

SD District LWML Mission Grant Mite Box Devotion

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Trinity/HOPE Feed the Children Lutheran Schools Haiti \$5000 (Paid in Full)

- Leader:** We open in the name of the Holy Trinity:
- All:** Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer
For all things living, Created good:
Harvest of sown fields, Fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood
(LSB 789 v1, LW 403 v1)
- Leader:** *"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink. Truly I tell you, just as you did it to the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."* (Matthew 24:34, 40)
- Reader 1:** Just as we are to help feed the hungry both spiritually and physically so the children at the Lutheran Schools in Haiti are being fed through the organization Trinity/HOPE.
- Reader 2:** Haiti has been devastated from the hurricanes Fay, Gustav, Hanna and Ike. Two of the food directors for the Feeding Haitian Children program live in an area especially hard hit. Houses were demolished, lives lost, animal and human bodies floated in the streets.
- Reader 3:** Information on all the needs and conditions of the schools is currently being gathered. Costs will increase exponentially and the feeding programs are needed more at this time than ever.
- Reader 1:** All the funds from the grant will be used to provide a daily meal for the children, teachers and cooks for the First Lutheran School in Les Cayes, Haiti. This simple but nutritious meal of beans, rice/corn and a sauce is a literal lifeline for these children who only average eating one meal at home every other day.
- Reader 2:** This meal totally changes their lives. They grow, can learn and are open to the message of the Good News being taught them by their teachers and the pastor for the school. When asked if they love Jesus all hands are raised.
- Reader 3:** The love expressed by this mission grant is a powerful witness of the love of Jesus Christ to these children, their parents and to the community. These children and their parents, who often practice Voodoo, are coming to believe in Christ by the scores.

Leader:

Prayer:

Gracious and loving heavenly Father, as we bring our Mite offerings before you today, we remember the children in Haiti. We are thankful for a God who provides both our spiritual and physical needs. We thank you for these special food directors and teachers and pray that you will bless their efforts, especially now in the aftermath of the hurricanes. Protect all these children that their bodies and souls may be fed. We thank you, too, that through our Mite giving, you make it possible for us the members of the SD District LWML to reach out to these children of faith in love and compassion as you have done for us through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In his dear name we pray. Amen.