

house refugees. This program has been going on since the successive hurricanes that hit Haiti. The Church of the Brethren usually goes places for the long-haul.

Two feeding programs have been implemented for children. One of these is at the Paul Lochard School in Port-au-Prince. Several hundred children receive one hot meal a day there. Many of these children are “restavecs” children--those whose families have been forced by poverty to sell them as slaves or domestic servants to wealthier families.

In the planning stages and to be implemented soon: A bi-weekly feeding packet for families living in the communities of the three Church of the Brethren congregations in Port-au-Prince. The food is being purchased as much as possible from Haitian farmers to support the economy there.

The Emergency Disaster Fund has given grants totaling \$300,000 for the work of the Church of the Brethren in Haiti (as listed above), and for the work of Church World Service and partner organizations there. The New Windsor Service Center recently announced that all of its hygiene and baby kits had been shipped to Haiti, and that there was urgent need for additional donations.

May we continue being the hands, the feet, and the heart of Jesus in Haiti and in the world!



Prayers for Nigeria and Church of the Brethren Peacemaking Efforts There

Continue keeping Nigeria in your prayers. It continues to be a place of unrest between Muslims and Christians, with violence breaking out unexpectedly in various places. Most recently affected was Jos, Nigeria and the surrounding area. Shadrach Dzarma, a Church of the Brethren theology student and minister, was killed by a stray bullet. Obida Hildah, was slaughtered and burnt in his home. Obida began a Church of the Brethren congregation in Bukuru, which met in his home until their sanctuary was built in 2001. He was known as a peacemaker, active in the Nigerian church's interfaith peacemaking efforts. Ndamsai, a Church of the Brethren pastor in Jos, writes, “Please continue to pray for us in Nigeria. . . . It is a great challenge for a peace church (here).” And Church of the Brethren missionaries, Nathan and Jennifer Hosler, who also are active in interfaith peace efforts, write, “Please pray for safety and for the lives of both Muslims and Christians. Pray for those on both sides who are mourning. Pray for healing and reconciliation. Pray for truth, that rumors would not ignite more violence. Pray for mutual understanding and peaceful coexistence between Muslims and Christians in Jos and Nigeria as a whole.” See a photo of Nathan and Jennifer on the bulletin board in the east alcove.