

## School Books For Your Sponsored Child

This month, we are starting the effort to buy new school books for all of our sponsored children for the new school year. We are asking every sponsor to contribute so that their child can have a new set of books for September.

Before we talk about next year, let us tell you how things went last year. In March 2020, we introduced school books as a brand new effort. Without warning, Haiti shut down on March 20<sup>th</sup> because of COVID-19. All travel in and out of Haiti stopped. Many businesses closed and stayed closed until the summer, including Haiti's school book manufacturer. During that time, we continued to receive offerings from sponsors for their child's school books. We held those funds until the books were available to buy.

We returned to Haiti in September after the Port au Prince airport reopened. We went with the intention of buying books for children whose sponsors gave. The school principals used that list to decide which books we needed to buy.

However, something unexpected happened.

Last September, the exchange rate between the US Dollar and the Haitian Gourde began to drop. In two week's time, the money lost half of its value. Suddenly the books were twice as expensive.

The solution was to buy the most essential books. This fit within our available funds. The plan worked well. We are in the process of completing the first distribution. Children who received books will return them to the schools this summer so children without a sponsor can use them.



A sponsored child holds the school books his sponsor provided for him

The exchange rate is recovering, but the prices continue to go up. So, we will focus again on buying the most essential books. The children are thrilled to receive them.

We are asking that you give \$60 for your child to have school books for September. You can give on our website. We will keep you updated. Thank you for sponsoring!

# Partnership In Missions

## The Costs Of The Sponsorship Gifts Have Increased In Haiti



Pictured above are children who received gifts from their sponsors in April. Every month, we receive offerings from sponsors to buy gifts for their sponsored children. We also receive letters, cards and packages that we bring to Haiti. While some of our crew members are translating your correspondence, the others will rent a truck and go to the open market. They will buy food, goats and Bibles.

They will also exchange money so the children receive their cash gifts in Haitian Gourdes. When they are finished, our crew will bring everything to the mission campus to prepare to give out.

On a particular day, we will ask the children to come to the campus with a parent. We will take their picture with their gift and ask them to write a letter. When they finish, we will give them transportation money to return home.

Giving gifts is a process, but it is worth the effort. The children love these gifts. The prices of these items have gone up in Haiti. In order to continue to give them, we will need to increase their cost.

Food = \$30  
Bibles = \$21  
Goats = \$100  
Uniforms = \$65

Thank you for your help and consideration.

## Expanding The School Meals

Our school principals have asked for more help with their nutrition programs. Because of the increase in the cost of food in Haiti, it has become more difficult for the schools to provide meals.

We have 15 schools. We would like to raise an extra \$1,500 a month to give each school extra money for their school meals. Your support will help greatly. Thank you for your consideration.



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