# FOOD FOR THE POOR, INC.

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### FINAL REPORT

### **EMMA'S VILLAGE**

Manchioneal, Portland, Jamaica

"As often as you did it to one of the least of My brothers and sisters, you did it to Me." Matthew 25:40

#### FINAL UPDATE

#### **Project Description and Objectives**

Tropical Storm Gustav devastated regions of Jamaica leaving families to live, to this day, in horrible conditions. One proposed recipient says that the home she is living in is so bad, she cannot even call it a hut. These families are extremely poor and cannot afford to fix or build or move to another home. Providing well-built houses for Jamaica's destitute has been a priority for *Food For The Poor* since its inception. With your help, we can provide safe and sturdy dwellings to some of the poorest of the poor in Manchioneal.

**Five double-unit houses** and **Four single unit houses** are built on cement foundations, framed with wood panels, and sheltered with zinc roofs. (Because many Jamaican families are large in number...approximately 5-8 members...larger accommodations are constructed by joining two single units to create one double house). These solid structures offer a safe haven against the naturally brutal elements of heat, wind, rain, and hurricanes.

#### **Progress Update**

Nine homes have been built (5 double units and 4 single units). The homes are built on a solid foundation with a sturdy zinc sheet roof. The houses have been painted and the families are now occupying the homes.

The single-unit homes are for smaller families. But most of the families are large in Jamaica and require double-unit homes. The double-unit homes have two bedrooms, a living room/dining area, and a small loft.

The beneficiaries are so grateful for the provision of shelter. They expressed how they use to dwell in atrocious living conditions, and how much their new homes have changed their lives. Some used to live near the sea and were in constant fear of the threat of hurricanes, due to their unstable homes. But they no longer have to fret about shelter. They now live in sturdy, secure homes.

Note: All the family members were not captured in the picture because some had to work and others were at school.

#### **Future Action**

This project was in response to the Matching Donor appeal (one of several donors matches the amount of housing that another donor has already funded) that was sent out in the latter part of last year. Thanks to your kind generosity, 14 additional housing units are being built for poverty-stricken families in Jamaica.

This project is complete. No further action is required.

The four single units



The Bartley Family



The Jasper Family



The Fenton Family



The Richards Family



The Maxwell Family



The Fearon Family



The Mathew Family



The Smith Family



The Webber Family