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Back to School Issue

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Greetings from Haiti,

What a blessing the past two months have been for us helping the churches prepare for the start of school. Recent activities include preparing schools for new students, planning and budgeting for delivering donated school time talking to the many Hope Center with the hope receive help for their Scholarship Fund. This support we have added our program—L'Ecole d'Amour in Bas-de-Sault in L'Ecole Baptiste de



Limonade student shows off uniform

August and September are low income parents here funds to pay for their books, uniforms, and make very hard choices, their several children will and which will stay home. Scholarship Fund which in remote communities, educational opportunities are opened to many who would not otherwise have an education. Thank you for making it possible that nearly 2000 children will not have to stay home from school!

very stressful months for who must get together children's school tuition, shoes. Some have to often choosing which of be able to attend school Because of LHM's subsidizes church schools

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Children were excited to return to school this year. Most urban schools begin in September, but in remote areas most begin in early October.



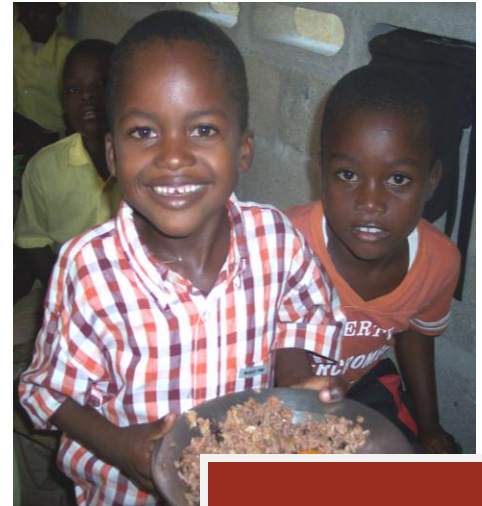
The long hair of this young boy indicates that his parents are deeply involved in Voodoo and have dedicated him to a particular "loa" or spirit. The parents believe that if his hair is cut the spirit will take revenge. LHM's scholarship fund will help this boy to attend school where he will be taught to read, write and do math. He will also learn about God's love for him and the hope that Jesus can bring into his life at the Ecole Chretienne Chemin d'Amour, (The Way of Love Christian School). This boy will attend school for the first time this fall.

Thanks

to the many people who sent school supplies. Students were happy to receive the supplies at the school near St. Michel de l'Atalaye in the Central Plateau.



Teachers are happy to receive supplies too!



Back to school means lots of walking and long hours working in the classroom. Without a hot lunch at school children become tired and lethargic and unable to learn. This year, LHM is grateful to the donors who make it possible for us to offer a hot lunch at many of the school. Lifetouch, Inc. has shown a special commitment to making this program something that the children can count on. Thanks to all of you who support this program!



Christmas Planning
Christmas is simple in poor countries. Rather than giving children gifts at Christmas, a celebration with friends with refreshments and games is anticipated. LHM will be giving Christmas parties in as many areas as we can. If you would like to make Christmas special for many children, please earmark your donation "Christmas party" and send it to PO Box 8696, Naples, FL 34101.