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Christmas 2017

My Dear Friends,

We are about to celebrate the great mystery of God's love for each of us. He has given us the gift of his only Son. Christmas Day is like no other. On this day, the very heavens are joined to earth. May we grow ever deeper in our love of this great and holy gift who is Christ the Lord.

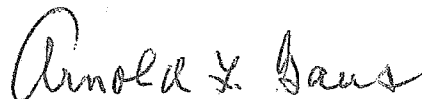
Annually this feast encourages me to share with you news from Brother Francklin. The picture he paints is the least attractive he has ever shared in writing. "Haiti is not doing well and the poor suffer a lot." Mother Nature this past year has not been beneficial to the Haitian people. Three recent hurricanes, namely, Harvey, Irma and Maria, have brought severe devastation to the areas where our financial aide support. Although the EYE of each hurricane has not passed over Haiti, nevertheless, the rains have caused extreme damage.

All the Nutritional Centers need to be reorganized! Six primary schools, grades Pre-K to Six have salaries of teachers not paid in months and are likely to be closed. The same is true for "Plateau Central" the pride of Francklin's Technical Center for lack of cash. These situations have been a big blow for Brother Francklin who has sacrificed a life of committed dedication to the poorest of the poor in our Western Hemisphere.

The Holy Spirit prompts me to continue being involved with personal time and energy in support of Francklin's efforts in answering the "Cry of the Poor." Your financial outreach in 2017 will allow for the 8th consecutive year of sharing one quarter million dollars with our brothers and sisters in Haiti. I remain prayerfully grateful for your spiritual and financial commitment to this cause.

May the Christ Child fill you and family members with love, hope and peace this Christmas and throughout the New Year.

Yours daily with prayers and blessings,



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