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## 52 Children | One Family



### Devastation Gives Birth to a Bright Future for 52 Haitian Children

When a 7.0 earthquake struck Haiti at 4:53 pm on January 12, 2010, Pastor Samuel Metelus was safe and sound in the United States. His family and the church his father had served for decades as pastor, however, were at the epicenter of the nation's most catastrophic natural disaster.

Samuel returned to Haiti to find his neighborhood in ruins and his family's church demolished, but his family was alive. Over the next few weeks, 52 children arrived at Samuel's parents' door, either orphaned or dropped off by families who had lost their ability to care for the kids.

Today, Pastor Samuel is proud Papa to these orphans of the quake, who now reside all together as one happy family at the Glory Glory Center in southwestern Haiti. In 2013, Pastor Samuel purchased 2.5 acres of land in rural Valere. Two short years later, this land now houses four dorms, a kitchen, three chicken coops, and a medical clinic—which doubles as a church on Sundays—surrounded by a 9 ft. tall perimeter wall. Future plans for the property include a large kitchen and dining hall. Six house-moms care for the daily needs of the kids who currently range in age from 5 to 15 years.

Currently, the Glory Glory Center is fully funded by donations made to **52First**, a sustainability initiative of the Haiti Ministry of Mariners Church. To contribute, please visit <https://marinersoutreach.webconnex.com/haiti52first>.

## Donate to 52First Today

Pastor Samuel and his 52 kids are counting on 300 people to commit to a recurring donation of \$25 per month for a period of 5 years in order to meet their financial needs...but any amount helps! A student's \$5 per month donation is as meaningful as a CEO's gift of hundreds. Please, consider joining our Support Team today.

To give online, visit <https://marinersoutreach.webconnex.com/haiti52first>.

For more information, contact Roddy Garcia at (949) 769-8320.

## What is 52First?

### It's Child Sponsorship with a Focus on Sustainability

1. All money donated to **52First** will be used first to meet the needs of the 52 children, collectively.
2. Caring for these 52 children means more than simply providing food, clothing, and shelter. Our goal is to ensure they experience loving caregivers, a quality education, regular medical & dental care, safe & secure surroundings, positive role modeling, spiritual guidance, etc.
3. Funds raised in excess of the kid's daily needs will be used to implement sustainability initiatives aimed at generating income and reducing expenses at the Glory Glory Center.
5. As the Glory Glory Center succeeds at generating income and reducing expenses, the need for charity will diminish. Ultimately, it will be eliminated. As this happens, donations will be directed toward additional sustainability projects, the creation of an emergency fund, and higher education and/or skills training for the children.

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