

MERCY & SHARING JOHN BRANCHIZIO SCHOOL



The Blessing of Opportunity: Christella Vixamar

Hello! My name is Christella Vixamar. I am 13 years old and I am in the 8th grade at John Branchizio School. Telling the story of my life is not very easy at least for me because I think at my age I was supposed to be able to have a more serene life and to laugh every day. My father died during the earthquake of January, 2010 and our house was crushed. We had to live on the street without a roof until we finally got the gift of a tent. It was more painful day after day because we had no food, drinking water and hardly any hope of a better tomorrow. Yet, my faith has saved me. My uncle changed our lives and he took his responsibility seriously and promised on behalf of his brother to always watch over us even though he also has a family. My mom is not getting along well and she has a very emaciated body. My sorrow is thinking about one day having to live without my mother and I live in fear of losing her as I lost my father. This anxiety makes it difficult for me to smile. I pray to the Lord all the days of my life so he can help me reach my goals in life. I want to be good in school so I can be financially independent one day!

PAULETTE AND PHAETON FEEDING PROGRAMS

Living on Faith: Andre Charles-Pierre

My name is Andre Charles-Pierre and I was born in Fort Liberté, Haiti on February 9, 2001. I come from a large family of seven children. I have five brothers and one sister, we all live together at "Cite Noon" which is one of five districts of the town. I go to Baptist Phaeton School and I am in the 4th grade. I live in a family with financial problems and it is very difficult for my parents to feed seven children. At times it's very difficult for mom and dad to tell us, at the end of the day, that we have to go to bed without eating anything, and they feel very ashamed. I grew up in a protestant Christian family and my parents have done their best urging us to depend on God's love and prayer. Every Sunday, with money or not, with food or not, we attend church services. The Pastor always finds a way to comfort us and his words become our spiritual food. I love to go to beach and to play football as any other child of my age, and my dream is to become a pastor.



To sustain these programs, Mercy & Sharing is proud to continue our partnership with the

IMPACT:

Mercy & Sharing feeds nearly 1000 people each day in the villages of Paulette and Phaeton in Northern Haiti. The John Branchizio School educates over 620 students and provides a hot meal everyday.



YOUR DOLLARS GO DIRECTLY TO HELPING THE CHILDREN OF HAITI. ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY THE DIRECTORS OF MERCY & SHARING EXCEED 100% OF U.S. OVERHEAD EXPENSES. YOUR DONATIONS ARE NOT USED TO FUND THIS NEWSLETTER OR OTHER PUBLICATIONS.

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PROMISE 126+: AN EVENING TO BENEFIT KIDS IN HAITI - FEBRUARY 8, 2013

There have been 126 orphans at Mercy & Sharing Village in Haiti and just last week we took in two more disabled boys to bring the total number to 128. ALL of these children were abandoned and left to die - almost half of them are disabled or have special needs. Mercy & Sharing has made a promise to care for and raise each of these 128 kids. All proceeds from this evening will go directly to helping these precious kids have the food, shelter, medical care, therapy, education and LOVE they need to survive and thrive. Your participation makes a direct impact on these orphans and provides the best opportunities for them to succeed in life! There are four ways you can help:



1. Ask your company to be a corporate sponsor for Promise 126
2. Attend the Promise 126 event in Miami, FL on Feb. 8, 2013
3. Go online and sponsor a child directly at haitichildren.com/sponsor
4. Send items for the silent auction

Corporate Sponsor Levels:

Event Sponsor :	\$12,000 (headline recognition in all communications, 3 tables of 8, speaking opportunity, two kids sponsored)
Angel :	\$6000 (recognition in all communications, 2 tables of 8, one child sponsored)
Guardian:	\$3000 (recognition on event signage and in event program, 1 table of 8)
Table of Eight:	\$1000
Individual Tickets:	\$175 / person; \$300 / couple

For more details contact: Louis Fawcett louis@haitichildren.com or 803-760-5367.

IMPACT:

For only \$6000 per year per child, Mercy & Sharing provides 24/7 care to 128 orphans (food, shelter, medical care, surgeries, education, therapy, and vocational training). This efficient model of holistic care goes well beyond other organizations who provide community enhancements but not full-time care to children in need.



MESSAGES FROM JOE & SUSIE

A couple of weeks ago I returned from Haiti after spending time with the children at Mercy & Sharing Village. We have a huge family of children, staff, and community members who are benefiting from Mercy & Sharing programs! More than 100 families are receiving water daily and more than 200 families are sending their children to the Mercy & Sharing Learning Academy on campus.

We are in the process of creating a program for the teenagers to help them become responsible adults. We give them chores, provide an allowance, teach them about saving, and mentor them in making decisions about their future. What a challenge, but also what a blessing! I want to say thanks to all of you who are parents that support Mercy & Sharing. I have learned so much from all of you and I am grateful for your advice and support. You are the heroes, shedding light on how to raise these future leaders of Mercy & Sharing and the country of Haiti!

I want you to know that SO MUCH progress is being made. We are seeing miracles with so many of these kids. The very sick children, such as Lee Pardee, have had successful surgeries and are now healing and are on their feet, walking and in therapy. Praise God! All of the progress and the miracles would have been utterly impossible without your prayer and financial support. We could not do this without you!

From the Heart,
Susie Krabacher
Co-Founder and President

Dear Friends,

I just returned from a wonderful trip to Haiti! I was thrilled to travel there with a dear friend from Iowa who helped me get some painting done in the orphanage buildings. We took band instruments for the children to use in their music classes. We are always looking for donations of instruments! The children organized two songs that they played at church on Sunday, including Amazing Grace. Some members of the community walked as far as 6 miles to come to church. In a country where there is little hope, and poverty and despair prevails, it is remarkable how the people endure and draws strength from our Father. We were also blessed with a new litter of puppies, and we instituted a new vaccination, deworming, spay/neuter program. The children love the dogs, and the dogs are very gentle and affectionate with the children. Thank you for your continued support!

From the Heart,
Joe Krabacher / Co-Founder and Treasurer

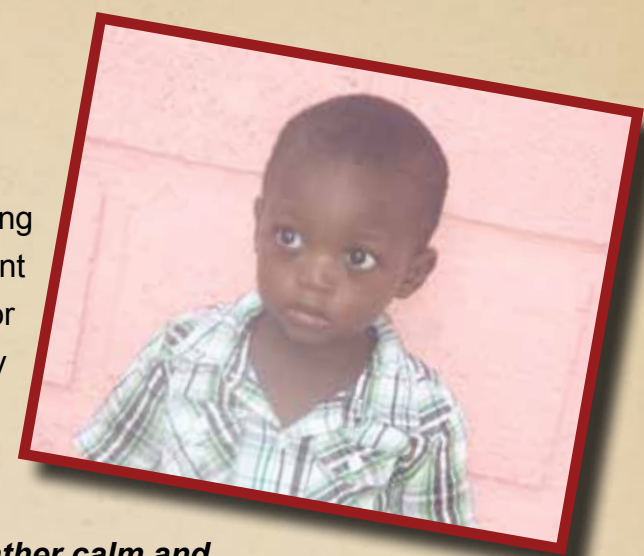


Joe with Jim Condit

MERCY & SHARING VILLAGE

One of the Orphans You Support: Frank Barker

Frank Barker is a sweet, two year old boy who is healthy and gets along well with everyone! He has a cheerful demeanor and is very pleasant to be around. Franky has clearly demonstrated his preference for two nannies he really loves named Badette and Sherley. He really likes to drink milk and his favorite activity is to play with the soccer ball. Even when he does not have a soccer ball to play with, he likes to kick everything! **Franky goes to school and he is in his first Kindergarten class. According to his teachers, he's rather calm and carefully follows all that is said in class.**



Counting Her Blessings: Jhonka Geanty

I was born on September 17, 1998. My name is Jhonka Geanty, my parents have six children four girls and two boys. I never could understand the fact of being poor and having a large family, but that is the way it is. We live in the village of Williamson near Mercy & Sharing Village. I feel lucky to attend Mercy & Sharing Learning Academy that is totally free and also provides books, which allows me to have access to a great education. I need an education so I won't be poor when I grow up. I think a large family with meager means is not a good thing, because sometimes we are not able to eat.



My father is a farmer and my mother is a merchant, but my mom's business doesn't earn much money. We usually don't have enough money for supplies for her to sell. Our house is extremely small, with eight persons staying in a house with only two small rooms – it is quite difficult. We're just piling on top of each other and we often quarrel because of lack of space. But I'm trying to keep my mind positive saying to myself, "things could have been worse because me and my family have survived the earthquake which is not the case for some of my friends." With such thoughts I find joy of living and overflowing energy that allows me to pursue my goal of getting good grades in school. I am in the sixth grade and my favorite is math and I enjoy running and reading. I am very happy that my best friend lives next to my house and goes to the same school. Her name is Nerline Hiller. She is super nice we always have things to say and share, our secrets ... but I cannot tell you our secrets, otherwise they will not be secrets anymore. Thank you for reading my story.

IMPACT:

- Mercy & Sharing Village provides 24/7 care, food, shelter, medical care, education, therapy, and vocational training for 126 orphans.
- Mercy & Sharing Learning Academy educates 250 children.
- Mercy & Sharing's Technical and Trade School teaches 100 adults skills in computerized accounting, auto mechanics, agriculture, and sewing.