

# Musicians for Missions 2011

*Composing A Future For The Children of Haiti*



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## MUSICIANS, CHURCH, & COMMUNITY BAND TOGETHER TO SAVE CHILDREN OF HAITI Concert Slated for March 5, 2011, 7pm St. James UMC, Newport, NC

Maternal and infant mortality rates in Haiti are the highest in the western hemisphere. One of every twelve women die during childbirth and one of every five children die before the age of five. Local Carteret County resident & musician, Ginger Garner, is trying to change that by organizing local musicians and sponsors to help “compose” a brighter future for the children of Haiti.

MUSICIANS FOR MISSIONS 2011 (M4M ‘11) – Ginger was appointed chairwoman to the Haiti Initiative Service of Swansboro United Methodist Church in May 2009, where there is a clear vision: Help revitalize, rebuild, and renew Haiti through maternal and child health initiatives, which include education, public health, and medical missions. Says Ginger, “M4M is a way to bring together a myriad of people and organizations - local artists, community, corporations, & church – for a Greater Good. In a time when unity can be rare, my hope is that people of all backgrounds and beliefs can come together and affect positive change in the life of children with greatest need.” From NC to NY to AK and even as far as Afghanistan, Ginger has received national attention for her humanitarian efforts. Now, with the community and church joining hands - the united focus is Haiti, the poorest country in the western hemisphere.

FUNDRAISING FOCUS - Since May 2009, the Haiti Initiative Service has raised over \$22K to send directly to Haiti. Funds raised from M4M 2011 will benefit the projects listed on our [website](#) . They include finishing an orphanage to house 35 children and sending equipment and supplies, which will facilitate self-sustaining families and decrease infant and maternal mortality rates.

M4M 2011 – The concert “curtain,” free and open to the community by donation, will raise at 7 pm, hosted by Master of Ceremonies Finley Woolston and M4M organizer, Ginger Garner. Over a dozen local and regional musicians from North Carolina are slated to perform. Supporting local music is a great way to foster cultural growth and appreciation for the arts in NC. At this time, our Media, Corporate, and Non-Profit Sponsors include Public Radio East, Professional Yoga Therapy Studies, and Swansboro United Methodist Church and St. James United Methodist Church in Newport, respectively.

Members of the press are invited to this event in order to: increase awareness about the plight of Haitian women and children, spread awareness about local efforts to help Haiti to become self sustaining, recognize local talent and sponsors for their efforts, and to highlight the vision, strength, fortitude, and unity of eastern North Carolina residents who believe that one person CAN make a difference in our world.

If you would like more information about this topic or would like to schedule an interview with Ginger Garner and the Haiti Initiative Service, please contact Ginger Garner at 252.725.3619 or [ginger@gingergarner.com](mailto:ginger@gingergarner.com) or visit [www.Music4Haiti.org](http://www.Music4Haiti.org).

\*photo taken by Al Carpenter, missionary to Haiti in July 2009, in the village of Cotin, Haiti. He was on his lunch break from a medical mission in the village, and was taking a walk with other missionaries when he spotted this little girl standing outside her home.