

**Children born in Haiti are  
more likely to die during  
early childhood than in  
any other country in the  
Western Hemisphere.**

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A CASE FOR GIVING

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How do you mend the poorest nation  
in the Western Hemisphere?

Where do you begin in a country so broken, so impoverished,  
that more than half of its families live with chronic hunger?

Where less than a third of its population has access  
to safe drinking water and basic sanitation?

Where tens of thousands die every year from diseases  
that are treatable and preventable?

Just where, in a country like Haiti, do you start?

You start with the children.



Since 1994 Mercy and Sharing has been reaching out to the most brutally impoverished children of Haiti. **the hope** Through feeding programs, medical care, education and protection for the orphaned and abandoned, we have given hope where there was none before. More than charity, we offer these neglected children an opportunity to survive, even thrive, against staggering odds.

But, our funding comes solely through generous donors who share our horror at this tragic situation. **These children desperately need your help, and they need it today. Our task is monumental but the rewards are transformational.**

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our programs

**The Mercy House Orphanage**  
**Abandoned Baby Unit**  
**John Branchizio School**  
**Cite Soleil School**  
**The Feeding Program**  
**Mercy & Sharing Clinic**  
**The Williamson Project**



## ABANDONED BABY UNIT

In a 30 X 15 box of a room, not ironically located next to the morgue in the National Hospital in Port-au-Prince, is the Mercy and Sharing Abandoned Baby Unit. Most of these children, often left for dead on the hospital steps, are chronically ill, deformed or developmentally disabled; many are victims of neglect and abuse, such as one boy who survived his father's slash to the head with a machete. And always there is the threat of kidnap, even from this room - the child sex trade and traffic in body parts is alive and well here. Mercy and Sharing provides three meals a day, clothing, clean water, a doctor visit five times a week, and someone to hold them. We are also responsible for special care or surgery, as required. And, if fate blesses them one more time, they will live to see the Mercy House Orphanage.



"Pray for the healthy ones, they will be the first ones stolen from us."



What is immediately and sadly apparent visiting the Abandoned Baby Unit at the government hospital is that most of the children are not babies at all. They may have been when they were brought here, but the 20% who have survived are much older now. They have languished here for years, trapped in government politics that forbid release without impossible paperwork.



## MERCY HOUSE ORPHANAGE

70% of Haiti's 8 million people are children.

Perhaps only in a place such as Haiti, where so many children are born into stunning poverty and neglect, could an orphanage be described as inspirational.

But so it is at Mercy House Orphanage. These children are free to play, they eat three meals a day, they are clothed, bathed, have beds to sleep in, house mothers to hold them. The John Branchizio school is on premises, where uniforms, books and supplies are provided for the orphans and 350 children from the immediate area.

In addition to the roughly 40 healthy children here, the Mercy House Home for Terminally Ill and Handicapped Orphans cares for about 75 more. Nearly all were abandoned at birth, left to die. Here they receive 24-hour care, daily therapy, meals, clean water and efforts to keep their quality of life as high as possible. This is one of the few orphanages to care for the handicapped in Haiti. Your donations are all that make this possible.



boys at mercy house orphanage





Mercy & Sharing feeds more than 2000 people a day in Haiti. The average cost is about 35 cents a meal.



MERCY FEEDING PROGRAM

Far from the destitution and danger of Port-au-Prince, the abject poverty persists. More than half of all Haiti families live with chronic hunger, so the Mercy and Sharing meal programs are a godsend for hundreds of people in remote villages. For children, some parents and the elderly – a grossly forgotten class in this country – we bring one hearty and nutritious meal a day. Without this food, many would go without, indefinitely. The number of people we feed is limited only by our budget – your support will literally save lives. We serve about 700 people in Paulette and 600 in Phaeton. And, at the St. Bartholemy school in Terrier Rouge, each of the 520 students gets a meal and clean water daily. This nutrition improves their health and their capacity to learn.



An empty stomach has no ears.  
*(Haitian saying)*



In Haiti, there are no easy solutions. One gift will not cure its ills. But there are answers, and the work of Mercy & Sharing can make a big difference in the lives of many children. **the need** Small steps lead to small victories, and bigger hopes. We need your help.



mercy & sharing clinic



In a country where most people have no convenient access to medical care, nor the money to pay for it, the Mercy & Sharing Community Health Center in Port-au-Prince is a blessing. This state-of-the-art facility serves the area's poor, from infants to the elderly, seeing as many as 200 people a day. Doctor consults, tests and lab work are free, medication is half-price. A cervical cancer treatment unit cares for the most prevalent cancer effecting women in Haiti. The difference we're making in the lives of these desperately poor people is considerable.



## THE WILLIAMSON PROJECT

An hour and a half north of Port-au-Prince, situated on 19 acres in the foothills of the coastal mountains, Mercy & Sharing's most ambitious effort so far is coming to life.

The Williamson Project promises to improve children's lives and help break the cycle of despair by providing a clean, healthy and secure environment ideal for their continued development. Construction is under way thanks to many volunteers, donors and local workers paid by Mercy and Sharing.

1. TRADE SCHOOL  
2. DORMITORY  
3. CHAPEL  
4. HANDICAPPED FACILITY  
5. VISITOR ACCOMMODATIONS  
6. TERMINALLY ILL FACILITY  
7. CLASSROOMS AND LIBRARY



Being built in phases,

# here is what is planned:

- A home-styled, family-like facility for children, handicapped and not, from our orphanage.
- An Elementary School, as well as a Trade School for vocational training for our graduating children and those from the local community.
- A Physical Therapy Center, a Church & Nutrition Center, additional space for orphanages and a new facility for terminally ill children.
- Williamson will provide immediate care and hope to many, and our young recipients will be able to take their new skills out into the community and improve the lives of others.



## CITI SOLEIL SCHOOL



Here in what has been called the poorest and most dangerous slum in the Western Hemisphere, a small miracle is taking place. **the care** Port-au-Prince's Citi Soleil residents – as many as 400,000 people packed into an area the size of a small city neighborhood – survive in a world so poor, so violent, so filthy that it is horrifying even by Haitian standards. Yet Mercy and Sharing operates a school here for almost 200 children. We provide the students one daily meal and clean water, as well as books and supplies.



Mercy and Sharing's reach continues to spread as we now serve more than 5,000 children a day. Your generous donations go directly and immediately to helping the children and funding our programs.

## JOHN BRANCHIZIO SCHOOL

**“We don’t give charity, we give opportunity – to make their lives better. It’s a way out of misery.”**

*Susie Krabacher, founder Mercy & Sharing*





**we can  
change  
lives**

**80% of the  
Haitian popu-  
lation lives  
below the  
poverty level.**



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The children of Haiti are dying at an appalling rate. Those who don't die face lives of neglect, abuse and utter despair. The need is startling, and it is urgent. Helping these children is mostly beyond the power of their government, so aid organizations must step in to save lives and give these innocent souls the opportunity for a healthy and productive life. This is where we – and you – come in.

Our paid staff and volunteers are doing superhuman work in Haiti, and our efforts are only limited by the funds we receive from our generous donors. Your direct monetary donation is the best way to help. We also offer opportunities for program and project sponsorships. And, Mercy and Sharing is in constant need of volunteer services from physicians, nurses, physical therapists and dentists.

An immediate and generous one-time gift would be a blessing. A longer term commitment, in whatever form, would place you with the angels. In a land of staggering despair, we are making real progress, we are saving lives and we are providing children with opportunities they wouldn't otherwise have. All made possible by your help. There is no better day than today.



**how can you help?**

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