Seeds of Hope
Holistic Care for Orphaned and Vulnerable Children
— Lahoye, Haiti —

Give justice to the weak and the orphan;
maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.
Psalm 82:3
We are a Catholic ministry that mobilizes the global Catholic Church to transform the poor and their communities materially and spiritually for the glory of Jesus Christ.

Rather than create new institutions to distribute aid, we support existing ministries and churches already serving the poor. In addition to being the most cost-effective way of helping the poor, empowering these ministries allows us to support the Church’s spiritual mission and its important position of leadership in poor communities.

We consider every gift we receive as a precious resource from God. We direct every donation to its intended project, provide honest and accurate reports to our donors, and keep overhead costs to an industry low. We handle funds with utmost integrity and hold our ministry partners in the field to the same high standards by asking them to document costs and the impact of their outreach.

We invite you to join with us as we seek to transform the lives of the poor materially and spiritually — ways that please the Father and glorify him in Heaven and on earth.
Project Synopsis

Description
This project will provide orphaned and vulnerable children with life-changing social services, including medical care, nutrition, education, counseling and spiritual formation.

Purpose
To strengthen poor children and their caregivers by equipping them with the tools they need to build a brighter future.

Location
Lahoye, a town in Haiti’s Central Plateau, which borders the Dominican Republic.

Cost
$56,613, or about $162 per child, will help cover program expenses for 350 at-risk children.

Highlights
- In Haitian border towns, dire poverty leaves children particularly susceptible to abuse, exploitation, malnutrition and disease.
- Haiti has the highest number of HIV/AIDS cases in the Caribbean. This devastating disease has orphaned many boys and girls in Lahoye, and children with HIV fall prey to cruel stigmatizations.
- Cross Catholic Outreach is working with Project Medishare and St. Pierre Parish to rescue these vulnerable children. Through the Seeds of Hope program, we can provide holistic support for the community’s neediest boys and girls, as identified by the parish priest and health consultations.
- The children’s progress will be monitored through home visits, school visits and regular communication with parents.
- Weekly Mass and monthly Bible studies will enrich the children’s spiritual lives and promote Catholic values within their households.
- In order to transform lives, this program is relying on the generosity of donors like you. Your gift will bless 350 vulnerable children, securing hope for their future and bringing long-term healing to their community.
The Need


These are just a few of the life-threatening issues faced by children in the rural Haitian village of Lahoye. Haiti consistently falls among the poorest nations in the world; but in Lahoye, boys and girls experience the added agony of isolation. Remote and impoverished, their families are cut off from opportunities for aid or advancement, and parents struggle to put food on the table, much less send their children to school.

Other children have no parents at all to care for them. Haiti has the highest number of HIV/AIDS cases in the Caribbean, and many residents in Lahoye have succumbed to the disease. Orphaned children often end up living with distant relatives who are too poor to meet their needs. These children sleep on dirt floors in makeshift shanties, and those who are HIV-positive lack access to the lifesaving care they so desperately need. Without parents to protect them, orphaned children also face increased risk of abuse and exploitation, being used as cheap labor, indentured servants or worse.

In their young lives, these precious children have already known too much manipulation, grief, sickness and hunger. Trapped in such suffering, how can they believe that their lives can ever improve or that anyone cares? How can they know that God sees their pain? The answer is that Christ is reaching out through his Church and Cross Catholic Outreach benefactors like you. Today, in partnership with Project Medishare and St. Pierre Parish, we can weed out despair and help hope grow in Lahoye!
Ministry Description

Founded in 1994, Project Medishare collaborates with worldwide medical professionals to improve health infrastructure, strengthen local professionals and provide Haitians with access to quality medical care. Project Medishare has more than 25 years of experience in Haiti and has faithfully committed to serving the nation through natural disasters, political turmoil and the daily oppression that accompanies rural poverty. Rather than simply doling out services, Project Medishare works with communities, empowering them to increase their capacity for facilitating sustainable change.

In Lahoye, Project Medishare works with St. Pierre Parish, ministering to children through a powerful combination of tangible aid and spiritual formation.

Dr. Stephanie Compere conducts a wellness checkup at Project Medishare’s 24-hour clinic.

Help Seeds of Hope GROW
Your Gift Will Provide…

MEDICAL CARE  Through Project Medishare’s 24-hour clinic, as well as its mobile clinics, children will have access to free health screenings, consultations and vaccinations. HIV/AIDS education will help break harmful stigmas and prevent further transmission.

EDUCATION  Each child will receive a full scholarship, which covers school fees, uniforms and necessary supplies. Regular meetings with teachers and principals will help monitor the students’ progress and develop strategies to support their success.

SPRITUAL FORMATION  Through St. Pierre Parish, children in the program will attend weekly Mass and participate in enriching Bible lessons. The local priest, Father Roderick Mital, will be involved with all aspects of the program, nurturing family health through Catholic values formation.

NUTRITION  Monthly food distributions will supplement the children’s diets and help malnourished bodies recover. Free from the pain of hunger, students will be able to focus on their schoolwork, and those who are HIV-positive will receive the nutrition they need for treatment to take effect.

FAMILY SUPPORT  This project will work with families to foster unity and health in the home. Regular house visits will provide psychosocial support and guidance regarding hygiene and nutrition. Parents and guardians will also receive skills training in order to build their independence and facilitate sustainable growth.
Help Now!

For too long, the future has appeared bleak and barren for at-risk children in Lahoye. The pain of poverty has threatened to stifle any possibility for their happiness — but your generosity can cultivate an incredible harvest of hope!

Please join us by sowing Seeds of Hope in Lahoye. With your assistance, 350 suffering children will receive the nurturing they need to grow healthy and strong. They will be empowered to pursue education, find gainful employment in adulthood and discover the gifts that God has instilled in them.

Don’t wait a day longer to answer these children’s cries! Your fervent prayers and generous support have the power to uproot poverty’s destructive plans and usher in a new season of blessing. Help us show these precious boys and girls their value in God’s sight and their potential to achieve a bright future!

Our Promise to You!

Donations from this campaign will be used to cover any expenditures for this project incurred through June 30, 2020, the close of our ministry’s fiscal year. In the event that more funds are raised than needed to fully fund the project, the excess funds, if any, will be used to meet the most urgent needs of the ministry.

“Health, education and faith are the most important pillars we can give a child to ensure his or her successful future.”

Fr. Roro

Father Roderick, known locally as “Fr. Roro,” is the priest of St. Pierre Parish. He grew up near Lahoye and has a special understanding of the hardships faced by rural Haitian children. Your support will bolster his efforts to meet their needs and fortify their faith!