

To the Members of the Trinity Lutheran Church and all the other congregations and individuals in Indiana that have contributed money to purchase food for our people:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Grace and Peace to you from our risen and ascended Savior, Jesus Christ!

In the name of all the members of our congregations, in the name of the community members and in my own name, I want to express our heartfelt thanks to you all, dearest brothers and sisters, for your deep love and concern for God's people in Haiti. By your Christian deeds you show Jesus' love in your heart for the needy. Only God's acting love in your heart could lead you to such a quick action on behalf of our people. I cannot describe the positive impact that the distribution of the food among our members and the people of the community has created. The members of the community were impressed because they thought we would not share with them. They reluctantly came with their plastic bags to receive their portion and expressed their thanks to us for saving their children from dying for food. They reported that they have spent many days without food at all.

Do you know that some children and old people are dying every month from malnutrition? When they get sick and are taken to the hospital, doctors report that they are sick/die from malnutrition. Sometimes people who are not Christians think that they are sick/die from the attack of the evil spirit which most of the time is not true.

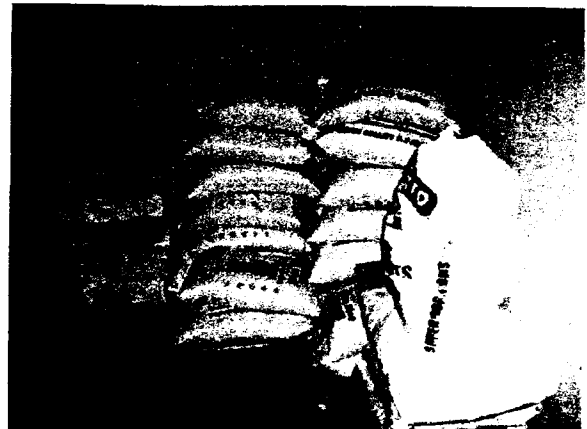
I, personally, cannot tell you how you help me in my ministry. Anytime I have the opportunity to stand up in front of the members and let them know they will be receiving some food; it is always like manna from heaven. When I give them the source where the food comes from, they always ask me to pass along their thanks and gratitude. For most of them having a distribution like that four times a year would be amazing. At this point, I felt embarrassed and did not reply back but just saying: "Do not worry about what you're going to eat, drink and wear tomorrow, just trust and believe".

Again, thank you so much for the three money transfers you have made on our behalf. We really appreciate that and are thankful to our God for providing ways to save his people down here.

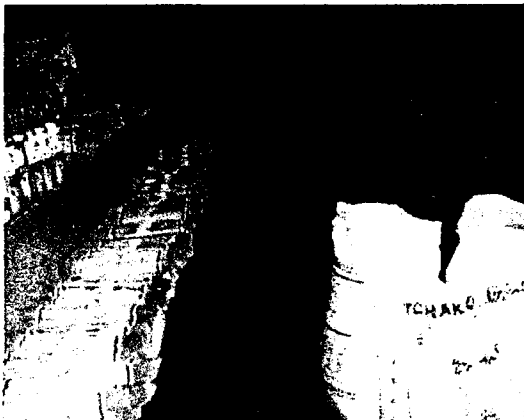
In the resurrected One, Pastor Thomas Bernard



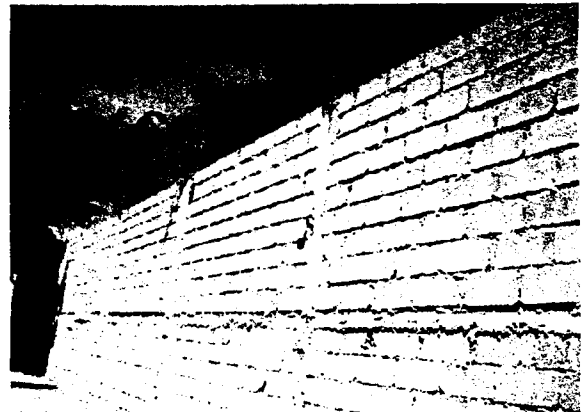
Pastor Bernard's KIA being used to haul food



Some of the many bags of rice that were distributed



Many packages of spaghetti await starved Haitians



The newly completed wall at Good Shepherd