

# GOOD SAMARITAN ORPHANAGE



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**Mr. & Mrs. Anilus Justin**

Haiti is the poorest nation in the western hemisphere. In such places it is normally the children who suffer the most. Mr. and Mrs. Anilus Justin's compassion for these children is evident. In 1999 they started taking abandoned children into their home. Shortly thereafter they began construction of the orphanage. They have never received salaries for what they do at the orphanage. Mr. Justin has a private school for children preschool through grade 12. Mrs. Justin is a nurse at the government hospital. They have given of themselves for the good of these children for years and continue to do so. The Justins have invested countless hours and days in providing for these children. Of all they do, Anilus says, "The hardest part is

turning away children brought to us. There is no possibility of taking all the children who need a home." "*Hats off to*", and "*Thank you*" fall way short of the appreciation due them. There are children who are alive today, educated, healthy, and who know God's will for them because of this couple. The orphanage is theirs. We provide funds to operate it, but we are not their bosses or supervisors. God is! This was their orphanage before we got involved and it still is....and His.



## **Starfish Foundation Involvement**

On January 10, 2012 Haiti experienced a 7.0 earthquake. Though centered quite a distance south of Fort Liberte almost instantly there were tens of thousands of additional orphans.

The Faith Village Church of Christ in Wichita Falls took \$20,000. I had been part of a humanitarian relief following the earthquake and saw what I considered was tremendous waste and excessive overhead on the part of major charitable organizations. I volunteered to take the money given for Haiti and personally find a way to help the most with funds given. I was on the first commercial plane flying into the capital of Port au Price after the earthquake. By the time I left Texas others had added to the original Faith Village contribution and we had about \$56,000. I decided not to provide bottled water, tents or latrines. When you give away water or tents - once all are distributed - your job is done. In child care where there is an endless supply of abandoned children, the job is never done. I was put in touch with the Justins and the orphanage. At the time the orphanage had 29 children. The earthquake was sending more their way. They were barely keeping the doors open to care for the 29. Some days the children ate one meal. They slept on concrete slabs. They

had some unfinished rooms which, when finished with some of the money we gave, let them take 15 more children. Since then other renovations and additions have taken place, including a kitchen, a second restroom, a dining hall which is better identified as an activity hall, and an unfinished house next to the orphanage was bought and finished for additional housing. Today there are 56 orphans; 30 girls and 26 boys. All but two are sponsored by a person, family or church in the U.S. The Justins sponsor two children. The other 54 are sponsored at \$80 monthly for a total of \$4320. We send \$5000 monthly. The \$680 is used for the salaries of the cook and a part time security man, diesel for the generator giving electricity a few hours each evening and other needs that arise in this family of 56. While each child is currently sponsored, we depend on irregular and one time contributions for the balance each month, as well as sponsorship money when someone drops out.



**J.W. Oliver**

Special mention is needed of a

true friend of the orphanage. J.W. Oliver, who at the time lived in Wichita Falls, accompanied me on a trip in 2011. He became passionately involved. He and his family immediately became sponsors of two orphans. He has since made several trips to Haiti at his own expense. He has taken his family and numerous friends and acquaintances. Many of them have become involved as sponsors and helped in other ways. Major responsibilities have been taken on by those brought into this work by J.W. in the current university education being provided to one young man formerly at the orphanage and now in school in the Dominican Republic and the Justin's oldest son being educated at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls. In addition to helping secure sponsors from time to time, J.W. has taken medical people and equipment. The children and others have benefitted in numerous ways because of this. Through his own 501(c)(3) called HaitiVision 3, J.W. raises funds for, packs, and distributes boxes for each child at Christmas. This includes toys, books, and shoes.



## **Conclusion**

Obviously the needs of the orphanage are many. Sponsors will be contacted in November, asking them to continue in 2017. Some replacements may be needed. We mentioned the \$680 needed monthly for a variety of needs. Each August, at the beginning of the school year we send an additional \$1700 for school uniforms and supplies. We try to raise this money through coin cans which are part of a program called ASAP (A School Aid Program), part of the funds of which also go to schools and school children in South Sudan.

Those who send dollars and prayers for the children and staff of Good Samaritan are so important. We realize some give out of excess and never miss the dollars sent while others sacrificially do without to help these children. Children you may never meet, know about you, and want you to know they love you, for how much you care about them.

*"Thank you"*

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