

Local Haiti native breaking ground on new Safe House

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Nearly a year after a massive earthquake destroyed the first safe house Jacques Merine built for 10 Haitian children, the Gettysburg resident and native of the Caribbean country is breaking ground on a new home just south of the capital city, Port-au-Prince.

"We purchased a 1.3-acre piece of land in Gressier and I was down there in late October to look at it and talk to builders about starting construction," said Merine, who works for Qualastat Electronics and founded the local Source of Life Ministries. "We have received permission from the government and were told that we could proceed with the property transfer. The plan is to begin construction in January in the hopes that we can have the children moved in by the end of the next school year."

The original home, built in Feb. 2009, housed 10 children, but Merine has since taken on two more and hopes to provide a home for additional children when the new residence is finished.

"Right now, they are staying in a two-bedroom house with five adults so you can imagine how cramped that is," he said. "We are just thankful to God that we were able to get them off the street and into a home on a temporary basis."

A May fundraiser, Merine said, allowed Source Of Life to proceed with the first phase of construction, but the group

will need additional funds to pay the final bill. It is estimated the complex will cost around \$36,000. Locally, his employer, Qualastat has challenged businesses and individuals and, for every dollar raised through December of this year, the company will match it dollar-for-dollar up to \$10,000.

It has been some time since the 7.0-magnitude earthquake on Jan. 12, but Merine said the country is still in disrepair.

"It is chaos," he said after arriving back from his most recent trip on Oct. 26. "I have never seen Haiti in a situation like that. People are still in the street, houses are still sitting there destroyed and when you look into people's eyes, you can almost see that they are starting to accept that this is how things are going to be. They are losing the hope that things will get better."

Fortunately for the children under Source of Life's care, they had the group lead by Merine there to pick them up when times were tough.

"They are doing well now," he said. "At first after the earthquake they were scared. It took us a long time just to convince them to go onto the porch of the two-bedroom home they are staying in right now. But they have grown up so much and we just try to teach them and show them we

love them."

More information the Source of Life Ministries can be found at their website, <http://source-of-life-ministries.org>.

Donations can be made to help the children in the safe

house by sending a check payable to TSM/Source of Life Ministries to:

TSM/Source of Life Ministries, c/o Mr. Jacques Merine, Founder, P.O. Box 96, Hanover, PA 17331.

Lottery

SATURDAY

Pa. Daily Number	2-1-1
Pa. Big Four	6-4-1-3
Pa. Cash Five	01-27-30-38-41
Pa. Quinto.....	4-8-9-4-3
Pa. Daily Number (midday)	8-8-7
Pa. Big 4 (midday).....	1-0-1-0
Pa. Quinto (midday).....	0-0-2-5-7
Pa. Treasure Hunt.....	05-14-17-28-30
Powerball.....	07-12-23-34-38, Powerball: 33, Power Play: 4
Md. Pick 3 (afternoon)	1-3-2
Md. Pick 4 (afternoon)	1-8-4-7
Md. Pick 3 (night)	5-3-7
Md. Pick 4 (night)	1-9-4-7
Md. Bonus Match 5	03-19-21-27-34, Bonus: 7
Md. Multi-match.....	03-17-32-37-39-42

Sunday

Pa. Daily Number	5-0-5
Pa. Big Four	2-1-7-3
Pa. Cash Five	03-04-18-22-36
Pa. Quinto.....	1-8-2-4-7
Pa. Daily Number (midday)	1-2-3
Pa. Big 4 (midday).....	2-2-2-4
Pa. Quinto (midday).....	5-1-7-5-4
Pa. Treasure Hunt.....	07-14-19-21-28
Md. Pick 3 (afternoon)	1-3-6
Md. Pick 4 (afternoon)	4-8-9-4
Md. Pick 3 (night)	9-3-1
Md. Pick 4 (night)	5-7-3-0
Md. Bonus Match 5	07-08-16-30-32, Bonus: 13

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