

MISSION TO HAITI SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Questions & Answers

How much does sponsorship cost?

Sponsorship is \$35 a month or \$420 a year.

How does sponsorship affect the life of a needy child?

Sponsorship provides 3 basic ministries: Christian education, meals at school, and health care.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Since 1981, Mission To Haiti has been ministering to the Haitian people through Christian education. We partner with 15 Christian schools that serve 4,000 children. Two of Mission To Haiti's schools are trade schools where young people can learn sewing, plumbing, and other career trades. When you sponsor, you help a needy child attend school. Without help, many children of poor families are forced to drop out of school prematurely. The children in our schools receive Christian training. They have the opportunity to attend church, Sunday School, and Bible studies where they learn about Jesus and grow in their faith.

MEALS AT SCHOOL: The biggest struggle for a Haitian family is food. Seventy percent of a family's income goes to buying food. Sponsorship provides high protein meals for the children at the schools. This helps the children to be healthy and focused.

HEALTH CARE: Many Haitian children never have an opportunity to see a doctor. Mission To Haiti has a medical clinic for our school children to have regular check-ups. Our Haitian staff treats illnesses and teaches them the basics of proper hygiene. By providing these opportunities, a lasting change can occur in a needy child's life. These ministries are the open door to reaching the child, their family and the community for Christ.

How does sponsorship affect others in the child's family and community?

Because Mission To Haiti emphasizes learning and development, the benefits of sponsorship spread beyond the child to others. For example, it is common for a sponsored child who is attending school to become the family teacher, helping the parents and siblings learn how to read and write.

As sponsored children learn skills, get an education and grow older, they become leaders in the community and the church. Formerly sponsored children are now serving in their communities as teachers, doctors, and pastors.

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How long should sponsorship last?

Haitian children typically enter school between four and five years old. They continue for as long as they are able. Some sponsors support their child for their entire time in school. Others support their child for one or two years. Either approach is valuable and helpful.

What happens to a child when a sponsor stops giving their support?

If a sponsor is not able to continue giving their support, we will work to find a new sponsor for that child. Unfortunately, this may take some time and will disrupt the benefits the child receives.

What happens if my child leaves the program?

From time to time, a child will leave the school where they are being sponsored. Often this is because the child's family moves from the community. Although this is regrettable, it opens the way for a new boy or girl to have a sponsor. If you are asked to sponsor a new child, we will make all the arrangements to direct your support to the new child.

Can I visit my sponsored child?

Yes! Mission To Haiti organizes volunteer mission teams each year to help with projects. Individuals and groups come to Haiti to help us enlarge our vision of equipping Haitians to change Haiti for Christ. Many volunteers are sponsors who come to visit their child. We encourage sponsors to consider this enriching experience. Please contact us or visit our website for more information.

How much of my sponsorship goes to help my child?

Mission To Haiti is careful with what we use. From your support, 85% is used for child development ministries, and 15% is for operating expenses. Our financial statement is available upon request.

What does the sponsorship program offer the sponsor?

Helping those in need is God's will. Sponsorship gives you the opportunity to be an instrument of God's work in Haiti. In Philippians 1:6 it says, "...he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." Sponsorship allows you to establish a connection with your child. By sharing pictures and letters, you create a bond of love and appreciation. Giving, praying, and communicating with your child is fulfilling and offers you the opportunity to give back to someone in need.

Is Mission To Haiti a Christian organization?

Yes. Mission To Haiti is a Christ-centered organization committed to the proclamation of the Gospel and to the spiritual and physical well-being of children. Every sponsored child learns about Jesus Christ and has the opportunity to give their lives to Christ.

