



Your Sponsorship of a
Needy Child can Provide:

- School Books for one year
- A School Uniform
- A Pair of Shoes
- School Tuition
- School Entrance Fee
- Solid Christian Education
- Hot Lunch (in some areas)




Hope for Kidz
"Hope today for Haiti's tomorrow."


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Their Need



Why Education?

Marie tried not to spill the water in her bucket as she hurried down the rocky path. She hadn't worn her shoes because she wanted to save them for school. All she could think about was that today was the first day of school. She never imagined she would get the chance to continue her classes when her parents died last year in the earthquake. Her aunt and uncle took her in but they couldn't afford to send their own 5 kids to school, let alone her. Then a miracle - their pastor had chosen their family, including her, to be sponsored for school. After her chores, she was going to school!

The cost of education in Haiti is very high and for the most part is highly inaccessible to the average Haitian. Due to weak state provision of educational services, private and parochial schools account for about 90% of primary schools. Even though Haitians place a high value on education, few can afford to send their children to school. In Haiti's overall development, education remains a key obstacle to economic and social advancement.

The Hope for Kidz program provides **HOPE** today for Haiti's tomorrow!

The Opportunity

The State of Education in Haiti

- 50% of Haiti's 8 million people are under the age of 25
- Only 55% of school age children receive an education
- Only 2% finish the US equivalent of high school
- Roughly 1/3 of youth between ages 15-24 are illiterate

Reciprocal Ministries International (RMI) has partnered with the Evangelical Baptist Mission of Southern Haiti (MEBSH) for over 40 years. MEBSH church schools typically cover grades K-6. Children that need sponsorship are chosen based on financial need by each church's pastor and their school administrator.

A School in the Haitian Countryside



Benefits to Sponsors

- A picture and brief profile of your child
- 1 letter each year from your child (translated by RMI)
- Frequent visits from RMI staff to your child's school to check facilities and curriculum, get updated pictures, confirm your child's attendance, and assess his or her academic performance
- Knowledge that for less than a dollar a day, you are changing a child's life forever
- Hope for Kidz promotional materials are available upon request

Your Response

Program Costs and Details

- Contact RMI by calling 239.368.8390 or emailing hopeforkidz@rminet.org to express your interest in sponsoring a child.
- A registration form will be sent to you. This form will need to be filled out and returned to the RMI office with your sponsorship payment.
- Sponsorship for each child costs \$21 per month or \$250 for the entire year.
- Your child's picture, along with his or her brief profile will be mailed directly to you.
- The Haitian school year is September through June. Sponsorships are accepted at any time during the year.
- Once in Haiti, funding is given to the appropriate church and school officials and then distributed directly to your child's family to purchase the needed items.
- Accountability is provided through RMI administration both in Haiti and the US, MEBSH, and the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability.



**Make the Choice to Change
a Child's Life TODAY!**

Hope Gives Man the Reason to Live - Haitian Proverb