



The Gift of Food



Walking in partnership with St. Marc's School and Parish we have seen the school grow to 525 students in 2015. Due to the generosity of this Diocese, St. Marc's School currently provides on average 8 lunches a month for the students at the school.

- 50% of the population in Haiti is undernourished (food intake is chronically insufficient to meet their minimum energy requirements).
- It is hard to concentrate in school when you are hungry.
- Brain development depends on access to wholesome meals or children are at risk of development delays or permanent cognitive deficits.
- Undernourishment causes poor weight gain, impaired linear growth and impairment of the immune system.
- It costs \$150 to feed 525 students at St. Marc's School; a simple lunch of rice and beans. Ask your church community to consider paying for lunch once a month.

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Sources: Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Food Security Indicators, 2013.



The Gift of Water



The Diocese of Milwaukee's commitment to partnership with St. Marc's School includes addressing long term challenges of access to water in this rural region of Haiti:

- The only local water source for St. Marc's School, Parish and Health Clinic is the two cisterns in Jeannette. Water catchment systems depend on rain water, but do not ensure water quality.
- If the cisterns leak or during the dry season, families have to walk an hour to retrieve water.
- Waterborne illnesses cause children to get sick and prevent parents from doing their work.
- The Haiti Project is continuing to explore options and resources to identify a sustainable solution to Jeannette's water issues.
- Living Waters will install a purification system at the school at no cost, but requires that a new cistern be constructed. The estimated cost is \$20,000.

Your generous donation for the gift of water will be life sustaining for this community.

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