

**Bringing Light to
Northern Haiti**



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Midwest Food Bank Partnership

Nearly 16 months ago, we announced the beginning of a partnership with Bloomington, Illinois based Midwest Food Bank. Midwest Food Bank's mission is to share the love of Christ by alleviating hunger and malnutrition locally and throughout the world and providing disaster relief; all without discrimination. Their vision is to faithfully continue to help those in need by sharing the blessings. Several years ago, MFB saw a great need in a close by country and began to pray and plan on how to meet that need in Haiti. And as God does, he brought together two like minded organizations to make a difference.

That brings us to today and we wanted to provide an update on progress on this partnership. Earlier this year we filled a shipping container full of Tender Mercies packets that will be used for our school lunches. In addition, construction began on a storage and distribution center on our Pillatre campus. On what used to be a basketball court, a pavilion has taken shape that will hold up to 5 sea containers full of meals. One of those containers in the picture is the one packed in February.



As God often does, this partnership has more than just the physical need being met. We know having this distribution center will provide benefits to our Haitian brothers and sisters for years to come. It also makes an impact in that the new storage facility is the perfect location and base for us to install solar panels to power our Pillatre campus. This is a huge blessing as we will no longer have expensive, and sometimes difficult to get, diesel fuel needs each month for our generator. We can take those funds currently used for fuel and eventual generator replacement and use them to focus on church plants. Our current plan is to have the solar power system installed in August. Praise God for his provision!

We would encourage you to keep up to date with all Midwest Food Bank is doing in Cap Haitian and all of Haiti. You can find out more on their website at: <https://midwestfoodbank.org/news/blog/2019> and <https://midwestfoodbank.org/news/blog/mfb-haiti-partners-with-matthew-28-ministry>

Gifts for Sponsored Children



We had previously shared a request to pause sending gifts via our field address to our sponsor children. We have been communicating with Pastor Bob and he believes we are ready to resume sending small gifts to our sponsored kids. What we would ask is that you think “shoe-box” size when putting together a gift. Here are a couple of suggestions from Pastor Bob on what to potentially send: toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, towels, shampoo, clothes, small toys, coloring books, crayons, pencils, pencil sharpener, barrettes, combs, brushes, and other small items. We continue to ask that you reimburse us \$1.50 per pound for shipping costs. Also please keep in mind that the packages do have to go through Haitian Customs. Merci!

“Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.”

Ephesians 3:20-21 NLT