

Lutheran Women's Missionary League
Mission Grant Proposal Resolution Form

Proposed Project: *Nourishing the Bodies and Souls of Children in Haiti – Trinity HOPE*

Amount of Grant Requested: \$5,000

Whereas, Christ instructed us in Matthew 28:19 to “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,” and in Matthew 25:35-40, “For I was hungry and you gave me food ... as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me”; and

Whereas, Haiti is one of the poorest nations in the Western Hemisphere, where many families struggle daily to provide even one meal for their children, and where spiritual darkness through Voodoo practices leaves many without hope or knowledge of the true God; and

Whereas, Trinity HOPE serves children in Haitian Lutheran schools by providing daily meals that not only strengthen their bodies and minds but also open doors for the Gospel to take root, transforming lives with the truth of Christ; and

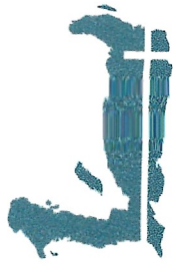
Whereas, these children, previously physically weak and spiritually vulnerable, are now coming to faith in record numbers, sharing the Good News with their families, and becoming bold witnesses for Christ in communities once steeped in false teachings; and

Whereas, the Haitian Lutheran community lacks the resources to sustain this ministry on its own, and Trinity HOPE fills this gap by sharing the love of Jesus in both word and deed; therefore be it

Resolved, that the delegates of the 2026 LWML South Dakota District Convention grant \$5,000 to partner with Trinity HOPE and the Haitian Lutheran Churches in feeding Haitian children physically and spiritually, impacting entire communities for Christ.

Signature: 

Denise Gudlin, LWML Member



TRINITY HOPE
HAITIAN FEEDING PROGRAM

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South Dakota District LWML Grant Proposal

Name of Proposed Grant: Nourishing the Bodies and Souls of Children in Haiti – Trinity HOPE

Amount Requested: \$5,000.00

Purpose and Background Information: Trinity HOPE is guided by the clear and compelling words of Scripture. In Matthew 25, we are called to feed the hungry as an act of service to our Lord. In Matthew 28, we are commissioned to go and make disciples of all nations. This grant helps us live out both of these commands in partnership with Lutheran schools throughout Haiti.

Through this ministry, children not only receive a nutritious daily meal, but they are also fed the Word of God. Teachers and staff pray with the children and share the Gospel each day. Our Feeding Program Directors visit each school twice a month to ensure program integrity and offer encouragement through devotions and prayer. These children, once physically weak and spiritually starved, become vibrant witnesses to Christ in their homes and communities. Many come from families who follow Voodoo traditions, but through the Gospel shared at school, entire households are coming to know Jesus.

Matthew 25:34-40 "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me... And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'"

Matthew 28:19-20 "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Current Need: God has opened the door for Trinity HOPE to serve over 63,000 children each day in 281 Christian schools across 15 districts in Haiti. These students live in one of the most malnourished countries in the world, with an estimated 4.4 million people facing food insecurity. Hunger robs children of physical strength and mental focus. It steals their ability to grow and learn.

We currently have over 150 Christian schools on our waiting list, representing over 38,000 children attending school without a daily meal. These children are hungry for food and thirsty for hope. The need is urgent, and the opportunity is great. Each meal costs just 39 cents, yet its impact is eternal. All money received from an LWML grant will be used to feed children attending one of these Christian schools.



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Facilities: Meals are prepared on-site at each school, using large outdoor cooking kettles and traditional methods. Each school is responsible for providing cooking fuel, water, bowls, and utensils. Most schools also pay for their own cooks. The meal is prepared just before noon and served hot to all students, teachers, and staff.

Equipment: Schools use locally sourced kettles, spoons, bowls, and large pots for meal preparation. These items are provided by the schools themselves or donated by the local church community. Trinity HOPE does not ship food or equipment from outside the country. All supplies and ingredients purchased are procured in Haiti to support the local economy.

Budget and Use of Funds: We respectfully request a \$5,000 grant from the South Dakota District of the LWML. This grant will be assigned to one specific Lutheran school in Haiti fund the feeding program at that school for the school year. The funds will cover:

- Purchase of food from local vendors
- Oversight and visits from Trinity HOPE Feeding Program Directors
- Program auditing and accountability

Each school we serve is required to contribute 5% to 15% of their program cost to promote shared ownership and sustainability. Over 97.5% of every dollar donated to Trinity HOPE is used directly for program expenses in Haiti.

Partial Funding and Remaining Needs: Trinity HOPE receives funding from individuals, churches, foundations, and other LWML districts. However, each grant is designated one specific school and is never duplicated. The South Dakota District will be notified of the specific school your funds support and will receive updates three times per year from that school.

To continue reaching 281 schools and nearly 11 million meals projected this year, we depend on a broad base of faithful partners. Since 1999, Trinity HOPE has served over 86 million meals. Your support plays a vital role in continuing that work.

Program Oversight and Accountability: Trinity HOPE employs 36 Haitian Feeding Program Directors who each visit their assigned schools twice per month. They verify food quantities, confirm attendance, review financial records, and ensure that all children are being served. Detailed reports, vendor receipts, and bank records are sent monthly to our U.S. office for review.



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Responsible Parties:

Executive Director: Keith Logan

Project Administrator and Grant Implementation: Candace Boudreau, Operations Manager

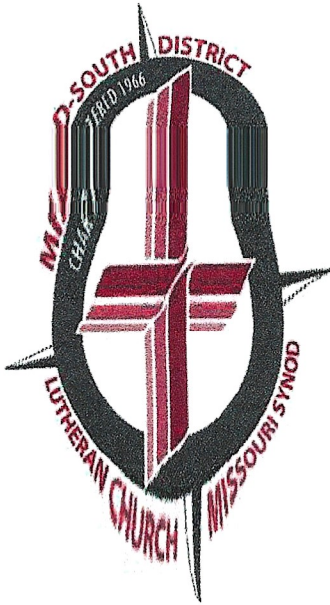
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Additional Information Trinity HOPE is not just a feeding ministry. It is a tool for evangelism, community transformation, and church growth. As children receive physical nourishment, they also encounter the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Many go home and share what they have learned, becoming lights in their communities and witnesses to their families.

We believe that feeding the hungry is more than a mission of mercy. It is a doorway to discipleship. With your help, we can continue to nourish both bodies and souls for the glory of God.



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July 17, 2025

TO: Members of District LWML Leadership, Mid-South District

RE: Trinity/HOPE Missions

From: Rev. Dr. Roger Paavola, President MDS - LCMS

I respectfully submit this letter of support of the request of Trinity/HOPE Missions for your kind and prayerful consideration. After hearing and seeing the mission's efforts to support Lutheran education and family ministries in Haiti, I continue to be a strong advocate and supporter of the efforts of Trinity/HOPE.

Malnutrition is the leading cause of deaths among the children of Haiti. Over 70% of the general population – children and adults – can go for days without a single morsel of food. Through the efforts of John Hall who died in the last biennium, Trinity/HOPE began its work in 1999 to provide meals for 42 children and offer them Christian education to the young people in a few areas of this impoverished county.

The program has grown with national support for dozens of schools where the availability of good balanced meals allows the Haitian children to learn while receive life-giving nutrition. Last year, Trinity/HOPE was able to provide an incredible 9.5 million meals! The Haitian children are served over 63,000 meals a day in 281 schools throughout the 15 districts of the Haitian island country! In this 2024-2025 school year, Trinity/HOPE surpassed a MAJOR milestone: It served the 85 millionth meal since Trinity/HOPE began in 1999! In the immortal words of the founder, John Hall, we would agree, "Ain't God Good!?"

The schools establish another important aspect of bringing hope to the children of Haiti. Bringing the "Bread of Life" in our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ, those schools bring the Good News of Christ Jesus to the ears and hearts of the country's next generation. Over 2/3 of the country's 11+ million people have been raised following Voodoo. With the educational and feeding program of Trinity/HOPE, the number of followers of Christ has increased geometrically. Parents and family members have joined with the school children in attending Lutheran Christian worship by the leading of the Holy Spirit.

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The work of hundreds of volunteers at Trinity/HOPE is making gigantic changes in the lives of thousands of children and families in Haiti. The amazing work is almost unbelievable when one considers that all of this is possible because the closely monitored feeding programs is able to bring life-sustaining nutrition at a cost of .39 cents per day, an amount that has held fast the past 3 years.

Jesus told His disciples about His deep regard for these recipients of the fruits of the work of Trinity/HOPE: *“Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people, but Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.” And he laid his hands on them and went away.”* (Matthew 19:13-15, ESV)

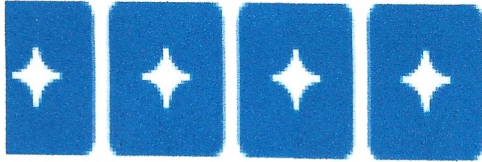
The feeding of these precious children – in body and in soul – is a God-pleasing effort. Clothing the children in the righteousness of Christ is a God-pleasing effort. Bringing children and families from the darkness of folk religion into the marvelous Light of Christ is a God-pleasing effort. It has all been made possible because God has enabled the leaders of Trinity/HOPE to care enough to feed the body so the spirit could also be fed on the “Bread of Life” in Christ Jesus. Even the issues in Haiti with gang violence have not impacted the ministry of Trinity/HOPE. God continues to provide a path!

Please pray for God’s continued blessings on this great ministry of Trinity/HOPE, and for His enabling grace to be an ever-growing ministry entrusted to Trinity/HOPE’s leadership, its faithful supporters, and the kind consideration of you, the LWML as we partner together in the very special mission and ministry on behalf of the Church Jesus entrusted to our care and keeping.

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus†

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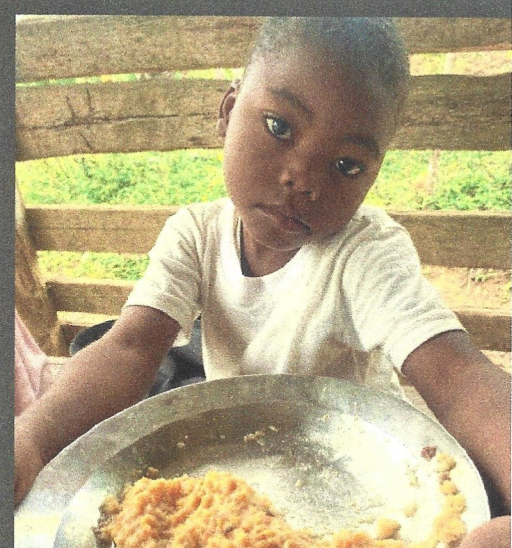
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Children pray before each meal to thank God for the gift they are receiving. In many cases, this is the only meal they receive in a day.



The Gospel of Jesus Christ is reinforced when children pray to thank Him for the provision of food, and receive life-sustaining food that helps them retain all that they are learning.



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