#### Christmas 2020 Newsletter

# **Provision of Grace Outreach**

A 501(c)(3) charity ...helping others help others...

**Mission Statement:** The mission of Provision of Grace Outreach is to build relationships, spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and address the spiritual and physical needs of those in poverty by forming partnerships with those who have a calling for Christian ministry within their own community.

#### Reflections

As I perused last year's Christmas newsletter, I was struck by the similarities of what would be appropriate to put in this year's newsletter - "difficult year for Haiti...political unrest...riots... protests...businesses closed...schools closed...cancelled teams...." Add in Covid-19. Oddly enough, the US has experienced those same hardships over the past year. Inflation has skyrocketed and the Haitian dollar has bottomed out. Gangs are still active in many areas of Haiti. They extort businesses and even schools, often requesting bribes for safety.

Although Haiti lacks the infrastructure and resources to bounce back politically or financially, her people have a resilience that is without compare. In recent conversations, both Giorgy and Cladel have expressed complete faith and trust in God that He will meet their needs and the needs of all those under their care. They both have awesome responsibilities, but an even more awesome God and Faith!

We are thankful the children were able to finish the 2019-20 school year in October and start the 2020-21 school year in November. Your support allowed us to help with food distributions for both the school staff and children during their most difficult times.

Cladel with Jeremiah Ministries had several opportunities to be of service in different communities through VBS and the distribution of food packs and school supplies. We are so thankful for his team's heart to serve and your gifts that make it possible.



### **Giving Opportunities**

- f \$35/month (\$420/year) for Tuition at IME School
- f "Family Tree" Sponsorship of a Home Child
- f Jeremiah Ministries areas of focus – VBS, school supplies, elderly
- *f* Transitional Housing \$10K
- f Rice, beans, & oil \$15 feeds a family of 6 for 2 weeks. Designate for your sponsored child or leave undesignated for a community distribution

#### **Next POGO Team**

March 29 - April 7, 2021

#### **Announcement**

Year-end statements will be mailed in January.

# Correspondence

Email updates are sent every 2 – 3 months. Email eases the correspondence process so please make sure we have your email if available.

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#### Plans and Dreams

It is good to remember and to reflect. It is even better to pray and move forward.

- t With 16 home children attending school off-site, adding the 7th and 8th grades to our community school is under consideration for the 2021-22 school year. This may be more cost-effective for POGO and it will increase opportunities for community children.
- f Transitional Housing plans are in process for the concertina wire and well to be completed in the next few months with construction of the first home to begin in March. Currently we have a GoFundMe campaign underway to raise \$10K. At the time of this printing, we have received \$1,550 toward our goal!!
- t Trade school/skills training Given the ages of some of our children, we are exploring options for training (classes, apprenticeships, etc.) that will allow them to secure jobs.

### **Spring Mission Team**

The next team is scheduled for March 29 – April 7. Our primary focus will be on spending time with

the children and workers in Haiti. Other areas of focus will include sponsorship; transitional home construction; and distribution of rice, beans, and oil.

We would love for you to join us! If you are interested in joining this team, please let us know by January 31, 2021. No previous experience or specific skills are required, just a willing spirit!

# **Sponsorship**

During this Christmas season, as you visit with friends and family, please consider sharing about the joys of sponsorship. Sponsorship of a community child provides – school, lunch, salaries for teachers, access to food distributions, hope, etc.

"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;

the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace." ~ Numbers 6:24-26	
Yes! I Can Help POGO!  Transitional housing (any amount)  IMEM School child sponsorship (tuition) (\$35/month; \$420/year)  School supplies  Family tree sponsorship of home child (any amount)  Jeremiah Ministries (any amount)  Other	Name:  Address:  Email:  8015 Stroupe Farm Road Tobaccoville, NC 27050 (252)916-6401 (Michele Keen) Keenarrowfarmchick1@twc.com provisionofgraceoutreach.org
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