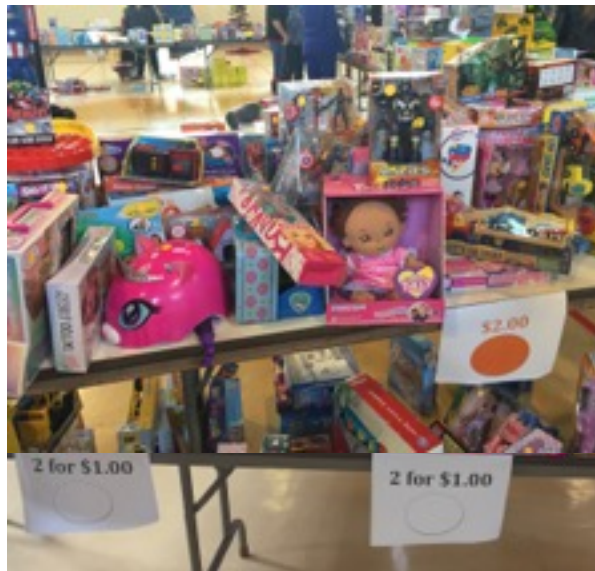


## Haitian Support Ministries Newsletter

### Christmas in Haiti 2016

For many years, Haitian Support Ministries would bring Christmas gifts down to the orphanage children in Jacmel to celebrate Christmas. Led by Cindy Bules, her team went to great lengths to acquire age-specific toys and gifts. Parties were planned as well as trips to local beaches. The children were overjoyed and



looked forward to the team coming down every January. It was a highlight of the year for them.



Several board members recently visited two ministries in Chicago: Restoration Ministries in Harvey, IL, and Roseland Community Goodness Day Care. Several years ago these ministries changed the way they helped families give Christmas presents to their children. Rather than provide gifts directly to the children at Christmastime, the ministries accumulate gifts throughout the year and make them available to parents or caregivers at a

fraction of the actual cost. With this change, the parents or caregivers are provided with the dignity associated with purchasing gifts for their own children

and experiencing the joy that comes from giving. HSM decided to implement this model for gifting down in Haiti.

This year HSM will be collecting Christmas gifts to deliver to Calvary Church in Jacmel. Calvary will then make gifts available to parents and caregivers at a low cost as an outreach ministry. Gifts will be taken to Haiti by a small team and donated to Calvary Church. No Americans will be present when the church leaders make the gifts available for purchase to local parents. The gifts will not be given but sold to families for about 10% of the actual cost. We are excited about another way we can work together with Christians in Haiti to grow the church in Haiti.

Please consider joining us by providing Christmas gifts or financial donations to purchase gifts for families in Jacmel. To ease transportation please limit gift size to no bigger than a shoebox. Ages range from 5-19 years. Suggested gift value \$ 10.00 - \$ 25.00. A team will bring gifts to Haiti first week of November so get your donation in by October 25th. Gifts may be dropped off at the following churches:

Agape Christian Church  
1601 "I" St.  
LaPorte, IN 46350  
Attn: Gail Knickrehm

Lamb's Chapel  
6006 Fail Rd.  
LaPorte, IN 46350  
Attn: Phyllis Schuster

State Street Church  
209 State St.  
LaPorte, IN 46350  
Attn: Cindy Bules

First Church of God  
2020 E. Lincolnway  
LaPorte, IN 46350  
Attn: Roger Ash

Converge Community Church  
601 W. Buffalo  
New Buffalo, Mi. 49117  
Attn: Carol Hoekstra

Sawyer Highlands Church  
13100 Red Arrow Hwy.  
Sawyer, Mi. 49125  
Attn: Judie Dryden

Bethany Bible Baptist Church  
261 Medical Plaza  
Michigan City, In. 46360  
Attn: John Steel

Thank you from Pastor Jean-Claude and the children of Calvary Church, Jacmel