

Grant Name	Feeding Hungry Souls in Haiti
Mission/Project Summary	<p>Trinity HOPE’s mission reflects Christ’s call in Matthew 25:35, “For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink...” Each meal served at a Lutheran school begins with prayer and thanksgiving to God, reminding students that He is their ultimate provider.</p> <p>Beyond the daily feeding, the ministry nurtures faith through an evangelism and teaching program guided by a Haitian Board of Advisors, led by a Lutheran pastor. Together, they developed a four-year curriculum built around ten Gospel-centered themes each year, including the Bible, Grace, Salvation, Prayer, and Eternal Life. This past year marked the completion of the first cycle, and children are developing a deeper understanding of Christ’s love. Many have developed a relationship with Him as their savior for the first time.</p> <p>Through this combination of nourishment and discipleship, these young believers are becoming missionaries in their own homes and communities, bringing the light of the Gospel to families living in darkness and fear</p>
Project Description and Details	<p>Trinity HOPE’s mission is to nourish the bodies and souls of children in Christian schools throughout Haiti. By providing a daily nutritious meal in the name of Jesus, our goal is to equip children to learn and grow stronger, physically, mentally, and spiritually, throughout their school day. The Gospel is central to every school we support, aligning with the mission of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod to share Christ with the world and care for those in need.</p> <p>Currently, Trinity HOPE is feeding more than 67,000 children daily in 301 Christian schools across 16 districts in Haiti.</p> <p>Now more than ever, hunger is a pervasive issue in Haiti where over 4.4 million children suffer from food insecurity. In these conditions, children struggle to learn, grow, or thrive. This grant helps us meet both their physical and spiritual needs, reminding each child that they are not forgotten and that they are deeply loved by their Heavenly Father.</p>
The recipient must be affiliated with one of the following. Please select the one that applies to this request:	LWML
Amount requested:	\$3,000
Project Goals and Objectives	We are requesting a \$3,000 grant from the LWML Nebraska North District to would support one of these existing Lutheran schools by providing 7,894 meals over two school years (2026–2028), serving approximately 22 children with a daily meal.
Budget Outline and Financial Plan	Each Haitian school feeding program is managed by a trained, Haitian Feeding Program Director who ensures that meals are served properly and that food quantities are verified on-site. There is no food waste or over-distribution. Detailed reports are compiled and submitted to our American Feeding Program Administrators regularly to maintain transparency and accountability. All of our American Feeding Program Administrators are LCMS members, and all are volunteers who work very closely with the

Feeding Program Directors in their assigned district in Haiti.

	Year 1	Year 2
Number of Children Fed	22	22
Number of Days Per School Year	180	180
Total Number of Meals Served During the Year	3,948	3,948
Total Cost Per Meal	0.38	0.38
Total Annual Cost	\$1500.24	\$1500.24

Instead of importing food, all food is purchased within Haiti, putting funds back into the Haitian economy. This model creates more than 500 local jobs, supports vendors, and helps to stabilize communities

Trinity HOPE is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization governed by an active Board of Directors that provides strategic direction, financial oversight, and accountability for all ministry operations. Currently only 1 of 7 board members belong to a denomination other than an LCMS Church, but our values are shared throughout. Our Executive Director is also LCMS Lutheran. The daily feeding programs in Haiti are supervised by volunteer Feeding Program Administrators in the United States who oversee the accountability process for 37 Haitian Feeding Program Directors. These directors monitor each school's meal program, verify local food purchases, and ensure the integrity of all funds distributed.

Money is wired to each of our 16 districts throughout Haiti one time each month. No Feeding Program Director ever transports cash. They negotiate costs with vendors each month, pay by check, and are there when schools come to retrieve food. Schools pay a small portion of the cost, usually around 5%, and the school verifies food counts and signs the verification. The Feeding Program Director visits the school twice each month to make sure the amount of food expected is there, locked securely, that the Gospel is being taught, that children are praying before each meal, and to verify attendance. Reports are sent back to the American Feeding Program Administrators who verify all information through documents and photos. Feeding Program Directors receive thorough evaluations and are held to a high level of standard.

Additional Comments or Information

Trinity HOPE certifies that it has not and will not apply for, receive, or use duplicate funding for any group. While other LWML Districts may join in the support of other schools in Trinity HOPE network, all money given through this grant will be used to purchase food to feed 22 children over 2 school years at 1 specific Lutheran School. Grants received are assigned to the feeding programs of unique and specific schools with the prayer that they will be fully funded. The LWML Rocky Mount District will be notified of the specific school you will be supporting, and you will receive correspondence from that school 3 times a year. Each year, the LWML National President receives correspondence detailing all district support and a breakdown of costs for all schools supported by the LWML. Trinity HOPE provides over 1.3 million meals each month. We receive funding from over 1,300 individual donors, churches, ministries, etc. However, we have over 40,000 children on a waiting list waiting for this vital nourishment and the vital message of the Gospel. Grants like these help us support unsponsored schools and give us room to add more children!

Trinity HOPE has been doing this work since 1999. We continue to grow each year, and it is grants like this that help us reach more children. Currently there are more than 150 schools on our waiting list representing 40,000 children. This grant will support a school already participating in Trinity HOPE's feeding program. The funds will be used during the 2026–2028 biennium, covering two Haitian school years that run from September through June. Meals will be served each school day for a total of 360 feeding days over two years.

We ask that the members of the LWML Rocky Mount District prayerfully consider this grant for \$3,000 to ensure these children hear the Gospel and receive the daily bread they need to grow, learn, and live as God intends. "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." – Matthew 25:35



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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.

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†

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Paavola', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rev. Dr. Roger Paavola, President
Mid-South District, LCMS