



Project Proposal for Crebapied



2011 - 2012

School Feeding Program

for the children of Crebapied School

Pignon, Haiti

Project Overview

This proposal focuses on the immediate need for nutritious food for hungry and malnourished school children in Haiti. These children are under the care of Bright Hope's Haiti partner, Pastor Jephthe Lucien.

Since January of 2009, Bright Hope sponsored a school feeding program in Haiti. From an initial pilot program in three schools that fed approximately 250 children, it grew to 17 schools with 2,557 students during the 2009/10 school year. For the 2011/12 school year, there will be an estimated 2,950 students. Most of the increase in students this year is the result of families having to relocate to the Pignon area as a result of the devastating earthquake that hit the Port-au-Prince area in January 2010.



Partner Description: Pignon Ministries



Since 1996, Pastor Jephthe Lucien (pictured here with his father Sidoine, the ministry founder) has established 42 satellite churches with a total membership of 5,000. 17 of these churches serve as schools during the week. Three of these church schools are in Pignon and the remaining are located in the surrounding communities.

Pignon Ministries established these schools to reach out to the poorest, most-marginalized children in the communities.

Many children would not be able to attend school at all if not for this ministry program. There are approximately 2,950 students presently attending. Between the churches and schools, a good percentage of adults, families and children in Pignon are being impacted through the ministry of Pastor Jephthe and his team. His commitment is strong because of his own experience as a poor young boy in Haiti. "I don't remember a single day where I wasn't dealing with the pain of hunger," he said.

The Need

There is a Haitian saying that states: "An empty stomach has no ears."

With little to no food in their stomachs, these children have a very difficult time focusing on their studies and retaining information. Many of the students don't receive the minimum nutrition they need to function on a daily basis. Bright Hope wants to ensure that every child who attends these schools receives one nutritious meal each school day. This will lead to increased attendance and much better academic performance. They will be free of the daily pain of hunger or the demise of malnourishment, which only serves to distract and overwhelm them.

What We Like About the Project

The primary purpose of these schools is to serve as an outreach to the poorest Christian and non-Christian children in the neighborhoods surrounding the churches. The vast majority of the children come from non-Christian homes that often practice witchcraft or voodoo. In these schools, the children receive basic academic and Biblical instruction. Many students begin their relationship with the Lord through these schools and share it with their families and communities.



For the 2011/2012 school year, we are hoping to purchase the local food (beans, peanuts, cassava) from members of churches' micro-loan program to further increase the impact of the program in the local community.



The Children's Food

The lunch meal provided for the children is a combination of locally-produced food and a fortified rice meal produced in the United States by another Christian ministry called Feed My Starving Children. The meals contain protein plus 20 vitamins and minerals. The children receive the locally-purchased food 3 days a week, and the fortified rice meal on the other 2 days.

Life Change Expected

The strength of this project is the incredible impact the feeding program has on the entire community. Children attend school with new excitement and energy. Parents are thrilled that their children are receiving not only an education, but better overall health and better performance in their classes.

Pastor Jephthe's ministry includes holistic care for the body, mind, and spirit. The photo on the right shows him baptizing a local girl during one of his frequent baptism ceremonies.

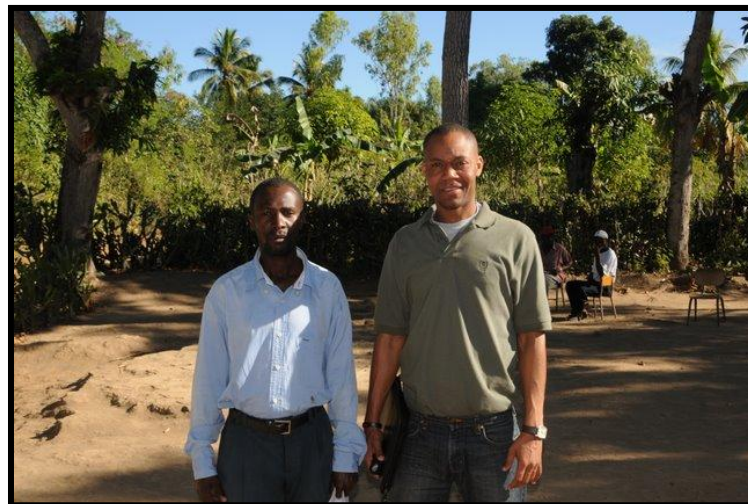


Through support of this project, the daily lives of the children at Crebapied School will be blessed and enhanced. With the provision of a daily meal at school, these students will experience improved health, consistent attendance, better test scores, and an increased ability to focus. This will help ensure their ability to graduate and meet the enrollment requirements of secondary education in Haiti.

Budget: Program Costs

The total cost for the school feeding program at Crebapied School is \$18,957. This amount will provide nine months of meals (totaling 180 school days) for 187 children.

Activity	Outcome	Indicator	Impact	Cost
Supplying one meal per school day to 187 students for one full school year (180 days)	A total of 187 students are fed in the context of a Christian run school	1) Recording of number of meals provided) (<i>survey of students</i>)	1) Improved academic performance and retention by the children.	Cost to feed each student per school year: \$101
		2) Review of School Attendance Records (<i>to assess increased attendance</i>)	2) Increased levels of enrollment and consistent attendance in the schools	Total: \$18,957
		3) Review of test scores (<i>to assess improvement levels</i>)		



The Story of One Haitian Child in Need of Food



The little boy pictured here has rust-colored hair -- one of the telltale signs of a severely malnourished child.

The condition of his hair is as unnatural to him as starvation is to his little body. And yet, here he stands before us, another silent victim of poverty and need.

His situation is repeated over and over again throughout his home country of Haiti, and reflects the situation for millions of children around the world.

When Bright Hope made plans in 2008 to ship a container of nutritious food to our partner in Haiti, the news spread fast. Our Haiti partner announced through his network of churches that the children in one of the rural schools would soon receive a hot meal during their school day. When this news reached the community, parents enrolled their children in record numbers. **Attendance soon jumped from 50 students to 250 in this one school alone - simply due to the promise of one small meal for their starving children.**

Even though the container of food took a long time to get through the bureaucracy and red tape of customs agents, the people patiently awaited its arrival.

The food finally arrived and was distributed to the children for as long as the supply lasted. This one simple meal added greatly to the children's ability to stay alert, concentrate on their studies, and gain new strength and health.

It is hard to imagine that a small gift from you can make such a big difference in the life of a child. But it does. Your gift to our projects in Haiti and other impoverished countries will provide for so many simple but important things, such as more shipments of food, the chance for an education, job creation opportunities and other tangible expressions of the love that Jesus Christ has for every single person - rich or poor.

Your support for the children of Crabapied School will truly impact these children's lives, both now and for eternity. Hope for a better future will become a reality if they are able to maintain their health, complete their studies, and grow in their knowledge of Jesus Christ.

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