

St. Michael Parish

300 North Broad Street
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SAINT MICHAEL'S MISSION TO HAITI

*As often as you did it to one of the least of my brothers and sister,
You did it to me. MATT. 25:40*

Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, perhaps the poorest in the world. Canfield is a relatively affluent city in the most prosperous nation in the world. Thankfully, St. Michael Parish is responding to scripture.

For more than a decade St. Michael's has had a relationship with the Little Children of Jesus Orphanage, which is home to over 100 severely disabled children. St. Michael's has been involved with the orphanage since 2000, when under the auspices of Food for the Poor, Father Terry Hazel visited the country for the first time. He, along with various parishioners, has made three subsequent trips to Haiti and to the orphanage.

Our church has made contributions to Haiti in a variety of ways. In addition to several trips made to see first-hand how desperately poor the country is and to witness how great the need, St. Michael's has responded in the following ways:

- ~Using envelopes specifically earmarked for Haiti, parishioners enable our church to send monetary donations, usually between \$1,500-\$2,000 each month.
- ~Parishioner's contributions of nearly \$50,000 since 2000 have enabled the building of five houses in Haiti (each costing \$2,000) and have provided continuing support to the orphanage.
- ~In the days following the tragic earthquake in January of 2010, St. Michael's started an *earthquake relief fund* to provide wide ranging aid to Haiti.
- ~St. Michael's Parish Boy Scout Troop 115, partnering with Food for the Poor, provided for installation of six artesian wells, bringing precious clean water to this poverty stricken area.

We encourage St. Michael's parishioners and friends to continue their monetary generosity, to visit Haiti, and to continue to pray for those in Haiti who truly are among the least of our brothers and sisters.

