



February 15, 2013

Dear Friends of Reiser Relief:

As I stood at the mass grave on the third anniversary of the earthquake that devastated Haiti, a soft-spoken young Haitian man recounted his survival story. "The Haitians were ill-prepared for an earthquake. Instead of fleeing their homes as the ground began to shake, they ran into their homes and into nearly certain death..." he said. "Many more Haitians lost their lives because of this." "...The dust was so thick I could barely see in front of me..." "...I watched as a woman running toward me was struck, crushed and killed by a piece of debris..." "I give thanks to God that I'm alive."

On a much different level, Reiser Relief experienced its own earthquake when our beloved founder, Father Reiser, passed away on December 29, 2011. Like the Haitians, we were unprepared for his passing, struggled to keep going in the midst of chaos, and we now give thanks to God that Reiser Relief not only survived but is thriving.

It is a privilege and an honor that I, along with other members of my family, are able to play a part in continuing Father's legacy in Haiti, a legacy that was established long before the earthquake. Some of us have traveled to Haiti to see the ministries Father Reiser started, to meet the wonderful Haitian people he worked with and served, and to gain an understanding of what we need to do to continue God's work in his name.



Highlighting some of Reiser Relief's 2012 accomplishments:



Continued Father's ministry of providing fresh water to Cite Soleil, the slums of Port au Prince, six days/week year round.



Supported the education of 1,000 children in two schools, Terre Promise and Reiser Heights.



Raised \$75,000 to fund the Father Reiser Memorial Elder Care Facility at Grace Village in Titanyen, Haiti. Thank you generous donors.



Shipped a 40-foot container of food carrying 270,864 meals. This food was delivered to our schools, to a church in Cite Soleil and other needy parts of the slum area, and to tent cities.



Completed shipment and implementation of use of a second water truck in Haiti, a process started by Father Reiser.



Paid college tuition for a graduate of Terre Promise School, one of the schools Reiser Relief supports.



Delivered over 2,000 toys to two schools, a church in Cite Soleil, two orphanages, and Gertrude's Home for special needs children. Thank you Mel Hartman and TLC Toys.



Purchased new mattresses for some of the elderly people in Titanyen, Haiti who had been sleeping on the ground.



Donated to Feed My Starving Children.

Our goals for 2013 include:

Replacing the roof on the Reiser Heights School Community Room and painting some of the classrooms.

Shipping and distributing Feed My Starving Children food in Haiti.

Raising an additional \$25,000 for, and starting work on the Father Reiser Memorial Elder Care Facility that will provide dignified end of life care to 12 Haitians.

Marketing Haitian products/artwork here in the United States as a means of helping the producer's become more self-sustaining.

Leading more mission teams to Haiti to help raise awareness, create relationships, and foster desire to help the Haitians.

Results of our work and the work of other non-profit organizations can be seen all over Haiti. As with any organization, there are skeptics-people who think that, no matter how much we do, it is not enough. Hold a sick and dying baby in your arms. Feed an emaciated, blind and deaf man a meal spoonful by spoonful. Put a packet of food in the backpack of a severely malnourished five-year-old boy for him to bring home to his family. Kneel on the filthy mattress of a forgotten elderly Haitian woman and change her soiled clothes. Help a 10-year-old carry a 40-pound bucket of fresh water to her tin shack, the daily allotment for her family. Deliver a meager portion of food to a desperate man in a tent city who is wondering where his children's next meal is going to come from. Receive a hug from a grateful Haitian.

We CAN make a difference. Mother Teresa perhaps said it best-

*"We know only too well that what we are doing is nothing more than a drop in the ocean.
But if the drop were not there, the ocean would be missing something."*

Please mark your calendars for the annual "Keep The Wheel Turning" Haiti relief fundraising event to be held on Wednesday, April 24, 2013 at Totino-Grace High School. We invite you to help make a difference.

In Christ,



Ann Brau
President, Reiser Relief
Niece of Father Reiser



Providing relief, hope & dignity to the poor, elderly & homeless people of Haiti

"Keep The Wheel Turning" Event



Wednesday, April 24th, 2013

Totino Grace High School

6:30-9:30pm

1350 Gardena Ave NE, Fridley, MN

Free Admission, Live Auction, Marketplace, Beverages, Appetizers

Help us keep Father Reiser's Legacy
in Haiti alive!



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Haiti Relief Fundraising Event “Keep the Wheel Turning”

Hosted by Reiser Relief Inc.

Wednesday April 24, 2013 from 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

You can help Keep The Wheel of Life turning by providing fresh water, feeding the hungry, building an orphanage and eldercare facilities and the funding of primary schools.

Location:

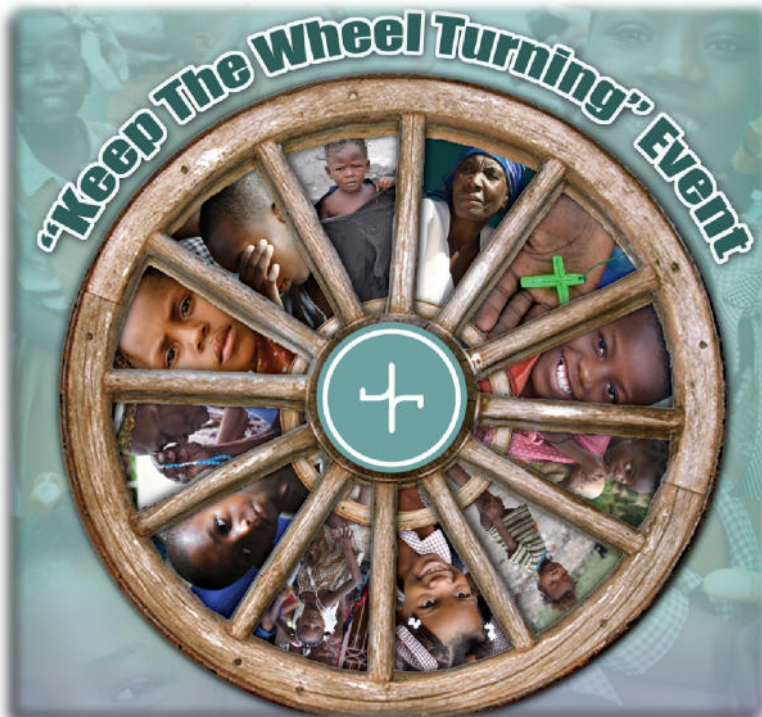
Totino Grace High School

1350 Gardena Ave NE

Fridley, Minnesota 55432

<http://www.TotinoGrace.org>

Free Admission



All proceeds raised at this event will directly benefit the people of Haiti. For the seventh year, we will all come together for an evening to help continue the legacy that Father Reiser started many years ago. The people of Haiti captured his heart, and our goal is to spread his mission and continue to help our brothers and sisters in Haiti. Join us for an EXCELLENT evening at the Keep the Wheel Turning Haiti Relief Event!

entertainment, food & wine, market place, live auction

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