



Together:

A note from Bob & Gretchen DeVoe, Lifeline's Founders

As the founders of Lifeline Christian Mission, we planned and prepared for a time when we would pass the torch to new leaders, allowing us to transition into other ways of serving God through Lifeline. To everything there is a season and time for everything...That day came in January 2016.

God has provided a corps of amazing leaders and we have full confidence in them. Their hearts, skills, and knowledge are working together to perpetuate the mission. Lifeline has always been God's ministry. He has done amazing things and over the years the mission grew, impacting more and more people. Not only those who we lead to Jesus, but those here at home who have partnered with us and have also been impacted through involvement. As we continually strived to do all things with excellence, knowing we serve and represent a perfect Lord, we had to make changes as we went. Each change was made with a goal of being better at what we were doing, being relevant in the lives/needs of people, and ultimately being a facilitator for people to know Jesus.

A lot is changing in our world and in those cultures where Lifeline serves. To continue to be effective and grow we must meet the challenges and continue to strive to be relevant and to make improvements where needed. This too requires change. We've often heard it said that methods must and will change, but the purpose should never change. What worked yesterday may not work tomorrow.

This change in individual child sponsorship to **Together** is needed. There are many reasons and our leadership will provide those reasons. Lifeline has spent the past 40 years establishing relationships in the mission fields that have been built upon trust. But always working to better empower those we serve, in particular through education. Some of the past methods of providing support for our goals have been changed to diminish the difficulties and problems we encountered as the mission grew. Now we are at a crossroads where the instruments are in place to help the people take more ownership in their own needs and well-being, while being mentored and guided through the church leaders. Lifeline impact on the youth of Haiti these past years has born great fruit and the leaders in each country have grown spiritually, intellectually and in their ability to own the vision and have their own vision. More and more

those national leaders are impacting their culture for Christ. This is a long-time goal, slowly realized.

Our support for our leaders continues as they have proven their love and abilities to lead Lifeline into tomorrow. They have our full support. So long as the “main thing remains the main thing” (to glorify God and reach the unsaved for Christ), our support remains solid.