



Bethsaide Housing

Give the Gift of Safe Housing to Poor Families

— Jacmel, Haiti —



In Haiti, safe housing is a luxury very few can afford. More often, poor families live for generation after generation in small dilapidated shacks, cobbled together with rotting wood, scraps of tin, crumbling concrete and other materials. When storms come, rain leaks through holes in the roof, soaking what few possessions they have inside. There is no security from outside predators, and a lack of sanitation leaves them vulnerable to illness. Elderly people are particularly vulnerable to these conditions.

Seeing the great needs of the Jacmel, Haiti, community, Nirva Desdunes has made it her life's mission to serve the poor. At her Catholic Bethsaide Mission, Nirva already runs a school for at-risk children and an elderly care center. Now, she's addressing the need for safe housing among her elderly participants.

Nirva will oversee the construction of three sturdy houses for elderly citizens in need. These new houses will give these individuals a safe shelter to protect them from the outside world and a fresh start in life. Nirva says the project even has the potential to renew faith.

"They will discover the presence of God who responded to their prayer and is restoring their dignity," she said.

Please partner with Cross Catholic Outreach and the Bethsaide Mission to construct houses for poor elderly citizens. ***Your support will give poor Haitians safe shelter for the first time in their lives, and share the love of Christ. Won't you help us meet this urgent need?***



Project Synopsis

Description

Construct safe houses for vulnerable families in Haiti.

Purpose

To restore God-given dignity to the poor, who have suffered for too long.

Location

Jacmel, on Haiti's southern coast.

Cost

\$18,000 will build three houses.

Highlights

- Cross Catholic Outreach has been a longtime supporter of Nirva Desdunes' work in Jacmel at Bethesda Mission.
- In the Jacmel community, poor families live in dilapidated shacks, sometimes cobbled together with scrap materials. Others live in concrete structures that were once safe, but as the houses have gotten older, they begin to crack and fall into disrepair.
- These unsafe structures leave their inhabitants vulnerable to illnesses, predators and inclement weather.
- Cross Catholic Outreach and Bethesda Mission are partnering to build three sturdy houses for impoverished elderly citizens.
- Beneficiaries will have a safe place to sleep and a solid roof over their heads for the first time in their lives.
- Cross Catholic Outreach needs your help to build these houses and answer the prayers of impoverished elderly citizens.
- Students at Bethesda's vocational school will help with the construction of houses, reducing labor costs. This will also provide the opportunity for intergenerational relationships between the elderly participants and youths.



Will you help Cross Catholic Outreach and Bethesda Mission build safe houses for elderly people in need? Your gift will turn impossible dreams into reality!

Our Promise to You!

Donations from this campaign will be used to cover any expenditures for this project incurred through June 30, 2021, the close of our ministry's fiscal year. In the event that more funds are raised than needed to fully fund the project, the excess funds, if any, will be used to meet the most urgent needs of the ministry.

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