

Dear Friend of GSO,

It is with a sad heart that I send this letter. First, to inform you of the massive damage done to the buildings in Port-Au-Prince and throughout Haiti. Anyone with a radio, television or internet connection has been made painfully aware of the massive damage and the enormous loss of precious life. I would like to say that Good Shepherd Orphanage and School was the exception to this catastrophic event, but I am reminded of a scripture that says "It rains on the just and the unjust alike". Such is the case in Haiti.

Even though all of our structures are still standing, they are heavily damaged and will need to be stabilized first with major repairs immediately following. This will take an enormous amount of time and financial aid to accomplish the many tasks that lay ahead.

Of all the children that are in the care of GSO, we are only missing two young men who grew up in the orphanage. Having graduated from the GSO school, they were attending college downtown and are still unaccounted for and presumed lost in that devastation. This is a tragic loss for Papa Cassy and all their brothers and sisters at GSO, and I'm sure each of you.

On a more positive side, two of our board members, David Zimmer and Mike Martin along with Chrispin Gabriel, flew to the Dominican Republic last week and purchased two truckloads of food, water and fuel. Under the cover of night, they joined a UN convoy and arrived 12 hours later at GSO, just as their supply of food and water was about to expire. This was, and still is, the only help that has come to that area. I have added a picture of a little boy at the orphanage, eating the food that they brought.

Many of you have been wanting to help in many different ways, and we deeply appreciate that. However, the thing we need most of all is financial aid. For those of you who are familiar with PayPal, an account has been established. Checks can also be sent to our new address which will be used from now on. That address is;

Good Shepherd Orphanage and School  
P.O. Box 27  
Hebron, Kentucky, 41048

God bless each of you as we stand in the gap together.

Earl Holt  
President,  
Good Shepherd Orphanage and School