

Bringing Hope and Healing To Haiti

Established in 2002 by Hammond resident Michael Fedele, Life For The World funds the Maranatha Orphanage and School and helps to support and feed the surrounding Haitian villages. Maranatha began with only eight children and has grown to house and school over 150 children and employ 20 Haitian workers.

Taking a trip to the library brought Michael to where he is today. Michael was engulfed by emotions when reading about Haiti and the conditions that the Haitian people were enduring. Wanting to make a difference, he decided that he needed to experience everything for himself; soon after he took his first trip to Haiti.

While in Haiti, Michael met a man named Maurice (who is currently the School Director of Maranatha) and together they built to what is now known as the Maranatha Orphanage and School.

Life For The World is an Indiana based organization that has been blessed to be able to branch out and add a New York Satellite Group. Both groups work together in fundraising efforts and also travel to Haiti several times a year.

Building Lasting Relationships

The Maranatha Orphanage and school was destroyed during the earthquake.

Currently, Life For The World has been dedicated to trying to relocate and rebuild.

Recently, Michael Fedele met with Joe Mulvey from Habitat For Humanity.

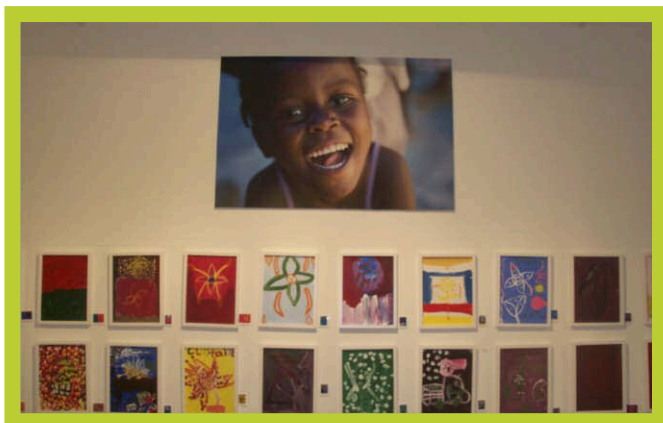
Habitat For Humanity agreed that they would supply the materials and labor to rebuild Maranatha, if we could supply them with our land and logistics in Haiti.

In addition, Life For The World would help Habitat For Humanity find places to build their homes and Haitian people to fill their job openings.

More details will be available soon. At this point it is very positive and there is a meeting scheduled in June to discuss a possible partnership to mutually benefit each other's work in Haiti. Together we are working to build a lasting relationship.



Maranatha is the home and school to 150 children. The children are eating once a day. For safety reasons, the girls have been moved to a concrete house that was built for them. We are working to do the same thing for the boys.



The first images ever created by the children of Maranatha were on display and up for auction at Rogue Space Chelsea in Manhattan, NY. (See page 3)



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Sponsor A Child

There are many people that are wondering how they can make a difference on a more personal level. Sponsoring a child is the perfect way for someone who wants to be associated with Life For The World on a more personal level.

When you Sponsor a child you will be able to get to know the child you choose through correspondence. By selecting a child you will be able to clothe, feed and educate and house that child.

This month we are featuring Bencia Romelus, but you can choose from any child on the website. You have a selection to choose from that includes both boys and girls.

By selecting a child, you will have the ability to get to know them on a personal level. You will be able to correspond with that child. You will be able to see what they are learning and how they are growing. You will also receive a personal video from the child. As a sponsor you are invited to go to Haiti on one of our trips to get to know your child.

As part of this program we understand that it is important for you to be able to communicate with your child, and we are working to have a feature on our website where you will be able to e-mail your sponsored child and/or write to your child whenever you feel the need. In addition, your child will have correspondence several times a year with you. Everything will be translated for your understanding.

The cost to sponsor a child is only \$30 a month. You are invited to sponsor one child or several if you choose. The money goes directly to your child and the necessities that are needed to provide shelter, food, clothing and education to your child.

This is a great way to get involved personally. The next step you take will not only have a great impact on your child's life, but your life as well.



Bencia Romelus

Bencia is our June Sponsor Child. She was the only child that was injured in the earthquake. Her arm was broken, but she has recovered since then.

Benecia is six years old and was born on September 17, 2003. She is currently in Kindergarten and her favorite subject is reading. Her favorite book is her reading book.

When Benecia is not in school, she enjoys playing with her toys and playing volleyball. Her favorite color is blue. When Benecia grows up she wants to be a doctor.

If her friends would describe her in two words they would say she is intelligent and polite.

Right now her greatest needs are food and education.

To sponsor Bencia please go to our website and click on "Sponsor A Child". For just \$30 a month you can help to feed and educate her.

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“Art For Haiti Event”

Wanting to be a part of the rebuilding efforts, the children of Maranatha sat down and created their first images ever.

Initiative of Art Gallery Owner, Kevin O’Hanlon, and Artist and Sound Healer, Richard Laurent, the children of Maranatha were able to come together and bring their emotions to life on canvas.

Each painting that was created told a story. Every masterpiece demonstrated emotion and imagination.

The masterpieces were brought back the US and debuted on April 26 at Rogue Space Chelsea in Manhattan, NY.

The children created 209 pieces of art that were up for auction from April 26 until May 6.

As part of the event, on opening night, a documentary of the children of Maranatha was displayed. This enchanted evening also included presentations from Vy Higgensen’s Gospel For Teens Choir and Richard Laurent.

Now as part of this wonderful event the remaining pieces of art are up for sale at: www.roguespacechelsea.com. Every purchase is tax deductible and all proceeds will go to Life For The World.

Please [visit our website](#) for more information on how to purchase one of these amazing masterpieces or about the “Art For Haiti Event”



A Special Thank You

Life For The World is fortunate to have been able to branch off and have a New York Satellite Team in addition to our Indiana Team. The New York Team spent months of planning and dedication in order to put together “The Art For Haiti Event”.

Michael Fedele would like to Thank: Kevin O’Hanlon, Vy Higgensen and The MAMA Foundation Gospel For Teens, Johanna Laurent, Richard Laurent, Giovanna Oriol, Sylvia Hoke, Sondra Lowenstein, Lisa Hannenburg, Soleil Laurent, Rebecca Laurent, and Monica Jimenez for their time dedication that helped to make this event possible.

Michael Fedele would also like to extend his gratitude to the members of the New York Satellite and Indiana Team member’s that travel to Haiti and have worked endlessly with fundraising efforts to help the children of Maranatha.

Michael Fedele would also like to thank: Illiana Christian School, Crown Point High School, The Black Student Union at Calumet College of St. Joseph, Progressive Sports Performance and Harding Elementary for their recent fundraisers that were held for Life For The World.

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News

Dr. Chris McIntire has gone on another trip to Haiti. He traveled to Haiti to set up another medical clinic at Maranatha to perform check-ups on the children and the adults in surrounding villages. While in Haiti, Dr. Chris looked into a brick making business near Leogane to help LFTW to raise funds for its work (More details will be available soon on our website and in the July issue of our newsletter)

The girls at Maranatha are now living in a concrete house that we just finished building. This is for their safety and to keep them separate from the boys. We are thinking about the same for the boys, but have to consider everything with our desire to rebuild Maranatha and purchase land.

Mike Fedele and Richard Laurent have begun negotiations on purchasing land in Haiti. We are still in the negotiation stage and need to evaluate the suitability of the properties for rebuilding also. Also, we have five teenagers that are coming on the "experience Haiti" trip in July and they are all boys in High School. We are still taking teens for the July trip and adults for the August trip. Please see our website for more information.

Another Amazing thing happened! Recently, Mike met with John Shattuck of Friends For the Orphans and John agreed to allow LFTW to fill half of a container to take food, toys, generators and supplies which will be shipped in early June. Anyone interested in making rice and bean donations please contact us immediately. Also, Life For The World is in need of three more generators and need help purchasing them.

LFTW is still working on getting its NGO status in Haiti. We are a fully recognized Not For Profit in the United States, but not Haiti. We have been working on this for over two years. Part of the problem is getting all of our US documents translated accurately into French and having various Haitian Government Departments look at and approve them. Maurice is working with Mike on this.

Upcoming Fundraisers

June 19-20 The Warrior Dash (Joliet, IN)
June 26th Car Wash at Blue Top Drive- In (Highland, IN)

Please see our website for more information and pre-registration details. For publicity on events or fundraisers please contact:

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