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You may also want to take one of these bottles home for your family or to work or to a small group in which you're involved. Those bottles can be picked up in my office.

Especially, in this case a little can go a long way! Monies given by **September 30** will be matched by monies from CPC's diaconal mercy fund and the total of those gifts will be matched by a generous HAFF donor to this effort. So . . . a quarter given could effectively produce \$1.00 in relief monies. Your participation in this relatively "small" project could produce some significant help to less fortunate folk there in Haiti. Our mission team will bring back a report regarding this effort.

Pastor Mullinax

NURSERY SCHEDULE

August 31

- 9:30** *Infants:* D & G Schreiner
Creepers/Toddlers: E & J Martin
Toddlers: C & D Platt
- SS** *Infants:* C & S Whittier
Creepers: D & E Reynolds
Toddlers: D Thurman, J Hall
- 6 PM** *No Evening Service:* Shepherding Groups Meet

September 7

- 9:30** *Infants:* R Getz, R Pierce
Creepers/Toddlers: J & K Bingham
Toddlers: D & J Duple
- SS** *Infants:* J & C Hildebrand
Creepers: K & S Close
Toddlers: J & M Logterman
- 6 PM** *Combined:* Martof Family

Please note: If you are unable to find a replacement for your nursery duty, call Tammy Higgins at 706.820.0491.



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From the Associate Pastor...

It's a hunger that so burns in the stomach that many are calling it "Clorox Hunger." It's a hunger that no one wants to ever experience. And yet many Haitians are experiencing it right now. You've probably read of the skyrocketing food prices in "third world" countries. Haiti, one of the world's poorest countries, and **the** poorest in the western hemisphere, has been so stricken that some people are resorting to eating "dirt cookies" to assuage this terrible hunger. Not only have the prices of staples such as rice, beans, flour, and oil soared, but the cost of renting an ox for a day of planting has risen dramatically, transportation costs have increased, and prices have escalated sharply in almost every other area of life. Many Haitians who are already living precariously on the edge wonder how they will survive this crisis.

But God is at work in Haiti. One of the ways He is sustaining Haitians on the Central Plateau of Haiti is through the Haitian American Friendship Foundation (HAFF) and its mercy ministries. HAFF is a CPC-supported ministry in Haiti. Our church will send its third mission team there again this fall. Greg and Barb Van Schoyck, HAFF's executive directors, visited us on Sunday, August 17 in the evening service and shared the latest from Haiti.

Through its mercy ministries HAFF provides medical and dental care, medicines, eyeglasses, and pre-natal care at extremely low, subsidized prices through its clinic. HAFF's ambulance service, provides at no charge, transportation for people in medical emergencies to the hospital in the nearby city of Pignon. A milk program provides daily milk and supplemental vitamins for malnourished children. HAFF's benevolence committee helps people in crisis by providing money, clothing, or donated foods.

HAFF also helps the community through the payroll dollars it provides, being the second biggest employer in the region. The payroll dollars for the 58 full and part-time Haitian staff help fuel the local economy. HAFF payroll dollars not only directly benefit those families, but ripple out to many others in the community by paying for food, clothing, and services, assisting their extended families, and giving to the local church. The rippling effect is dramatic as those payroll dollars impact the local economy.

You may be asking, "How can I help during this time of crisis? Lord, what can I do?" May I suggest this tangible response? In the next few weeks consider giving "spare" change (or bills) to the decorated "Clorox" bottles that you see around the church.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Helpers are needed beginning September 3 in our Wednesday night children's program, Covenant Corps. If you are interested in this ministry, contact Mark Wilson.

SHEPHERDING GROUPS

Our shepherding groups will meet this Sunday. There will be no evening service. Your elder will contact you with the details.

NURSES NEEDED

We are in need of a sixth nurse to join the rotation for checking blood pressures here at church on Sunday mornings after the worship service. You would be responsible for a month of Sundays every 6 months. Contact Polly Henry at 423.718.8047 or pollyhenry@gmail.com if interested.

Volunteers in Medicine is in need of more nurses to volunteer at the clinic. Contact Marylin Fore, director of volunteers, at 423.855.8220 or mfore@vim-chatt.org. Talk with Polly Henry if you would like to know more about the volunteer experience at VIM.

MUSIC MINISTRY **Sunday Worship**

This Sunday, August 31, we will focus through worship on our *GRACIOUS* God. Two of the hymns we will sing are "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" and "Not What My Hands Have Done."

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

The session will meet with anyone desiring membership Sunday afternoon, Sept. 21. Call the church office (899.5377) to schedule a time.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Fall Kick-off

Following the supper on Wednesday evening, September 3, CPC women will meet together to kick off the fall schedule. Ladies, plan to attend to find out the opportunities that will be available to you this fall.

College Ministry

Please give Brenda Mason your college student's information. We need an address and email for each student. Contact Brenda Mason at 423.855.7457 or bren854@comcast.net.

Fellowship Groups

The various fellowship groups will begin meeting again in September.

More details will be given at the September 3 Kick-off or you may contact one of the listed group leaders.

- The East Brainerd Fellowship 1 will meet Monday, September 8, at 7 PM at Janet Wade's home. Eva Herberich will lead this group.
- The East Brainerd Fellowship 2 will meet Monday, September 15, at 7 PM at Kathleen Borchert's home. Eva Herberich will lead this group.
- The Mothers Encouragement Fellowship will meet Tuesday, September 16, at 10 AM at the church. Linda Caines will lead this group.
- Lynda Brown will lead a group whose focus will be more service oriented. All are welcome. Call Lynda for details 423.499.0848.

***WOULD YOU LIKE TO PUT
AN ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE NEWSLETTER?***



Call the church office no later than
Tuesday at 10 AM.

Or you may email Ann at awalker@covenantchattanooga.org.