## New Kind of Christmas...

Christmas is a time for remembering the gift of life. God gave us the gift of life by sending his Son, Jesus, to live among people (John 1:14). One of the ways we celebrate God's gift of life at Christmas is by giving the ones we love presents. Presents are a huge part of Christmas. However, most of them have a short shelf life and begin to fade shortly after the wrapping paper is cleaned up.

This year ICDM is offering you a chance to give gifts that give life throughout the year. We have two opportunities we would like to draw your attention to:

# Sponsor a Haitian Student

For only \$35 per month, you can sponsor a school child in Bayonnais, Haiti. Bayonnais is like the Appalachia of Haiti, where most families earn \$2 a day through subsistence farming and trading. Over the years, ICDM has discovered education to be the key to breaking out of this poverty. Your \$35 per month provides a uniform, school supplies, teachers and hope for a child. Help give life to a child by sponsoring them.

## Feed a School

Every day that the school in Bayonnais is open (260 days per year), each of the 800 children in the school receives a free lunch, much like the school lunch program in the US. For many students in impoverished Bayonnais, school lunch is the only meal of the day. At 50 cents a meal this adds up to \$400 per day. Adopt a day or half day of feeding in honor of one of your loved ones and share love with the children of Haiti.

## Who Is ICDM?

(International Christian Development Mission)

In October of 1989, Francois Philippe began teaching a group of local Bayonnais children under a mango tree. Since that time, the school has grown to 800 students, grades Pre-K-10. ICDM students have had remarkable success in higher education, going on to earn university degrees and helping secure the future of Haiti.

ICDM also works on community development with adults, teaching business and agriculture skills as well as providing medical services through its clinic. It also houses a local church congregation and builds houses for families in need.

Though located in the heart of Bayonnais, ICDM has an impact on all of Haiti through its school of evangelism which teaches seminary and leadership courses to prepare people for pastoral ministry in the various parts of Haiti, and more recently, reaching into the Dominican Republic.

Rev. Yvan Pierre, a native of Bayonnais and graduate of Asbury Seminary, is the Director of ICDM.









www.icdm.us

## **Child Sponsorship**

For just \$35 a month, you can change a child's life forever.



Here is what \$35 per month buys:

- First-rate instruction from committed teachers.
- Books.
- ♦ School Uniforms.
- ◆ School Supplies.
- ◆ Field Trips.
- ◆ A future for children and their families.

Many of ICDM's alumni have gone on to become leaders in Haiti, entering professions as doctors, nurses, educators, business people, community leaders.

So far we have 200 children sponsored. **We have 600 who still need sponsors**. Can you help for a little over \$1 per day (less than a cup of coffee).

# **Feeding Program**

For <u>just \$400</u> you can provide a hot nutritious lunch for the entire school (800 children) for a day. That works out to a little over a dollar a day (the cost of a McDonald's hamburger) for you.

Some facts about hunger in Haiti:

- ♦ Average income in Bayonnais is \$2 per day.
- ◆ For many children our school lunch is the only meal of the day.
- Hungry, malnourished children have a hard time learning.



With a little help from you, we can:

- ◆ Provide a nutritious meal of beans and rice at a cost of 50 cents per child.
- ◆ Supplement the basic meal with vegetables grown by the students themselves.
- Help students' families who are food distressed.

#### **Two-Way Giving**

Why not feed children and honor a loved one at the same time? You may give a day (\$400) or a half day (\$200) in memory or honor of a loved one. Your loved one's name will appear on ICDM's calendar and they or their survivor will receive a card from ICDM prior to their special day. Anniversaries, birthdays, memorials are all great opportunities to create a legacy by giving a gift that gives life to others.

## **How to Give Your Gift**

You may give online to either the Child Sponsorship or School Feeding Programs by going to www.icdm.us and going to the appropriate page, or you can send this form to: ICDM (International Christian Development Mission) P.O. Box 762 Intercession City, FL 33848 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_\_ <u>Child Sponsorship</u>
I would like to invest in the life of a: Girl Bov 5-8 2-4 9-14 Enclosed is my gift of: \$420 per year ☐ \$35 per month ☐ Please contact me about setting up an easy monthly payment. **School Feeding Program** I would like to help feed the school for a ☐ Whole Day (\$400) ☐ Half Day (\$200) Date \_\_\_\_\_
In honor of \_\_\_\_\_ In memory of \_\_\_\_\_ Send card to: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is my gift of \$

Please contact me about setting up an easy

I would like to make a different gift (for example,

\$50.00 feeds 100 kids for a day).

monthly payment.