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How Sponsorship Rescued Hancie

Hancie and his little sister are standing on the rubble that used to be their home. Their family lost everything.



In April, we attended a homeschool convention to promote the sponsorship program. While there we met Paula. We shared with her how sponsoring a child through Mission To Haiti impacts children and families. Paula sponsored two children. One of them is Hancie Bellevue. Our sponsorship crew in Haiti contacted

Hancie's mother to give her the good news. The whole family was excited.

Two weeks later, tragedy struck Hancie's family. Gangs were entering homes near the Port au Prince airport. Gangs use these homes as hiding places from the police. To combat this, the authorities bull-dozed these homes. It left several hundred families displaced including Hancie and his family.

Hancie's father began looking for a new home where his family could live. While he was out, he got caught in the crossfire between the gangs and the police. Hancie's father was shot and killed. With their meager possessions. Hancie's mother brought her children to an open yard where other displaced families were relocating.

Then she contacted our sponsorship crew. When we heard what happened, we called the sponsor. The family needed a secure home to rent. Paula and her husband were more than willing to help. They sent the funds they needed to rent a home for a year. Our sponsorship crew arranged everything. By that evening Hancie and his family were safe in their new home. Because Hancie was sponsored, Mission To Haiti had the means to step in and quickly help. When a child is sponsored, they become a part of the Mission To Haiti family.

Hancie and his family are still grieving the loss of their father and husband, but they know that Mission To Haiti stands with them in life's most difficult times. Thank you for sponsoring. It really makes the difference.



Partnership In Missions

Sponsorship Is Increasing to \$45 A Month

For more than 10 years, Mission To Haiti's monthly sponsorship has been \$35. For that amount, sponsored children have received tuition, meals at school and medical care. Sponsorship support also provides sponsorship salaries and the means to operate the sponsorship program.

Rising prices have made it very difficult to maintain the level of care we are used to giving the sponsored children. Helping children is the heart of this ministry. For that reason, we trim expenses where we can. At times general funds are used to cover sponsorship costs. But these measures are not able to cover all of the extra sponsorship expenses.

So we are asking sponsors to consider increasing their sponsorship payments to \$45 a month. Here are some questions you may have regarding this increase.

How will the increase be used to help my sponsored child? The additional \$10 will be used directly for your child's tuition and school meals. These ministries are the heart of sponsorship.

The schools set tuition rates each year. And most years, these rates increase. The first \$5 will be added to cover your child's tuition. This is so important because the high cost of tuition keeps children from affording school. The second \$5 will be applied to vour child's school meals. At this crucial time getting a nutritious meal means more than ever.

Sponsorship is a partnership between sponsors, families and Mission To Haiti. To the families of the sponsored children, sponsorship is more than a service for their child. It is a lifeline of stability and hope for the future.

What should I do if I am not prepared to increase my sponsorship at this time? If you need time to prepare for this increase, simply continue giving your \$35 each month. Your faithful support will allow your sponsored child to continue in school for the present time. When you are ready, we will be happy to help you update your recurring sponsorship payment. Your full support will allow us to serve your child and provide the care they need.

How is my sponsored child and their family doing? Because of the gang situation, we have been asking the school principals to send us updates via WhatsApp. We have been receiving children's pictures and letters to share with sponsors. We are in contact with principals every week. If you have any questions about your sponsored child, please let us know.

Thank you for your understanding. We love the sponsored children and want to do our best to serve them.





