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## **Special Thanks To a Special Partner In The Mission Field, Orphan Grain Train**

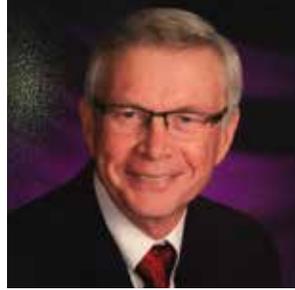
Some members of our Board of Directors were blessed to travel to the headquarters of Orphan Grain Train in Norfolk, Nebraska in October to share updates from our mission work in Haiti. This organization operates with the following mission in mind: "Orphan Grain Train is a Christian volunteer network that shares personal and material resources with needy people in America and around the world. Grain Train volunteers gather donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, and other aid to meet real needs. The Orphan Grain Train movement is a loving response to Jesus Christ's example as a servant and His love for us."

Large shipping containers filled with clothing, school desks, chalk boards, medical supplies and pre-packaged food (Mercy Meals) are shipped regularly from their warehouse to needy individuals around the globe, including those we serve in Haiti. When we have special needs, we know we can reach out to them and they are willing to help get just the items we need for our schools, churches and orphanages shipped in to the country, not an easy task.

We would like to take this time to recognize this partner organization for its incredible impact in Haiti and around the world and ask our supporters to keep Orphan Grain Train in your prayers.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,



I wonder how many of you have had this experience at one time or another. You were trying on an old pair of pants or slacks, maybe a suit or blouse that you had not worn in some time, when you reached into one of the pockets and lo and behold, to your dismay and joy, you pulled out some money that you didn't know was there. Were you delighted? I know I was when that happened to me. It doesn't happen often, but when it does it brightens up our day.

Recently I had this experience all over again, but it wasn't for money found in a suit pocket or pair of pants. I received a letter from Thrivent which looked like, to me, more advertising. I had it in my hand and was ready to put it in paper recycling when, on second thought, I decided to open it. Imagine my surprise when I was informed that I had almost one thousand dollars available for distribution in the "Choice Dollars" program. I had completely forgotten about it and had no idea I had that much available for a worthy cause. My cause is the HLMS. I am so thankful I took the extra time to read a letter that I thought was "junk" mail. You might say I rejoiced! The thought that my own negligence would have cost the HLMS nearly one thousand dollars frightens me!

In the parable of "The Lost Coin" found in Luke chapter 15 the woman sweeps the floor searching for the lost coin, and when she finds it she is so filled with joy that she calls together her friends and neighbors and says, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost" (Lk 15:9). Jesus used this parable not for the purpose of telling us how much we should rejoice over the discovery of money, but of the joy that is found in the salvation of just one lost soul. After all, money will never lead to our happiness. I am struck by this verse from the book of Ecclesiastes, "He who loves money will not be satisfied with money..." (Ecclesiastes 5:10a). What an amazing and accurate truth, that the lust for money, the overwhelming greed that overtakes many souls, will not be satisfied if the person gets what he or she strives for, money.

In my own case I was not so much filled with joy over the money I discovered, but over the fact that I could pass this money on to the HLMS which in turn will pass it on for the work in Haiti, which is, of course, the salvation of souls. In other words, I found joy in what this money could do for the work of the Lord, money I didn't even know I had.

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## THE CALL

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The mission of the Haiti Lutheran Mission Society, USA is to minister to the spiritual and physical needs of the Haitian people, so that they might be won by the Holy Spirit to be disciples of Jesus Christ."  
1 Cor. 3:7-15

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Many of you, I am sure, have accounts with Thrivent. Do you know about “Choice Dollars”? It is not money you can spend on yourself, it has to be passed on to a Thrivent approved organization, perhaps your church or school, or hopefully, the Haiti Lutheran Mission Society which turns it into work in Haiti. If you have questions about this program speak with your local Thrivent agent, I am sure either he or she can give you the proper information. There is a time limit during which this must be done. If you don’t designate the money it is put in a pool along with other undesignated money and distributed as Thrivent sees fit. Therefore, the time to act on this is NOW!

As always I want to thank you for your loyal support. It has always gone to the work in Haiti, the work of winning souls for Christ. The opportunities before us in that impoverished country are great, but our Lord is greater. With your help and His blessings we can have a great impact on the work of bringing Christ to the people of this neighbor of ours, the country of Haiti.

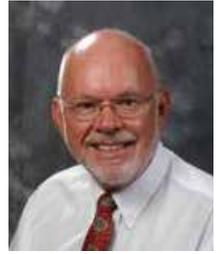
Thank you once again, in the name of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus,

Rev. Robert Nowak, President, HLMS



## HAITI TRIP September 3-8, 2015

### DICK BUETHE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HLMS



I left Omaha, NE for Chicago then Fort Lauderdale to Port-au-Prince. On this trip I carried funds from Messiah Lutheran Lincoln, NE to buy food for an orphanage, plus funds for food supplies for our other supported churches, as well as other requested items including a security system and cameras for Pastor Thomas Bernard's church and school.

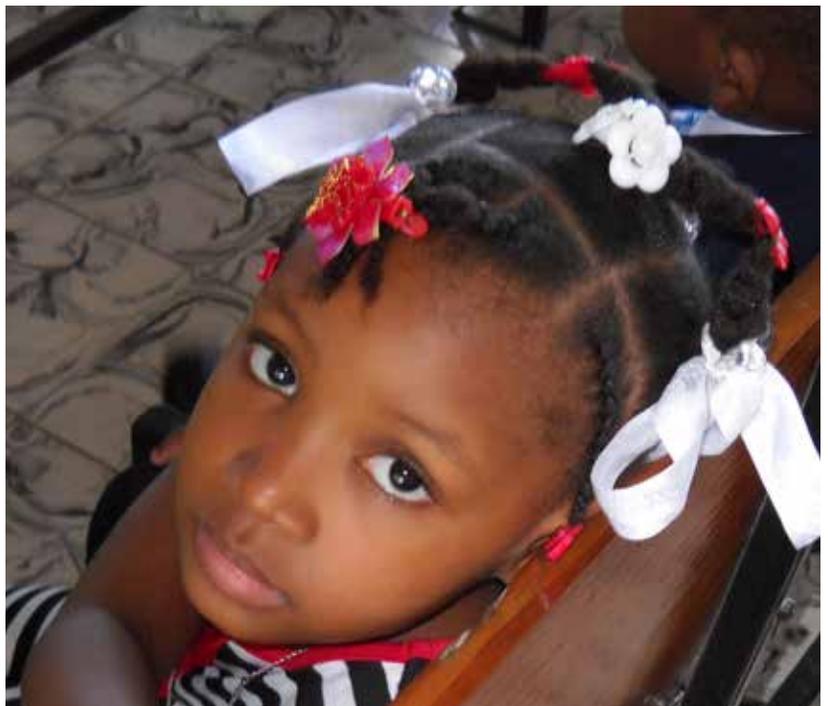
Immediately after arriving in Haiti I attended the evening service at Zion, the church that meets outside of the home of Leonard Isador. This wonderful service was attended by approximately 200 people. On Friday, Leonard and I met with Pastor Thomas and Josie, who runs the House Of Hope and Love Orphanage, to talk about needs of the orphanage and transfer the needed funds to her for support. We learned that the orphanage is still without reliable electricity which affects their ability to use the pump on their well. We promised to visit the orphanage on Saturday to meet with her further about this problem. We spent the remainder of this day purchasing and delivering supplies to the neediest in the congregations and to the supported churches.

We spent Saturday at the orphanage. It is now costing Josie seven dollars US each day to have water delivered to the orphanage to be used for washing, cooking and drinking, adding a large financial burden to her running of the orphanage. Even with the provided well and pump at the site, without needed electricity they are unable to use it. After researching quality well made generators in Haiti we discovered that we can purchase a quality generator for \$3,000 US. We are currently seeking these extra funds for this needed project. With gas in Haiti currently running at \$4.00 US per gallon, it is yet unclear if running a gas powered generator would be saving her money.

On Sunday I attended church at Pastor Thomas Bernard's church at Delmas 75 from 9:00 am – noon. This service was very well attended as usual and I was greeted by many friends. During the evening service at Zion we were able to distribute food supplies to those in attendance. 275 pounds of rice were distributed that evening. Food continues to be in short supply for many of our friends in Haiti, and hearing stories of individuals going several days without food is not unusual.

Thank you for your prayers for my safety on this trip and for your much needed support of this important work in Haiti.

Dick Bueche, Executive Director



# A Tribute To A Special Servant In Haiti, Dave Masek



October 22, 2015

Sue and Dave Masek first traveled to Haiti with the HLMS nearly ten years ago and the people of Haiti stole their hearts. They have returned numerous times to assist with medical mission trips, visit friends and serve in a variety of roles. A few months ago Dave lost his battle with cancer and went home to be with the Lord.

Sue honored his wishes and traveled to Haiti last week for a special memorial service for Dave at one of his favorite places. Our dear friend Leo played the accordion for the special service. Dave wrote the poem, "The Children of Haiti", after his 2008 trip to Haiti.

## The Children Of Haiti

*When I look at their condition...  
I see some of the poorest children in  
the world.*

*When I look at their faces...  
I see the work of God.*

*When I look into their eyes...  
I see the salvation of Jesus.*

*Their eyes tell me that they are among  
the richest in the world because of Jesus.*

-Dave Masek, 2008

# HAITI LUTHERAN MISSION SOCIETY

## Balance Sheet September 30, 2015

**Assets:**

Cash	\$137,834
Investments (LCEF)	<u>128,864</u>
Total Assets	\$266,698

**Fund Balances:**

Haiti Food Support	\$ 675
Haiti Child Sponsor/School Support	8,077
Haiti Eqmt/Supplies	0
Haiti Vehicle	3,250
Haiti Medical	0
Haiti Hurricane Relief	450
Haiti Pastor Support	6,329
Haiti Ward Fund	50,000
Haiti Wiebe Funds	133,730
LCEF Temporary Restricted	344
Haiti Bldg/Land	425
Haiti Crusade of Faith	19,892
HLMS Operating Fund/Interest/Travel	22,596
Non-Designated	<u>20,930</u>
Total Fund Balances	<b>\$ 266,698</b>

**Summary of Receipts/Expenses**

**1/1/15 – 09/30/15:**

Designated:

	Receipts	Expenses
Haiti Food Support	\$ 6175	\$ 6700
Haiti Child Sponsor/School Support	34,609	62,700
Haiti Eqmt/Supplies	2,100	6,171
Haiti Medical Clinic	500	17,190
Haiti Earthquake & Hurricane Relief	0	0
Haiti Pastoral Support	50	57,600
Haiti Bldg/Land-Delmas 75 (GSELC)	0	0
Haiti Bldg/Land-Leogane (GSELC)	0	10,000
Haiti Vehicle/Transportation	10,000	7,875
Haiti Budget Reduction	0	-25,015
HLMS Operating Fund	10,000	7,822
HLMS Travel Fund	6,500	5,838

Non-designated/Temp Restricted:

Contributions	52,465	-----
LCF Temporarily Restricted	5,344	-----
Interest	61	-----
Wiebe Fund Interest	399	-----

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**Total**

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**\$ 128,203**

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**\$ 156,881**



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# PRAYERS FOR HAITI

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**Autumn 2015**

## **Prayers of Thanks:**

For funds given by Messiah Lutheran, Lincoln, to buy food, school uniforms and backpacks for the House of Love and Hope orphanage.

For the opportunity to minister to the physical & spiritual needs of Haitians in our churches, schools, & orphanages.

For your continued prayer and financial support for the HLMS Mission so that both bodies and souls are fed.

Safe travel for Executive Director Dick Buehe on all four of his trips to Haiti in 2015.

For the faithful leadership of the HLMS Board.

## **Prayer Requests—Please Pray:**

For the elections in Haiti, that they remain safe and that a Christian leader be selected for the country.

For financial aid and prayer support to continue our work in Haiti.

For funds for food. Many Haitians are having difficulty providing food for their families at this time.

That God will provide electricity to the orphanage so that water can be pumped from the well. (Water is costing additional funds to have it delivered to the children.)

That God would provide for the safety & many needs at Faith Lutheran located in a dangerous & extremely poor area of Haiti, Cite Soleil.

That God would prepare the volunteer teams going to Haiti after the first of the year.

That God would sustain & continue to grow the mission in Haiti and give continued enthusiasm, wisdom and strength to its leaders.

For God's wisdom and discernment for the board members as they lead the HLMS.

(prayers submitted by Jill Jank)

**The next meeting of the  
Board of Directors of the HLMS  
will be held on Saturday,  
October 31, 2015 at 9 AM  
at the office of  
Buehe And Associates  
Insurance  
Lincoln, Nebraska**



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## The Haiti Lutheran Mission Society Needs Your Help!

Please enclose this portion of your newsletter with your financial support or requests for information. This will allow us to make any necessary address changes, forward correspondence and material to you, as well as ensure that we receive your pledge. *Thank you for your continued support and prayers.*

- I would like to help sponsor a child to attend school and receive an accredited Christian education for \$130 per year.
- I will continue to pray for the HLMS.
- I would like to contribute to the HLMS general fund. Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- I would like to pledge a monthly gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the HLMS.
- Please forward additional copies of the HLMS brochure. I need \_\_\_ copies.
- Please send a copy of The HLMS Call to this address:

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