



JMJ Children's Fund of Canada

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Dear Friends, have you ever wondered about the Kingdom of God? There are so few people who attend church, how can they ever hear the Good News? It is like a tiny seed that is planted in fertile soil and grows into a majestic tree that yields fruit every season. That is what you have done by supporting JMJ and helping disadvantaged children to be educated and supported. You may not directly see the result of your beneficence, but you can have faith that it is working towards that majestic harvest!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN DIFFICULT TIMES

Thanks to your continuing support, JMJ was again able to meet its commitments to help disadvantaged children around the world, to Ancilla School in Wa, Ghana, to Mary Immaculate Kindergarten in Chipata, Zambia, to Present Hope Institute in Ouanaminthe, Haiti and to Asaba Model Nursery and Primary School in Biiso-Kijungu, Uganda.

Not all our projects are successful. For the last 2 years our attempts to send funds to Society Sisters of Maria Auxilium in Chennai, India have resulted in the Indian bank returning the money minus several hundred dollars! For this reason, the India project is on hold until the Sisters can find a secure way to transfer the money.

In the previous year we sent funds to Les Sœurs Missionnaires de l'Immaculée-Conception in Delmas, Haiti. Unfortunately, due to the difficult conditions, the Sisters were unable to provide confirmation of receipt. To maintain our status as a registered charity with the Canadian Revenue Agency, we are required to keep records demonstrating the funds were used for charitable purposes. This project is on hold while we hope and pray for the situation to improve for the sisters in Haiti.

NEW PROJECT: FOI ET JOIE HAITI

JMJ's efforts to support children in Haiti was given a new breath of life when we were invited to attend a Haiti fundraising event on April 7 organised by the Jesuits of Canada. The event was beautifully presented at the historic L'église du Gesù de Montréal and included a mass presided by Provincial Fr. Erik Oland, SJ, who sang at the Mass and with members of the Opera of Montréal during the Haiti-themed meal afterwards. There was also an auction of paintings made by Fr Jean Denis Saint Felix. Fr Jean Franky Guerrier, SJ, the

coordinator of the programs for Haiti, spoke on the different projects, including Foie et Joie Haiti. Their objective is to raise \$2,000,000, of which \$1,000,000 had already been raised at the time of the event.

JMJ approached Fr Francky and explained the difficulty in sending funds to Haiti. We asked if they had a replacement project of similar size. Fr Franky came back with a proposal from Foi et Joie Haiti to support 45 vulnerable children at the Centre Éducatif Congréganiste Nationale du Bas Canaan in Port au Prince and the Centre Éducatif Congréganiste National Saint Ignace of Loyola of Bédoue near Ouanaminthe.

The vulnerable children are selected in consultation with teachers and parents. The expected outcomes are: that at least 45 most vulnerable children in the Canaan and Bedoue educational centers have access to a tuition fee and school materials subsidy; to promote gender equality by encouraging the retention and schooling of girls, with at least 60% of sponsored children being girls; to reduce the school dropout rate in these educational centers; to ensure food for vulnerable children. The full proposal is available from JMJ.



JMJ has sent \$5000 to support this project for 9 months starting in September. With your help, JMJ can continue supporting this project.

Sr Monica E Otoo of Ancilla School, Wa, Ghana, West Africa, writes:

Warm regards from Wa, Ghana. Kindly find attached herewith Report on the grant of US\$5590.70 for the upkeep of children. With the grant, children's educational and feeding needs were taken care of. As a result our children

remained in school uninterrupted, participated and continue to succeed at learning. We are very grateful and pray God to bless and reward all who make like meaningful and simple for us.

Extracts from Sr Otoo's report

Kindly find below an update list of children for the JMJ sponsorship program in Ghana for the Academic year 2022/23.

1. Leotina S. Junior High School 2
2. Joshua S. Junior High School 2
3. Leonie S. Junior High School 2
4. Maureen Junior High School 2
1. Banoeyele Joel Junior High School 1
4. Mary Junior High School 1
5. Maria Junior High School 1
6. Wisdom D Primary 6
7. Ishmael N Junior High School 1
8. Faustina D. Primary 5
9. Dennis Dapila Primary 5

Report from Asaba Model School, Uganda.

On February 23rd, 2024, we received 8,620,184 shillings from J.M.J. Children's Fund, which is \$2400 USD. I immediately on 25th day of Feb organised a Board meeting and we reached a consensus of buying maize grains stock it in our school store. Then the school and parents will perform the grinding/milling.

We unanimously agreed that providing porridge at lunch time to the whole school was economically viable other than buying posho and beans which would not even complete a term of



Children enjoy cornmeal porridge at Asaba Model Primary School

90 days.

The 2800kg of the grains we bought has helped us serve our Asaba model children porridge for almost two terms, i.e

1st term was Feb-May and

2nd term late May-Mid Aug.

Though the stock is getting finished this Friday of 16th Aug 2024.

The staff, children and parents do strongly appreciate for really what J. M. J did for Asaba model school.

We bought 2800kgs of maize @ kg at 3000shs Totalling to 8,400,000shs. (Eight million four



Cornmeal porridge at Asaba Model Primary School

hundred thousand shs only) and 220,000shs (Two hundred twenty thousand shs) was used for Transportation of the maize seeds from where it was bought from up to the school premises.

Alluta continua/ The struggle continues.

We can't really thank you enough for what you're helping us with.

God blessings.

Asaba Taddeo

School proprietor.



If you would like to continue helping or consider helping for the first or whatever time, you may send a cheque to **J.M.J. Children's fund, P.O.Box 20051, 322 Rideau St East, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1N 9N5**

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