

Islan, Stephanie, and Adleen and their new peanut butter machine



stephanie roasting peanuts



PEANUT BUTTER MATTERS...

Hey Buddy! (Bonjou Zamni!)

If you've ever been to our village of Kilbitè on a mission trip you were quickly welcomed by many children who delighted in sharing my favorite American greeting, "Hey buddy!"

One day while riding from the village to town on a motorcycle a little guy on the side of the road recognized me and shouted, "Hey buddy!" That's when I officially became a local.

This past month we started producing our own peanut butter in Kilbitè. It didn't take long to come up with a fun name for our product. Hey Buddy Peanut Butter.

We've shipped peanut butter to Haiti in the past. But the need is too urgent and the shipping process too slow and costly. And locally grown peanuts are cheap and easily available. A thoughtful donor helped us purchase our own gas-powered peanut butter machine (there is no electricity in Kilbitè).

Peanuts are shelled, cleaned, and then roasted before grinding them into fresh peanut butter. Three ladies from The Church of the God of Perfection do all the production and earn wages for their work. They and volunteer helpers are also rewarded with the fruit of their labors.

The churning peanut butter machine always draw kids from the village. In those moments there's always bread on hand to spread the joy.

Hunger and malnutrition are part of everyday life. The Church of the God of Perfection in Kilbitè and Marotte are eager to minister both spiritually and physically to their villages. Our "Hey Buddy Peanut Butter Ministry" goes to feed some very needy people. Expecting and new mommies. Haitian refugees. Plus our 98 students and staff at The School of the God of Perfection.

Our goal is to produce 100 jars of peanut butter every month. With your prayers and support the sky is the limit!

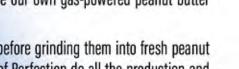
Our ministry is supported entirely by donations. Please consider helping our churches minister God's mercy with great nutrition and satisfied tummies. All to the glory of Christ and His gospel!

Thanks buddy!





Jeff Maskevich Director, God's Mercy to Haiti





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Thanks

for making a difference in the education of our children!



We reached our goal! Thank you! you made our \$98 for 98 campaign a success.

But there is more to reaching this goal than meets the eye. Much more.

She has a smile that lights up a room. Plus a grateful spirit and a voice that faithfully rings out in worship to God.

Madam Wilfred is an elderly Christian woman who raised her family in Kilbite. She lives in a small hut pieced together with scraps of tarp and metal. Her adult daughter helped out for decades before she found a way out of Haiti. Being alone made life more difficult for Madam Wilfred.

But God had not forgotten an elderly widow tucked away in the Haitian jungle.

Nine years ago a couple came to Kilbitè on a mission trip. After getting to know Madam Wilfred they discovered she was a seamstress earlier in life. Hearing that, they purchased her and old-fashioned sewing machine that operates by a foot-pedal with the hope that she could earn a living.

For the past eight school years God's Mercy to Haiti has contracted to pay Madam Wilfred to sew our new school uniforms. And for the couple who lovingly and intentionally gave that sewing machine - God's will and work was accomplished for His good purpose through them.

For Madam Wilfred this is more than about earning money. There is dignity in being productive. There is purpose in sharing in one's giftedness. Every fall at the start of school year she gets to enjoy the satisfaction of seeing her hard work adorned by all the children walking past her hut on their way to school.

Dignity and a sense of purpose cannot be measured in numbers. This is also true for the volunteers and staff that helped to outfit **98 uniforms and curriculum for 98 kids.** What satisfaction there is for you too! To see your gifts woven into the fabric of God's personal touch for a people so dear to Him!

Together we are a living parable of God's work and purpose... for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good purpose (Philippians 2:13).

Thank you for contributing to our school's success! And for blessing Kilbite with dignity, purpose, and encouragement. To God be the glory!

Parents picking up uniforms and curriculum for their kids.





Our first chapel service. Starting the school year with thanks and worship to God!

Opening Day 2023-24



Rounding up the kindergartners for their class photo.



Peanut butter and juice for breakfast. Yummy!



God's Mercy to Haiti Haitian Staff





The School of the God of Perfection 1st-6th graders.

Nine years ago The School of the God of Perfection was birthed in our little jungle village. We started with 18 kindergartners a teacher and a helper. God has grown us to a place where the foundations of faith and life are built.

Against the backdrop oppression, poverty, and voodoo, we are a healthy, bright, positive, and joyful place. A lighthouse! A shining testimony to Jesus and His gospel!

We thank you Lord, for your grace, power, provision, joy, and hope! All in Jesus name!

And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own. They urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service with (you) the Lord's people.

(2 Corinthians 8:1-4)



PRAYERS & OPPORTUNITIES

This is The Church of the God of Perfection from both Kilbitè and Marotte spending the day fasting and praying before going to an isolated village to evangelize. Many came to faith In Christ afterwards. We praise God for the tremendous spiritual growth going on around us. Please pray with us for more souls to repent and believe and find hope in Christ. Christ is the hope of the world!

For years I've been praying for a house to be built for Evelyn and her family. Her former home was blown down in a hurricane. The cost for building materials and labor for a new would be \$15,000. Evelyn is part of our kitchen staff. She is hard working and has a gentle spirit. Aghee, who is a member of our church, would build a block home with a metal roof. We thank God for the opportunity to minister Evelyn and her family. Contact me (Jeff) for more details.



The chaos in Haiti has created refugees nationwide. These refugee women and their children got news of our church in Marotte and our baby/mommy ministry. These refugee women received peanut butter, and clothes and diapers for their babies. Many people contribute in varying ways to make this ministry possible. GMH would like to expand our reach. Please pray and give to make this ministry strive. Thank you.



Transportation is a basic. And we are in great need for another motorcycle for our ministry. It would be shared by our staff. It's \$1500 for a new moto. We're praying for God to provide. We don't need a Harley, but if you make a \$1500 donation, we promise to name the motorcycle after you. No, really!



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WE ARE A 501C3 NON-PROFIT CHRISTIAN MINISTRY. All donations are tax deductible I tell folks I feel like we're in God's "spiritual jet-stream" in Haiti. It gets scarry to look down once in a while, but it's thrilling to be carried along by His purpose and plan. From our vantage point His Kingdom is so evident.

I am proud of the faith and resolve of our churches in Kilbitè and Marotte. Their mercy and determination in the midst of their trials is a testimony to God's Spirit upon them.

All of our brothers and sisters in Haiti are grateful for every prayer and every donation! For every diaper sewn. For every suitcase shipped. For every for opportunity to speak of Jesus and His gospel.

We plead with you to share in our privilege in sharing the blessings of God. Join us!

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