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To our wonderful and devoted donors — thank you. Your generosity is the heartbeat of JMJ Children's Fund of Canada, and without your steadfast contributions, we would not be able to serve the children who depend on us. We are pleased to share that, thanks to you, we continue to meet our obligations to the children in our program. At the same time, we want to be honest with you: a goal we set more than ten years ago to raise our giving level from \$30 to \$45 per child has not yet been realized. While this is a source of real disappointment for us, your unwavering support gives us renewed hope and determination to keep striving toward that milestone. We are grateful beyond words for everything you make possible.

Report from Zambia

As the year comes to a close, we want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to each and every one of our sponsors. Your support has been the back backbone of our learners' academic journey and we couldn't have done it without you.

Your contributions have enabled the learners to acquire quality education and develop new skills; we are eternally grateful for that. Indeed, your sponsorship to our learners is contributing a great deal to giving them the academic hope and shaping their bright future. Our

learners can easily smile while in class and at home since most of their academic needs are fulfilled through your generous sponsorship.

It is our prayer that God who is rich in every way will continue to bless you abundantly.

As we celebrate the festive season, Mary Immaculate Kindergarten wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2026! May your holiday season be filled with Joy, love and all your favourite things. Thank you once more for believing in us and investing in our learners' future.

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Report from B the Hope for Haiti

Our 2025 mission in Ouanaminthe, Haiti has been an extraordinary success — a reflection of your unwavering support and the grace of God at work through every effort. What began as a vision many years ago to bring education, nutrition, and hope has grown into a beacon of light for an entire community. Dedra and I celebrated 15 years working together in Haiti.

Through your generosity, we have strengthened the foundations of our school, reached vulnerable populations, and demonstrated Christ's love in tangible ways.

Our school has become a model of transformation. Traditional rote memorization is giving way to critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving. Teachers are now being trained not merely to deliver lessons, but to engage minds and hearts — empowering students to ask questions, explore ideas, and think independently.

We welcomed a new agronomist to our team. This professional is not only teaching sustainable farming practices but also cultivating crops that are scarce locally and needed for our nutrition program. These initiatives are helping the school community learn self-reliance while improving our 600 meals a day.

The classes we offered focused once again on teaching the teachers — guiding them to use practical, hands-on strategies that inspire curiosity and joy in their students.

We emphasized that education is not about information alone, but about transformation — helping each child discover their God-given potential through engaging and meaningful learning experiences. Our HIV/AIDS annual training is making a difference as stigma and myth are replaced with life saving facts.

During our mission, we fed hundreds of street children. We know this outreach is not a sustainable feeding program, but we chose to act in compassion — to be the hands and feet of Jesus for those who feel forgotten.

Each meal shared was a message of love, dignity, and hope. Our heart overflowed as we felt God's calling to continue reaching the least of these.

Our team also visited the Fort Liberty prison, a place marked by immense need and injustice. We brought nutritious meals, clean water, soap, and most importantly, the message of faith and hope.

We reminded the men there that they are not forgotten, even in an inhumane and broken system. Through prayer and presence, we offered the



assurance that God's grace extends to those in dark corners.

Throughout our mission, we provided medical care to children in need. Minor wounds, infections, and illnesses were treated on-site, while those requiring professional care were taken to clinics — their visits fully paid for through your generosity.

One little boy with a broken arm received the cast he desperately needed — a small miracle that prevented lasting harm. These acts of healing brought visible relief and restored dignity to families who otherwise had no access to medical help.

Our beautiful school in Ouanaminthe has now completed the 4th phase with 12 classrooms, a large kitchen, cafeteria pavilion, sanitary, washrooms, living spaces, library, and more. The school is no longer just a building — it is a beacon of hope, a place where minds are opened, bodies are strengthened, and hearts are lifted.

To our faithful donors, we extend our deepest gratitude. Your support has turned prayers into progress for countless children and families.

Together, we are planting seeds of lasting change — one classroom, one meal, one heart at a time.

Joanna Baumgartner, B the Hope for Haiti

From JMJ's Archives

Statement from Dr M.J. Ferrari

(Presented Feb. 20, 2001, before the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly for an Overall Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the Habitat Agenda, Second Session: Nairobi, 19-23 Feb., 2001.)

Chairman, Honorable Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen: In November, 1999, UNICEF and Elections Canada collaborated to give children in Canada the opportunity to vote for their most important rights, selected from among the ten rights listed in the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Seven hundred, seventy-four thousand, one hundred and eighty-five students from 11,010 schools participated. Youths under 18 - sometimes as young as 6 years - lined up to vote for what they considered to be their most important right. What would they select? Greater freedom? Non-discrimination? More privacy with their friends? People across the country, and especially their parents, waited with bated breath.



One of orphans with AIDS

Surprisingly, in a way, but really not surprising, the right that received the most votes, by far, was the Family. Said Laura Hannant, 14, spokesperson for the election: "The right to having a family safeguards other rights."

Then, she added. "A lot of children, in voting, voted for something that would house a lot of other rights." While Family received 24.2% of the vote, food and shelter came next, with 19.6%. Health received 10.7%, education: 9.5%; rest and play: 9.4%; protection from harm: 9.2% and nondiscrimination: 6%. Name and nationality, and their own culture - each - received about 2% of the vote.

What children in Canada were voting for is the normal Family: mother, father, and siblings. To quote an honorable delegate addressing the Special Session on Children, in New York, in January: "The family is the basic unit of society.. where, we all agree, ethical, moral, and human values are inculcated in our children, (and) where they learn to be responsible adults..." He was probably quoting in part, paragraph 31 of the Habitat Agenda.

The family is, indeed, the basic unit of society, where both parents play a vital role: the mother as the heart of the family, the father as its protector and support. These facts should be reflected in all documents that issue from United Nations conferences, and most especially from documents that pretend to promote the well-being of all persons, no matter what are the circumstances of their birth.

Thanks to our supporters

Once again, thanks to all those who have been so generous with time, prayers and donations over the past year. Whenever a thank you letter arrives from overseas, we remember all who make it possible for JMJ Children's Fund to help. You are also included in the prayers of those in India, Haiti, Ghana, Uganda and Zambia.

If you would like to continue helping or consider helping for the first or whatever time, you may send a cheque to **J.M.J. Children's fund, P.O.Box 20051, 322 Rideau St East, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1N 9N5**

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