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TRINITY HOPE
HAITIAN FEEDING PROGRAM

"An Eternal Investment"

By Keith Logan

"All your children shall be taught by the Lord and great shall be the peace of your children." Isaiah 54:13

As many of you have probably heard, Haiti is in tremendous disarray right now. In fact, not long ago the U.N. identified Haiti as the most dangerous place in the world. Until international forces once again get involved to instill security alongside Haiti's national police force (which is a very controversial subject), things will not improve. The people will continue to be plagued with kidnappings, murders, rapes, the spread of Cholera, and crippling inflation. With that as the backdrop, a common question we are now often asked is:

"Why do you keep doing this work when things don't seem to ever improve?"

When we are deep in the day-to-day of this work, that's an easy question to allow to slip into our minds.

But then we remember why we *really* do the work we do and recognize that *THIS* is the exact time a meal to a hungry child is most needed. Yes, our cost per meal has increased significantly

right now. Yes, it's more challenging than ever for the children to safely get to their school. Yes, our Feeding Program Directors are putting themselves in harm's way to visit the schools and inspect the programs. But what's our alternative?



In many cases, the children are already severely undernourished, and this single meal can literally be the lifeline that allows them to live another day. I realize that sounds dramatic, but the World Food Program currently estimates that 4.7 million Haitians are facing food insecurity (close to ½ the entire population of 11 million). These children are the innocent victims of a country incapable of protecting their own citizens. Like kids throughout the world, they simply desire the opportunity to live a life free of fear, and full of hope for a better tomorrow. If given the opportunity to receive an education and break the cycle of nationwide illiteracy, one of these children could potentially

grow up to be a force of change in the country at some point in the future.

In itself, that would be enough reason to fuel our continued efforts. But maybe we're wrong. Maybe a child we're feeding

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won't see tomorrow. Maybe they're the ultimate victim of the gang's weapon of kidnapping and murder, or maybe they're caught in the crossfire of two gang's turf wars and killed by a stray bullet. As much as those thoughts churn my stomach, it's the reality they live in right now.

So where does that leave us?

We know that *every child* we feed is receiving their meal in a Christian school. That means that, although they are being fed a nutritious bowl

of beans and rice every school day, more importantly, they are being FED the Good News of Jesus Christ, allowing them to understand that the true Hope they seek is already theirs through the blood of Jesus. Regardless of what's happening in the streets of Haiti, or in the neighborhoods where they live, their eternal future is secure. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, Trinity HOPE's feeding programs are helping spread the Gospel to these vulnerable and scared children. Even in the worst-case scenarios, if continuing to feed these children during these tremendously difficult times impacts where a child spends eternity, it's worth the cost.

God never promised us it would be easy. He called us to feed His children every school day, regardless of the conditions in Haiti. We trust in Him and obey His calling to do everything we can to make an eternal investment in the lives of these children. *That* is why we continue to do what we do.

These children are the innocent victims of a country incapable of protecting their own citizens.

Thank you for your continued support!

You are truly making a difference in the lives of thousands of children! May God continue to bless and protect the people of Haiti, and the ministry of Trinity HOPE. Together, we continue to pray for them.



A Child's Garden

By Pastor John Gierke

"For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations." (Isaiah 61:11)

I don't remember what the Haitian Creole word for *Kindergarten* is, but we English speaking people have taken the German word for "child's garden," and use it to describe the first school experience. This is the beginning of nourishing and growing children in their education.

I do remember my first visit to a Haitian, kindergarten classroom. What I remember about meeting the Haitian Kindergarteners at mealtimes was their joy! That joy was for their noon meal, which might be the only meal that day for some of them. That joy was for Jesus, who they thanked for

their meal and for His love expressed by their teachers and pastors. That joy was for their education and learning how Jesus provides for their needs in the midst of daily life. That joy was expressed in giggles by girls and by boys bubbling with thanks —

with all saying (*Bene swa l'eternal! - "Praise the Lord!"*) for their bowls of beans and rice!



As the children from these Kindergarten classes grow up in their schools, they blossom and flourish, not only in what they know, but WHO they know as their God and Savior, who came to give them life, a full life! As promised in Isaiah 61:11, as they pray and sing before lunchtime, Lord God causes righteousness and praise to spring up before all

nations! Even though they and their families may not have much in the world compared to people in other nations, they share the same joy and righteousness which is expressed in praise to the glory of God!



Calixte, our feeding program director in La Ganove, was asked to tell about his experiences in Haiti during these hard times:

"The political situation is chaos. It makes life more and more difficult. It stopped my wife's business and makes most Haitians want to leave. Kidnapping has become a profession for the youth. Many places are closed because of insecurity. [We wonder,] will there be a future for Haiti? Will we always live like 'dog eat dog?' As children of God we believe there is HOPE for us. Jeremiah 29:11

Cost of a Single Meal

Over the past 24 years, we have seen many changes throughout the Haitian Republic and its government. From time to time these changes have impacted Trinity HOPE's food costs. However, we have always been able to say that we are feeding children at a cost of "about a quarter per meal." In the past, when prices temporarily increased, the cost would level out keeping us at a \$0.25 average cost. What we are currently seeing in Haiti is unlike any thing we have seen before, and the trends have changed.

This year, the cost per meal has risen significantly. At its peak, the cost was over \$0.45 cents, which was nearly double what we have paid in the past. We are seeing the cost come back down, and we are hopeful that we will soon return to a price we are more accustomed to.

As always, our Haitian Feeding Program Directors continue to negotiate the best possible food prices, and our accountability remains extremely high. However, the cost is being driven by the 50% inflation rise Haitians have seen in the last 9 months.

We are grateful for your continued support. If you are able to provide a 'little extra' support to help defray this increase, it would be a huge blessing.





God's Provision Continues to Amaze

This year, we have a very generous donor who has agreed to match all new, recurring donations ***for a lifetime!*** The "Bread of Life" Campaign continues, and we are approximately 2/3 of the way to our goal of \$500,000 in new, recurring donations. The intent of this campaign is to add another 20,000 children to the feeding program. Because of the generous donations we have received from all of you, we have added additional schools and thousands of children during the 2022-2023 school year. ***As of March 2023, we are feeding over 62,500 children in 277 schools.*** WOW! God's provision surpasses all understanding.

We also expanded into a new geographic area March. Belle Anse is on the southern corner of Haiti between Jacmel and the Dominican Republic. Adding a new district and additional schools means the addition of two part-time feeding program directors. Hygene Jean will supervise 5 schools in Jacmel, and Jean Dony Zidor will supervise the 4 new schools in Belle Anse.

Please continue to keep Trinity HOPE in your prayers. Pray for our 35 Haitian Feeding Program Directors, the cooks, and the school staff. They continue to ensure impactful and Godly feeding programs, even in challenging times. Pray for the children to make it safely to school each day to receive the nourishment provided for their body, mind, and soul.

Please also prayerfully consider ways you can contribute to the Bread of Life campaign. We have a goal of adding another 8,000 children to the feeding program in the 2023-24 school year. However, we have a long way to go! Some specific ways you can really boost our success with ***The Bread of Life Campaign*** include:

- Can you coordinate an opportunity for Trinity HOPE to visit your home church and do a presentation? This is by far our most successful way to gain additional supporters and grow the ministry.
- If you currently support Trinity HOPE with occasional gifts, will you consider establishing a recurring donation every month, or every year? It's easy to set up on-line and every \$1 becomes \$2 for the life of the gift.
- If you are already supporting Trinity HOPE with a recurring donation, is it possible to increase your giving amount, allowing the increase to be matched every month?



BREAD OF LIFE *Campaign*

New Recurring
Donations Matched
for a Lifetime

*Then Jesus declared, "I am
the bread of life. Whoever
comes to me will never go
hungry, and whoever believes
in me will never be thirsty."
John 6:35*



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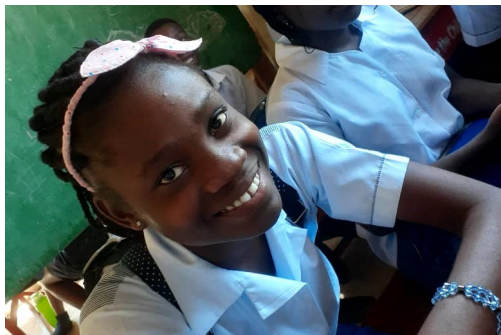
Un-sponsored School Highlights

This year, Trinity HOPE will serve 277 schools through our feeding programs. The growth continues to amaze us. We give God all the glory! Currently, 77 schools are un-sponsored, and are receiving meals through our general fund. New school sponsors allow us to reallocate the general funds to future expansion. The annual cost of school sponsorship can be as low as \$2,000 a year. If you are interested in sponsoring a school, call us at (615) 394-4950 or (910) 797-8357. We will work to find a school that is the perfect match for you.

LAHENS SANON



Lahens Sanon is in Artibonite in Northern Haiti. The school serves about 97 children in grades 1-8. Total Cost for a school year is:
\$4,871



JACQUES GRACIA

Jacques Gracia is in Arcahaie, an area of Haiti that is growing due to a migrating population. The school serves about 170 children in grades K-9. Total Cost for a school year is:

\$8,537



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Partial List of Schools Available for Sponsorship

District	School	Meals Fed Daily	Total Annual Cost	Available Sponsorship Types	Balance Needed
Arcahaie / St. Marc	Aimé Césaire	200	\$10,044	Full	
Arcahaie / St. Marc	Jacques Gracia	170	\$8,537	Full	
Arcahaie / St. Marc	Philippe Guerrier	178	\$8,939	Full	
Arcahaie / St. Marc	Vision Moderne	150	\$7,533	Full	
Artibonite / Gonaives	Antenor Firmin	130	\$6,529	Full	
Artibonite / Gonaives	Celand Cherisme	140	\$7,031	Full	
Artibonite / Gonaives	Lahens Sanon	97	\$4,871	Full	
Artibonite / Gonaives	Pedagogue	168	\$8,437	Full	
Bainet	Bas Des Gris	232	\$11,651	Full	
Bainet	Chretienne Mijaba	172	\$8,638	Full	
Bainet	Dessources et Recdact	56	\$2,812	Full	
Bainet	Village de Jesus Christ	136	\$8,437	Full	
Cap Haitian—Northeast	Dondon	176	\$8,839	Full	
Cap Haitian—Northeast	Messef	202	\$10,144	Full	
Cap Haitian—Northeast	Micheline Cimeus	161	\$8,085	Partial	\$3,000
Central	Evangelique Compassion de Galilee	142	\$7,131	Full	
Central	Maissade	170	\$8,537	Full	
Central	Village de P'Esperance	99	\$4,972	Full	
Jacmel/Southeast	Chétienne Évangélique	58	\$2,913	Full	
Jacmel/Southeast	Ecocadre	125	\$6,278	Full	
Jacmel/Southeast	La Reference	88	\$4,419	Full	
Jacmel/Southeast	Orangers	100	\$5,022	Full	
Jeremie/Grand'Anse	Bethanie	124	\$6,227	Full	
Jeremie/Grand'Anse	Bon Berger Moron	145	\$7,282	Full	
Jeremie/Grand'Anse	Philadelphie de Fond Rouge	147	\$7,382	Full	
Leogane	Carmi	254	\$12,756	Full	
Leogane	Jean Justelorme	110	\$5,524	Full	
Les Cayes/South	Blaise Pascal	139	\$6,981	Partial	\$3,000
Les Cayes/South	Ctr de Formation Classique	196	\$9,843	Full	
Port-au-Prince	Academie Du Savior	120	\$6,026	Full	
Port-au-Prince	El Shadai (Jerusalem)	90	\$4,520	Full	
Port-au-Prince	Etzer Vilaire (de Chatelain)	91	\$4,570	Full	

For a complete list of schools available for sponsorship, please visit our website at www.TrinityHOPE.org/our-schools

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