



JMJ Children's Fund of Canada

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Dear Friends, JMJ Children's Fund of Canada celebrated its 50th anniversary last year, and we looked back at the changes over the years to see how we will move ahead in the future. The United Nations has made great strides in reducing childhood mortality and disease; but, according to the World Bank, the number of children living in extreme poverty has increased by 100 million since 1972. It is now our sacred duty to help those children grow and learn. In our small way, JMJ Children's Fund is answering that call.

New project in Haiti

We are very pleased to introduce our new student sponsorship project in Ouanaminthe, Haiti. JMJ Children's Fund has joined B the Hope for Haiti in sponsoring children in Haiti, the poorest nation in the western hemisphere where the average daily salary is \$2.00. It ranks in the top 10 countries in the world for corruption and malnutrition. Only 50 percent of children go to school and most schools are run by big non governmental organizations (NGO) or smaller organizations like B the Hope for Haiti.

B the Hope for Haiti works with Present Hope Ministry, who started their ministry in Haiti many years ago. Together, they help support four schools in the poorest parts of Ouanaminthe, with a



Joanna Baumgartner, founder and director of B the Hope for Haiti

large new school campus in the works. Their goal is to give the children literacy, health, dignity and the knowledge that they are unconditionally loved.

Like JMJ Children's Fund, there is no middle-man,



no government involvement, no administration costs. B the Hope for Haiti pays all its own expenses so that 100 percent of your donations go to the children of Haiti.

The people of Haiti have faced so much hardship in recent years. The devastating earthquake of 2010, the subsequent cholera outbreak, and the ongoing political instability have all taken a toll on the country.

Right now, there are millions of children in Haiti who are not in school. They are missing out on the opportunity to learn and grow, and they are being denied the chance to build a better future for themselves.

We can change that.

B the Hope for Haiti is raising money to build a new school in Haiti. This school will provide a safe and nurturing environment for children to learn and grow. It will also provide them with

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access to essential resources, such as books, computers, and teachers.

Your donation will make a difference in the lives of these children. It will give them the opportunity to get an education and build a better future for themselves.

Update from Ghana

Dear Mr. Modermann,

Many warm regards from Ghana.

We write to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 4th August, informing us of the latest grant you and JMJ forwarded to our account.

The bank alerted us of the grant into our account, and we are happy to forward to you the information below. The total grant was equivalent to GHC60109.56.

We are grateful to you and JMJ for offering some of our burden. We promise that the money will be used to educate, feed, clothe and take care of children.

The triplet's mother has asked that we convey her appreciation you for the big help. You brought her and kids joy and relief.

Once more, thanks to our benefactors, JMJ, your family and the Handmaid's of the Holy Child Jesus Sisters. God replenish the source you draw to help us. Sister Otoo

Extract from the Annual Report



Friends:

This has been a long, long summer. The change in government in Zaire, now the Congo, has caused us some concern. There seems to be hostility against foreigners, even those trying to help. Churches have been burned, and groups helping refugees have been ordered out of the country. Please pray for the safety of Sister Christiane and her co-workers.



Sister Gabrielle Brunet with some of the children enjoying a snack at St-Nom-de-Jesus School in Haiti.

HAITI:

A letter from Sister Brunet follows: Before leaving Haiti I had the opportunity to receive a small gift from you with a piece of paper of some value. The word 'merci' is always too short on such an occasion, because there are people who have worked very hard to be able to send us this gift. I know that you are not forgetting the students of the school St-Nom-de-Jesus, these fragile little ones who ask only the minimum to blossom. To-day is an important day for them because they will

school days could not be closed, at this time, even if the portion of food distributed is not as large as we would like. The higher cost of products has never been a problem because people like JMJ Children's Fund are generous, and just when supplies are down we are there to help. I thank God who reveals Himself in concrete ways just when the needs become urgent, and JMJ provides.

I am sending you some photos - one of the cartoon, showing the children eating their little bowl of rice, with a good appetite. The other demonstrates a little project carried out with the students to encourage them in re-forestation. Fertilization, finding seeds, planting, and taking care - all was accomplished by the students. Almost 500 plants, guavas, orange, lemon, avocado, matis etc. all were harvested as fruits of their labours. At the same time, they learned something. One photo shows part of the school where I work.

Again, I thank you, in the name of all those who work with us and for us.

Sister Gabrielle Brunet.

INDIA:

Greetings of peace and joy to you!
With grateful heart I wish to acknowledge your kind letter and the amount of \$500. (USD) by cheque, for the education of the poor children of St. Francis Home Kotagiri. I express my



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to our donors. A list of projects and the people involved with JMJ are provided in the Annual Report. These newsletters are also available.

It is estimated that JMJ helped approximately 400 children per year. With the current budget at \$20,000, this translates to \$50 per child, which we know is a pittance. The estimated cost of raising a child is \$35 per month. A study from India estimated that education is half the cost of raising a child. A 2010 Globalissues report found that half of the world's population lives on less than \$75/month. Even though JMJ's impact may appear to be small, many small pieces add up. We can always do more. We trust that God will provide.

Please support the work of JMJ Children's Fund by a cheque sent to PO Box 20051, 322 Rideau St East, Ottawa, Ontario, K1N 9N5

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