



HOPE FORCE INTERNATIONAL CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Time for change and hope for a brighter future

Low levels of education for much of the population are among Haiti's most serious impediments to growth.

Haiti's literacy rate is only 53 percent. Education is perhaps a child's strongest barrier against poverty. Access to schooling or quality literature is not within reach of impoverished families whose only outlook on life is a subsistence living.

The Child Sponsorship Program has, to this point, focused on food supplements, medical initiatives, clean water programs, etc. and has served in magnificent fashion to give children a new start following the earthquake. This would not have been possible without the faithful and generous support of the monthly sponsors.



Education: A pathway to progress

Our goal for the future of the Child Sponsorship Program is to begin investing more heavily in education for the children of Sous Savanne.

Parents recognize the vital importance of education, and a cultural norm that we observe is for families to provide basic food and shelter, and once that has been achieved, the next financial priority is sending their children to school.

Whether a child attends public or private school, there are still expenses involved with school fees, supplies and school uniforms. Recently, a Haitian pastor was giving thanks for his mother who emphasized the importance of education. As a family, they would sacrifice meals to ensure their children could go to school. The mother believed that faith in God and a good education was their only hope for improving their plight. We agree, and will make education the primary focus of the HFI Child Sponsorship Program in the future.



We invite you to prayerfully consider becoming a child sponsor. For those of us who personally support a child, we have found it to be a wonderful and meaningful investment. Several sponsors actually come on a team to Haiti with HFI where they are able to see first-hand the impact of their generosity. They inevitably go home filled to overflowing with love and gratitude. The CSP has enabled Hope Force to make massive leaps forward in the recovery efforts in this village. We believe this next step is coming at the right time in Haiti's recovery.

Thank you for standing with us, and giving those who would otherwise have little hope for advancement the opportunity to excel and thrive.



Have questions? Contact our Program Manager at children@hopeforce.org