

Our Mission

At Children's World Impact we commit to looking after orphans and widows in their distress, and to make a significant impact on the lives of the neglected.



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Winter seems to be a quieter, slower time of year here in Wisconsin. Once the holidays are over, we settle into less hectic schedules and more time for reflection. Nature, too, spends its time in dormancy during the winter months, awaiting the renewal that only spring can bring.

We've used these past few months to reflect on the impact we've been allowed to have over the past few years, and to seek confirmation of where we're being called to serve in the future. Just as spring brings promise and new hope, we are excited about how the impact of CWI will continue to unfold and make a significant impact on those whose lives we seek to improve.

New School Project in Haiti

Plans are Underway for a School in Desarmes

Last summer, Tyson Ray, founder of CWI, and Mike Hoffman, a board member, traveled to Haiti to dedicate a newly constructed home that had been financed by CWI. While there they stayed in a guesthouse that was being shared, ironically, by other people from Wisconsin, who were doing work on behalf of their own 501(c)(3) organization, Schools4Haiti.

Schools4Haiti was started by Len Demert in 2007. Len created Schools4Haiti with the intent of improving the lives of the youth in Haiti by providing free education to the poorest and most needy children. They currently support and finance 2 orphanages and 4 schools in and around Mirebalais. The schools educate almost 1,000 students, and employ 4 principals, 28 teachers, and various other positions including security guards, cooks, directors, and helpers of many varieties.



Desarmes is a location that houses orphans, as well as operates a school. All of this is under the care of Pastor Arnold Saint Louis, a Haitian with whom Schools4Haiti has had a strong relationship for many years. However, the school is without a permanent structure. Currently the "building" consists of a metal roof being held up by precarious wooden pillars with tarps for walls. (see left)

Pastor Arnold has had plans drawn up by a local developer, and land has been purchased

for the building of a school. The plan includes 8 classrooms plus a small building for administration and some storage. It has been a longtime dream of Schools4Haiti to have this school constructed, but paying salaries and operating expenses at four schools as well as making sure the orphans at the two locations with dorm buildings are fed and have the basic necessities of life, leaves Schools4Haiti little money for major projects like the construction of a school.

Although Len passed away in September of 2012, his widow, Carol, and their 4 daughters and families continue to carry on his legacy. Through numerous emails, phone calls, and personal meetings, both in Haiti and here in the States, we have gotten to know these people and are convinced that building the school in Desarmes is something to which we are called. At our recent May board meeting, we unanimously voted to proceed with this project. Once built, the school will continue to be run by Pastor Arnold and financed by Schools4Haiti.

Of course, none of this will be possible without support from our faithful donors. The estimate for the construction of the school is just shy of \$76,000. We hope to have enough raised by late summer so that the first phase of construction can begin. Please visit www.cwi.org today and donate to the Haiti Impact.



Faces of children from Fondation Saint-Louis Pour Les Enfants Demunis / Desarmes, Haiti

Mark Your Calendars



Plans are underway for this year's annual Golf Tournament. We are excited about our new format! Golf will be in the morning this year, followed by a good ole' summer barbeque with brats, burgers, and all the fixings for all golfers. Participants will enjoy 18 holes on the beautiful Lee Trevino Course of Geneva National Golf Club.

We welcome all golfers to this event. Do you have a team of 4? Register today! Do you want to participate, but don't know other golfers? No worries-we'll put you on a team where you'll get to know some new friends. Please plan on joining us and help make an impact. All profits from this year's event will go toward the construction of the school in Desarmes, Haiti.

Monday, August 15, 2016

8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

***Geneva National Golf Club
Lake Geneva, Wisconsin***



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For more information or to register, call 844-444-2900, or link to our website at <https://www.cwi.org/eventnews/golf/>

Making an Impact in Ecuador

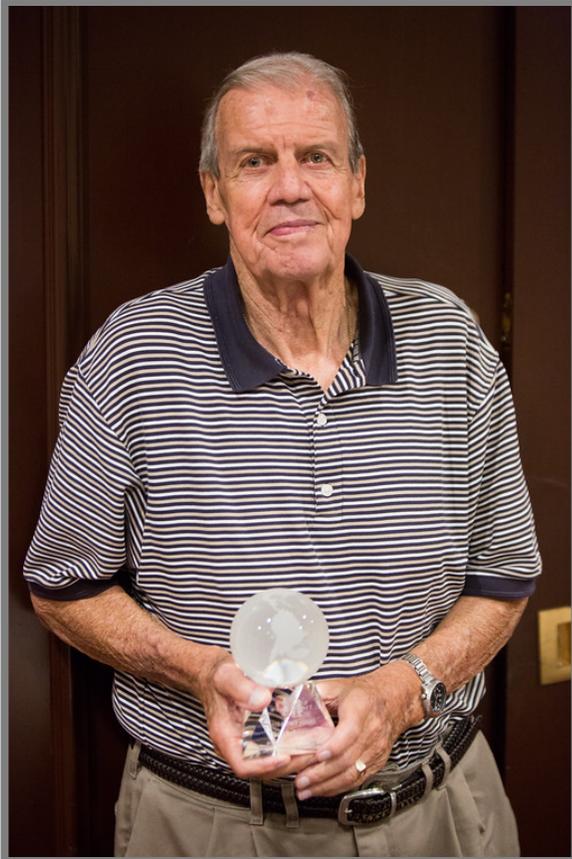
By now, you have probably heard about the devastating earthquake that hit the small South American country of Ecuador on Saturday, April 16. This 7.8 magnitude quake is the largest tragedy Ecuador has faced in the last 67 years. More than 650 lives have been claimed, with over 16,000 more injured and 25,000 people in emergency shelters. A state of emergency has been declared, as thousands of homes, buildings, and roads are in ruins. The size of the damage is expected to increase as authorities evaluate hard to reach cities and as rescuers make their way through the debris. The government, organizations, and citizens are doing their best to help people and areas most in need.

Tyson and Jenny Ray, founders of Children's World Impact, have a brother-in-law who is Ecuadorean. The family is traveling to Ecuador



this summer to make the necessary connections for maximum impact. This allows us to be involved without getting caught in red tape and bureaucracy that is so often associated with disaster relief. Our emphasis is on building and repairing homes for families with children, with a goal of helping 5-10 families. Please give now to the **Ecuador Relief Fund**.

A Friend, Fondly Remembered



All of us at CWI were saddened to learn of the passing of John Robert Johnson, Jr., known to his friends as "Bob," earlier this year, on January 30, 2016. Bob and his wife were faithful donors to the projects of CWI and committed attenders of our events. He received the CWI Impact Award in 2015, which is given annually to an organization or individual who has made a significant impact in the lives of others through the investment of time, resources, and finances.

Bob served in the Korean war during 1952 and 1953 in the 14th Infantry. He was chosen to participate in the Honor Flight which is sponsored by an organization that transfers veterans to Washington D.C. to visit the memorials erected in honor of their service and that of their fellow veterans and friends. He also served as principal of Woods School in Lake Geneva for 27 years, where his relationship with Tyson Ray, a student of Woods School, first began. Bob was also an active member of the churches he attended in Walworth county, serving on the board of elders, various committees, and leading small groups.

We were privileged to attend Bob's memorial service held at Calvary Community Church in Williams Bay, WI, on April 10, to celebrate a life well lived. We were honored that the family chose to have Children's World Impact be the recipient of the donations collected at the memorial service. The school that CWI is financing in Desarmes, Haiti will be built and dedicated in memory of Bob—a man who dedicated his life to the education of others.

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