



## Shelenska Benoit

ID# **GGINP140492** Gender: **Girl** Community: **Grand Goave, Haiti** Birth Date: **01/13/2018**

### About Me:

Hi! My name is Shelenska. My birthday is January 13, 2018. My father is a mason and my mother is a homemaker. I have one brother and one sister.

### About My Community:

I live in Haiti, which is part of a beautiful island in the Caribbean Sea. We speak Creole, which is a form of French. In my community of Grand Goave, we eat foods like rice, beans, and mangoes, which are delicious! Our homes are typically made of cement block with tin roofs. In my community, the adults have jobs that are centered around agriculture, fishing, and taking care of animals. Farmers grow crops like corn and congo beans. Many people earn around \$500 Haitian dollars each year, but that is not enough to support a family. We often get worms and infections, and we get stomachaches. Malnutrition is also a big problem because we do not have enough food, or even healthy foods to eat. I dream that someday my community would have a library and reliable access to electricity. Maybe we could even have clean water so that we don't get sick! I also hope that there would be more jobs so that families would not have to struggle so much.

### Benefits of the Program:

Shelenska is enrolled in the Children's Nutrition Program. Children are placed in the program for multiple reasons, including malnutrition, the single parent cannot provide for all the children, the mother cannot breastfeed the infant/multiple births, etc. The child, with their parent/guardian, comes to clinic each week to be examined and to receive assistance based on their nutritional needs, which can include medical treatment, age appropriate foods, vitamins, and/or other benefits. The child and parent/guardian are also fed spiritually through God's Word and prayed with.

**Hometown:** Grand Goave, Haiti

**Church:** Christian Church of Petit Paradis

**Father:** Lens Benoit

**Father's Occupation:** Mason

**Mother:** Florence Jardine

**Mother's Occupation:** Homemaker

**How many brothers:** 1

**How many sisters:** 1

**Health Info:** Healthy

**Last update:** 10/02/2019