

## Musicians for Missions 2012 *Composing A Future For The Children of Haiti*

Jenny helps raise the flag at a ceremony commemorating the opening of the new school at the Ryan Epps Home for Children in Haiti.  
Photo taken by the Carpenters, February 2012.



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### MUSICIANS, CHURCH, & COMMUNITY BAND TOGETHER TO PROMOTE A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR THE CHILDREN OF HAITI

Concert Slated for April 27, 2012, 7pm Swansboro United Methodist Church, Swansboro, NC

Two years after the earthquake, Haiti continues on the path from relief to recovery. Haiti has the highest infant mortality and maternal death rates in the western hemisphere. Local Carteret County resident & musician, Ginger Garner, continues the mission to organize local musicians and sponsors to “compose” a brighter future for the children of Haiti.

MUSICIANS FOR MISSIONS 2012 (M4M ‘12) – Ginger was appointed chair of 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. Ginger says “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 - their 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. 100% of funds raised from M4M 2012 will go to Haiti to benefit the projects listed on our [website](#). The Ryan Epps Home for Children was founded in 2006 to provide a safe haven for orphaned children. In September 2011 the Ryan Epps Home opened the doors to the new Michaud School to provide local neighborhood children with an education and a meal. Construction of a community vocational training center is in process. Donations will also benefit the Fond Douze Foundation to establish a sustainable agricultural farm that can produce protein and resources to benefit the physical and economic health of the school children in Fond Douze.

M4M 2012 – 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 the Swansboro United Methodist Church.

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).