

4th Annual St. Bridget Haiti Mission School- Teacher Support & Feeding the Children Appeal

St. Bridget HMI School-ND began in 2004. The existing hurricane proof school was completed in 2012 thanks to donations from many HMI supporters, led by Pat & Sue Biggam at a total cost of \$250,000. The excellent school includes 10 classrooms, bathrooms, a large library and feeding room and administration offices.

In the latest school year, 2024-25, enrollment increased by more than 21% to 340 students and continued with 18 full-time staff members with HMI contributing \$1425/month or **\$17,200 per year (Teacher Support)**. Teachers on average make just under \$100 per month and are paid for twelve months.

HMI also has funded a school lunch program (**Feeding the Children**) since 2012 which provides a substantial hot lunch daily to the students and staff that attend. Last school year HMI provided nearly 23% more meals than the prior year for a total of 44,233 meals at a cost of **\$22,675** or 51 cents per meal. The school lunch program ensures that every child attending school at St. Bridget's will have a least one nutritious hot meal a day.

HMI realizes that the above two programs are very important to the community and the children, and it is our hope to be able to continue to provide for the financial needs of the programs. In order to do that in a more predictable way we have decided to have an Annual Appeal to our donors focused on Teacher Support and Feeding the Children prior to the beginning of each new school year.

Last year's third annual appeal was very successful raising \$26,000, which included a \$10,000 match. Thank you for your generous support! The additional money was a great benefit to our two programs for the children. We hope to raise enough money each year so that the programs can continue long into the future, and they will be less in peril each year to continue due to inadequate funding.

Our goal for this year will be to raise \$25,000 without a match. The money will help HMI to continue to fund the programs in 2025-26 school

year and if successful we may be able to give the teachers a \$100 per person year-end bonus next year.

The 4th Annual appeal will begin August 1 and extend through September 14, 2025.

If you would like to contribute to the 2025 Appeal please forward your contribution to HMI at P.O. Box 694 Thibodaux, LA 70302 dedicated to Teacher Support / Feeding the Children program or donate online at www.haitimissioninc.com utilizing the dedicated donation tabs.

If you would prefer to become a monthly donor you can select either program on the donate tab on the HMI website or mail a check. Monthly donors have helped for many years to offset the costs of both programs. A special thank you and blessings to our generous monthly donors!

Reminder: This dedicated 4th Annual appeal will continue through September 14, 2025.

Together we can continue to serve God while “feeding” his little ones, body, mind and soul. Thank you for your generosity and God bless you and your families.

HMI Teacher Support & Feeding the Children Team