



What to Expect for Yourself and Your Sponsored Child

History: In July of 1999, Richard and Iva Presberry traveled to Haiti in obedience to God's call to share the gospel and serve people in the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere. A dream that occurred four years prior was a motivating factor. Both are licensed ministers and previously worked in the field of education while serving faithfully in their home church.

What: Immediately, the founders established Hope for Caribbean Kids, Inc., a Christian not-for-profit organization to support the work God has begun to improve the lives of children in Haiti. It was incorporated in 2003.

Where: For ten years proceeds from the ministry benefited children at New Missions and other relief efforts in Haiti. Since 2012 God has planted this ministry in the place of its true calling, Mare Blanche, in the southern mountains of Haiti. The people are extremely poor and hard working.

- ◆ **Christian Based Education**—Parents in Haiti must pay for their children to attend school. This is why many children never attend school a day in their lives. Your sponsorship will lift that burden. Students at Mare Blanche receive a Christian based education with weekly chapel and encouragement to attend church regularly. Classes are grades one through six.
- ◆ **Food**—One of the children's greatest needs is food. There is constant lack. Effort will be made to establish a school food program. Currently every effort will be made to provide some food when possible.
- ◆ **School Uniform**—School uniforms are required in Haiti. This one requirement makes school attendance prohibitive for many families. Your sponsorship provides this important school requirement.
- ◆ **Child Photo**—You will receive a photo of your sponsored child and occasional updates.
- ◆ **Correspondence**—You will be able to write to your sponsored child, send and receive photos. However, all correspondences will be done electronically through e-mail. Send your correspondences directly to this ministry by e-mail. Or, send through regular mail and it will be scanned and forwarded to Haiti. Keep in mind communication in rural Haiti is difficult. Therefore, allow several weeks to receive response.
- ◆ **Birthdays and Christmas**—A financial gift is the best option for blessing your sponsored child during special times. Small packages and gifts may be delivered by the founders during annual mission trips when space is available.





Where: Hope for Caribbean Kids, Inc. is working in the southern mountains, 700 miles from the coast of Florida and nine hours southeast of Port-au-Prince, the capital city of Haiti.

Who: Over 600 people attend the Assembly of God Church (Assemblee de dieu corail la-mothe commune Belle Anse), which is the focus of the ministry. Three hundred of the members are school age children. The teachers are rarely paid because the families cannot afford to pay the tuition. Therefore, teacher turnover is high and work attendance is sporadic.

Finances: Hope for Caribbean Kids, Inc. is operated by volunteers and supported by fundraising, individuals and churches. Eighty-one percent of contributions go directly for ministry and nineteen percent for administration and fundraising.



Child Sponsorship Works

Hope for Caribbean Kids, Inc. is dedicated to using child sponsorship contributions to provide each child with direct support of program activities such as school programming, food, annual medical exams, school supplies, school uniforms and other needs.

Your support of Christ-centered education through the child sponsorship program has immeasurable value. Our Volume 1, 2015 newsletter described it this way:

Christ-centered education provides much more than knowledge and opportunities for meaningful work. Some of the anticipated outcomes are integrity, love of God and fellowman, as well as, the opportunity to become and develop strong leaders. It helps them gain unshakable faith which is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things that are not presently seen. Haiti can become a stronger nation as its children become more educated, supported, encouraged, guided and confident.

Thank you for becoming a sponsor!

We can only imagine how you will feel knowing you helped change the life of a child throughout time and eternity.



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