

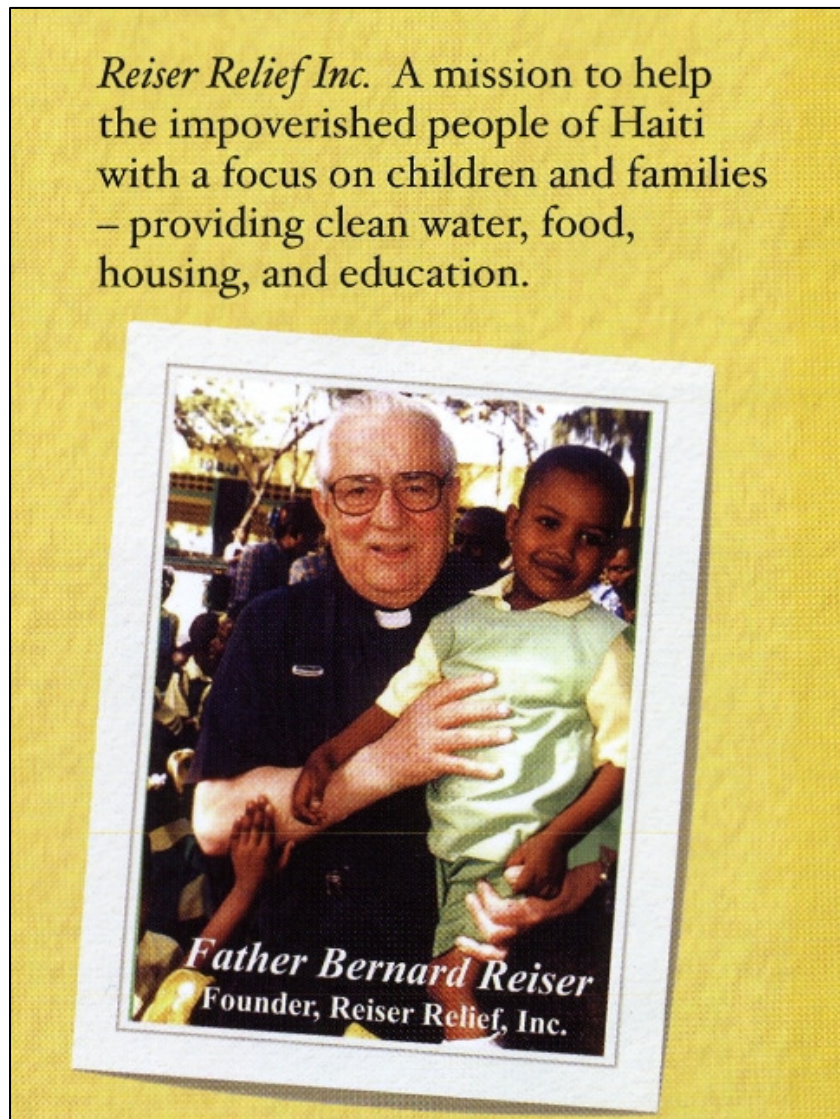


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A Neighbor to Every Man

by Nate Brown

Knights of Columbus carry out Vatican II's vision amid the world's poor



Reiser Relief Inc. A mission to help the impoverished people of Haiti with a focus on children and families – providing clean water, food, housing, and education.

Water to Haiti's Slums

St. Nicholas Council 12520 in New Market, Minn., is helping to send water to the slums of Haiti, the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere.

“Our priest, Father Bernard Reiser, has been very active with this project for a long time,” Grand Knight Michael Moeller said.

“He’s previously orchestrated the building of a water storage facility that provides for the people. For this project, Father wanted us to

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acquire a water truck to haul the water to these people in a slum area where there was no fresh water.”

According to Moeller, the council obtained a semi-tractor truck and a tanker trailer through donations. The council then purchased two stainless-steel tanks and reconfigured the trailer so the tanks could fit. Father Reiser, a Knight for 50 years, explained that clean water must be purchased in Haiti. The citizens of the slum, who live in shacks and sleep on the ground, cannot afford it.



**Your donation keeps
this truck running
and water flowing to
those in need.**

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YEARLY COST: \$ 48,000

Employees
Water and Chlorine
Fuel
Maintenance and repairs

The K of C is a godsend to these people,” Father Reiser said. “I want them to know how incredibly important they are. They are dedicated hard workers, and they always follow through. I have never seen a group of fellows work as hard as these men do. There are never any questions asked; they always follow through.”

“We need to help as many as we can,” Father Reiser continued. “The Lord crossed all boundaries and cared for every walk of life. He fulfilled people’s every need. And it’s something the Knights always do.”

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Reiser Relief Inc. is a volunteer run non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation founded in 1996 by Father Bernard Reiser of Coon Rapids, MN, its mission is to help the impoverished people of the Caribbean country of Haiti, the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. The social and environmental problems are the greatest challenges the people of Haiti are facing today.



In the midst of these problems, we are compelled to provide the essential services to aid in day-to-day survival. The services we provide include: fresh water delivery, food centers, and housing, primary grade education and eldercare facilities. Many projects are in or near Cite Soleil; the suburb of the Haitian capital of Port au Prince.

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People line up at the truck
to fill containers,
taking back to their homes
the precious, clean water
used for drinking, cooking, and other necessities.

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