reasons. Peanut butter is a culturally acceptable food source in Haiti. The peanuts from which the product is made are locally grown in Haiti providing much-needed jobs. The cost is low and the results are amazing.



Our initial partner organization for administering the program is **Real Hope for Haiti** (www.realhopeforhaiti.org) which has operated for the past ten years a rescue center for malnourished children in Cazale. Licia Betor, director of the program, says, "I am VERY VERY happy with the results so far. It is difficult to find a product that is good for the kids and that they actually like at the same time. It seems to be working great so far for them." *(Photo at left is Melanie, 4 years old, who was admitted to the program on May 11 weighing 20 pounds.)*

Of the 10 children in the first enrollment group, eight have had significant weight gain and one lost weight due to fluid build up being eliminated. Sadly, little Max Wildy, age 18 months, died in his second week of the program. His weight upon admission was less than 14 pounds. He was brought into the program by his family too late and was already too sick to be saved from the **Kwashiorkor** that was ravaging his tiny body. World Wide Village intends to increase the program to other partner ministries who desire to be a part of helping to prevent more needless deaths of precious children in Haiti.

The cost of the 60-day treatment plan for each child is only \$100 which includes the product, transportation and processing fees. Will you please contribute to the fund and help save a child's life? You can donate online, by mailing a check or by contacting us to arrange a credit or debit card payment.

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Child Sponsorship

Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it. (Proverbs 22:6).

Thousands of children in Haiti are not in school - primarily due to a lack of funds. Parents simply cannot afford to send them. The average adult has only 2.8 years of formal education. 74% of primary school age girls are **not** enrolled in school. (Statistics taken from: www.nationmaster.com).



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A core value of World Wide Village is promoting education for primary school children as an essential element to the successful future of Haiti. To that end, we have expanded the student sponsorship program at two schools: one in Arcahaie operated by Loving Hands Ministry (Pastor Rene Joseph) with 300 children, and one in Dumont administered by World Wide Village with 155 children.

The World Wide Village website has been updated recently to simplify the process of sponsoring a child. Your contribution of **only \$28.00 per month** enables a child to attend school, have uniforms, school supplies and hot lunches every day. Check it out at: <http://www.worldwidevillage.org/sponsor-a-child>. While you are there, choose a child (or two or more) and start today!

"... May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that you may reach out your hands to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy. And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done."

(Franciscan Benediction)

Randy + Pat