



Divine Hand Orphanage Project Update 2019

Helping support the orphanage in difficult times

2019 has been a difficult year in Haiti.

In July 2018, following the government's announcement that it would eliminate subsidies, allowing fuel prices to increase by up to 50 percent, led to widespread protests and the worst civil unrest the country has seen in years. Political instability has continued in 2019, hindering the Haitian government's ability to meet the basic needs of its people, resolve long-standing human rights problems, or address humanitarian crises.

Rotary representatives had planned to visit the orphanage in February 2019, but due to the unrest, deemed it too unsafe. Fortunately due to Rotary's help two years ago, the Divine Hand Orphanage had moved to a rental property on the outskirts of Port-au-Prince. This location is for the most part, outside of the main unrest.

The Rotary Club of Westshore continues to support the orphanage as we can. In May 2019, funds were provided to cover some medical expenses for the children and to assist with the rental costs of the orphanage. In Dec 2019, Rotary and other supporters sent over \$600 US to the orphanage to provide the children with gifts and a healthy Christmas dinner.

Rotary plans to continue to support the Divine Hand Orphanage into 2020. The political unrest within the country makes it more challenging for Doris and the children to reach their goal of being self-sufficient. It is only with your help that they can continue to work towards that goal.

***We thank you for supporting the Divine Hand Orphanage in the past,
and ask that you please continue to help.***

If you wish to help Doris and the children, please contact Rotarian Bob Beckett at bob.g.beckett@outlook.com or call him at 250-818-2791.

You can also donate on line through CanadaHelps
by going to www.helpforhaiti.ca