

A Voice for the Children

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LETTER FROM PASTOR PREDESTIN

Hello brother Charlie and Margaret Hyder,

The kindnesses of the Lord are not exhausted! His compassion is not their theme. They are renewed every morning. How great is your faithfulness! On behalf of the children at My Father's House Haiti, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the gifts you sent to the orphanage. I know you put a lot of effort into finding donations to help the children. Without these donations, it would be impossible for us to serve the children. I pray that the Lord will continue to bless you! Happy New year 2024!

♡ Pastor Predestin



Photos are of the Christmas Celebrations at My Father's House. The children received gifts, and many of the gifts came in plastic shoe boxes which serve as a gift themselves so that they can store items in them. The children always celebrate over meals together as well. The meals might not be much different from what they usually eat, but they always celebrate with what they have.

From Charlie's Heart



The children gather to listen to Pastor Predestin and the leaders as they share about Christmas and prepare for the party.

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior and soon coming King!!

2023 has come and gone. The Lord has blessed us and provided the resources needed to fulfill our vision for the ministry to the children at My Father's House. Even though the gangs continue to roam the streets, killing and robbing, the children are safe and well fed and attending school. Because the border to Dominican Republic did not open before Christmas, the pastor had to rely on his faithful workers to do most of the purchasing of gifts. We were able to keep good phone communication with him as he planned the parties for Christmas.

There are a couple of thoughts I would like to share with you. Margaret and I celebrated 60 years of marriage in November. She is a blessing as she works many hours in service of the ministry. As we age, we become more and more concerned about the future of A Voice for the Children. Even though the donations have continued to be steady for many years, we see operating expenses going up. Meeting the requirements of the 501-3c non-profit and having the 990 annual report for IRS completed by a CPA require much time and worry. To be honest, we have no idea how to keep the ministry going without a church stepping forward. A church would not have to make these same costly reports to the government. As this ministry is the main support for My Father's House, we feel it might have to close the doors without our support. Please pray with us asking God to give us wisdom in seeking a church or another ministry to step up and carry on.

A friend recently asked me the reason we continued to provide for the children all these years. I gave a simple and direct answer. First, I asked him if he knew anything about the Bible? His answer was "yes", so I instructed him to go home and read Matthew 25:35-40. Margaret and I do what God laid on our hearts in 1978. When the final judgment comes and we stand before the Lord, we anticipate the words: *"I was hungry and you fed me, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was sick and you cared for me. I assure you that when you did this for the least of these, you were doing it for me."*

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT IN 2023
MARGARET AND I WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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