



St. Theresa Kindergarten

Education for Impoverished Children

— Jamaica —



When poverty makes it hard to put a meal on the table, desperate families often put their children's education on the "back burner." They simply can't afford both.

That is a tragedy because keeping impoverished children in school is one of the surest ways to break the cycle of poverty. Church leaders in Mandeville, Jamaica, have seen this happen time and again, and they feel compelled by God to find solutions for families who have pulled their kids from school. They do this because the alternative is to leave those boys and girls in living situations threatened by violence, drug abuse, trafficking, corruption and crime.

St. Theresa Kindergarten was created specifically to address this troubling situation. Its staff is eager to provide impoverished children with the tools they need to complete their education in a loving and faith-filled environment.

Unfortunately, the poverty that characterizes the communities the school serves is also making it a challenge for this ministry to meet its ambitious objectives. Your generous contribution will ensure that eight teachers receive reasonable salaries and can focus their efforts on teaching and nurturing local students. It's through the love and mercy of these teachers that poor boys and girls in Mandeville can finally acquire the knowledge and skills they need to overcome their circumstances and become the young leaders God is calling them to be!

"Remember that nothing is small in the eyes of God. Do all that you do with love."

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Executive Summary

Description

St. Theresa Kindergarten is an outreach that provides impoverished children in Mandeville, Jamaica, with an affordable, quality education.

Purpose

To ensure eight loving, qualified teachers can be compensated for their important vocational work.

Location

Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica.

Cost

\$12,000



Highlights

NEED

- When food and resources are scarce, many families are forced to prioritize survival and set aside plans for their children's education.
- Jamaica struggles with crime, violence, drug trafficking and corruption, further contributing to the hardships that poverty is creating in the country.
- An effective Catholic educational outreach must have qualified, caring teachers. Beyond their importance as educators, these teachers are viewed as positive role models in a needy child's life.

IMPACT

- This outreach will relieve families from the financial burdens caused by poverty and allow them to provide their children with access to a quality education.
- To break the cycle of poverty in families and communities, the Church must support programs that will keep children in school.
- Children traumatized by the hardships of poverty need a loving, safe environment where they can learn and interact with their peers in healthy and productive ways. The children's education, the spiritual guidance they receive and the social interaction they enjoy will help shape their character and provide them with a source of wisdom they can draw from for the rest of their lives.

Our Promise to You!

Donations from this campaign will be used to cover any expenditures for this project incurred through June 30, 2024, 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.

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