



# CHILDREN'S *Lifeline* INTERNATIONAL

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## 2008 Annual Year in Review

Dear Friends of Lifeline,

**A** NNUALLY, in this edition of the newsletter, it is my great joy and privilege to share with you what the Lord has accomplished through Lifeline in the past year. All that you are about to read and view has been brought to pass because: 1) God is ever faithful and has blessed richly, 2) many of you have generously sacrificed your time, talents, and finances, and 3) of an untiring desire of the Lifeline staff, both in Haiti and the United States, to live what the Bible teaches and help those that can't help themselves.

I want to personally thank all of you for the sacrificial gifts that you have given, for your prayers, and for your

dedicated support of this mission. In the midst of the worst economic times we have seen in many years, **God has continued to direct and bless the efforts of our partnership in ministry.**

My hope is that you will receive blessing and encouragement as you witness the wondrous things that God has done (Eph 3:20. *Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think...*). I am moved by, and deeply appreciate, the faith that you have placed in this mission.

Your Humble Servant,

Donald Curtis, President/CEO



### Feeding the Starving Children

**L**OOKING BACK, it's amazing to consider that this mission was started with the humble beginnings of feeding twelve children. Founder Arnold Lemke witnessed the extreme need of the children of Haiti and responded to the urgings of the Holy Spirit with obedience and action.

Today Lifeline is providing a hot, nutritious meal to 1,627 children, five days a week, at 9 feeding centers. This means that, last year, approximately 423,020 meals were

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#### To provide those 423,020 meals, Lifeline purchased:

Beans.....	30,200 lbs. (15.1 tons)
Rice .....	40,400 lbs. (20.2 tons)
High Fortified Meals .....	15,649 lbs. (7.8 tons)
Flour .....	6,500 lbs. (3.25 tons)
Corn meal .....	7,100 lbs. (3.55 tons)
Butter.....	184 gallons
Cooking Oil .....	996 gallons

## Feeding the Starving Children (continued)

served to some of the most poverty stricken children in the world. Such provision is only possible through the blessings of the Lord as He ministers through faithful servants like you.

Though these numbers are exemplary, there are still too many Haitian children that must struggle to survive on a diet of mud cakes. It remains the burden of our heart to see that no child is forced to try and curb the pangs of hunger with common dirt, and that every child has access to a nutritious meal.



## Emergency Relief

**D**URING ONE OF THE WORST HURRICANE seasons that Haiti has known, Lifeline was there partnering with Kids Against Hunger and the U.S. Navy to provide thousands of meals to those in desperate need. Through a concerted effort, food was delivered to the portions of Haiti that had suffered the greatest damage. The U.S. Navy, through Operation Hand Clasp, delivered the food via helicopters and boats to locations that were otherwise inaccessible. Thousands of people that had lost any and every thing that they owned, including food, were able to receive life-saving nutrition.



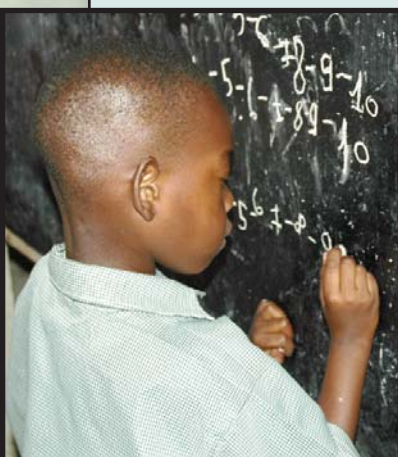
## Medical Clinic

**S**TATISTICS FOR HAITI indicate that there are only 25 doctors for every 100,000 people. With this in mind, it is not difficult to see why the life expectancy of females is only 51 years, and that for males is 48 years. Once again, the Lord has enabled Lifeline to assess and address the need, opening the door through which wonderful strides to alleviate the problem have been accomplished. In February, we were very pleased to celebrate the grand opening of the Lifeline Medical Clinic. Our full time physician, Dr. Yves (pronounced Eves), is a devout Christian that has a deep passion for the Haitian people. He shares not only his medical abilities, but also the gospel.



## Educating Children

**I**N HAITI, education standards are extremely low. The literacy rate is about 52 percent, well below the average of 90 percent that is typical of the Latin American and Caribbean countries. In our efforts to make a difference, Lifeline is now educating a total of approximately 1,000 children through 8 schools. This year was the fifth consecutive that our sixth grade class was able to achieve a 100 percent pass rate on the national test. While learning of Christ, these children are getting a very good education that gives them a better chance for a brighter tomorrow.



## Trade School

**A** LONG TIME DREAM has been realized. Knowing the hope that is inherent with self-sufficiency and sense of purpose, Lifeline has been blessed to establish a fully operating trade school class. At this time we have 13 students ranging from teenage girls to grandmothers participating in our first Sewing Class. These ladies are not only obtaining a useful and valuable skill in learning to sew, but they are gaining the knowledge to run a business that will help support their families financially.





### Solar Oven

**A** FEW YEARS AGO Lifeline was blessed to receive a Solar Baking Oven. This oven has been a tremendous asset as it has allowed us to bake bread with nothing but the sun's energy (which, as I am sure you are aware, is abundant in Haiti). This year, in His goodness, the Lord provided another Sun Oven, the use of which allows us to be a help to the children in an even greater way. These ovens are wonderful additions that help facilitate the efforts of Lifeline to give the children a well balanced, nutritious meal.



### Church / Pastor's Trainings

**F**OR SEVERAL YEARS Lifeline has conducted monthly pastor's training sessions where both American and Haitian pastors have worked and learned together. These seminars are designed to aid and strengthen the ministers in their efforts, which, in turn, enable them to better equip the church. These sessions have been very successful and fruitful for the church as it ministers in Haiti.

No doubt, based on your own experiences, those of others in your congregation, and your knowledge of events of

the Bible, most of you can testify to the redeeming, healing power of the Lord in the face of what are, by human estimation, impossible circumstances. Well, add one from His work in Haiti to the list – we were awed to witness the conversion of a practicing witch doctor this year! Praise the Lord!



### 3rd Annual Church Convention



**E**VERY YEAR Lifeline hosts an annual church convention the first weekend of March. Always an exciting time for everyone involved, this provides a wonderful opportunity for the people of Haiti and the United States to come together and worship the Lord. This year, over 1,000 people attended the meetings every evening, many receiving spiritual help. During the four day convention over 100 people received the Lord in their heart, several were baptized, and there was even one wedding ceremony. For at least a few days the Haitian people were able to enjoy life. What a blessing and privilege to be a part of what the Lord is doing in the advancement of His Kingdom!

### Missionaries

**I**N JULY, Lifeline was very blessed to have Adam and Amber White join the ministry team. Obedient to the urgings of the Holy Spirit, they relocated to Haiti where they have dedicated themselves to work full time in service to the people. Their willingness to sacrifice their plans for those to which God has called them is a very honorable thing. We are very happy for their help as they work and minister to the glory of God. Please pray that the Lord will strengthen, protect, and encourage them, and that He will bless and direct their efforts, providing all that is needed to make the greatest impact.



### Team Trips

**S**HORT-TERM MISSION teams have been an exciting and vital part of our mission efforts in recent years. We were pleased to host eleven of these trips in 2008. The teams were a tremendous support and help as they participated in various forms of ministry, Vacation Bible School, construction projects, medical clinics, and so much more.

If you would like to participate in a life changing adventure please contact us so that we can help you plan the most satisfying mission trip possible.



### Love Bundles

**M**ANY PEOPLE may never have the opportunity to actually visit Haiti. Assembling Love Bundles is a way in which everyone can be directly involved in helping the children. We were blessed to send close to 4,000 love bundles to Haiti this year. These simple gifts that include washcloths, towels, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, clothes, toys, school supplies, peanut butter, and a salvation tract are many times the only gift that the poor Haitian children ever receive. We continually work to get more of these wonderful gifts so that more children will receive the blessings they carry. This is a great program where individuals, churches, church groups, and organizations can help those children who need it most. Please contact us for more information.





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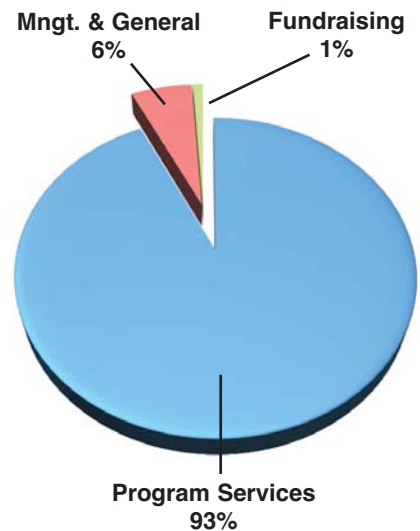
**L**IFELINE IS A MISSION that is, first, dedicated to the glory of God. We are fully aware that the mandates of 1 Corinthians 10:31 (...whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God), and Colossians 3:23 (whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men) are more than just words on a page. We strive to uphold the highest financial standards and integrity possible so that God is glorified. This also enables us to effectively continue to assist the greatest number of people possible with the resources that the Lord has provided through you, the friends of Lifeline. Our annual audit was recently completed by an independent agency. We are pleased to report that 93% of the money received by Children's International Lifeline was dedicated to programs. Programs that make a real difference in hearts and

lives where there is real need.

Friends, your financial support is used wisely and responsibly. Through your prayers and generosity, the Lord is bringing amazing things to pass. Your continued support, in finance as well as prayer, is critical if this ministry is to fulfill its God-given vision. We thank you for your part in a great year and, with much anticipation, look forward to the fruits of our ministry partnership as we remain faithful and endeavor to accomplish the goals that the Lord has placed before us.

We would like to visit your church or organization. We welcome the opportunity to explain the ministries and programs of the mission in greater detail. Please contact us to schedule a presentation.

### Children's International Lifeline 2007-2008 Financials



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