

5th Annual St. Bridget Haiti Mission School- Teacher Support & Feeding the Children Appeal

St. Bridget HMI School-ND began in 2004. The existing hurricane proof school was completed in 2012 thanks to donations from many HMI supporters, led by Pat & Sue Biggam at a total cost of \$250,000. The excellent school includes 10 classrooms, bathrooms, a large library and feeding room and administration offices.

In the latest school year, 2025-26, enrollment increased by more than 8% to 362 students and continued with 18 full-time staff members with HMI contributing \$1425/month or **\$17,200 per year (Teacher Support)**. Teachers on average make just under \$100 per month and are paid for twelve months.

HMI also has funded a school lunch program (**Feeding the Children**) since 2012 which provides a substantial hot lunch daily to the students and staff that attend. Last school year HMI provided nearly 6% more meals than the prior year for a total of 46,109 meals at a cost of **\$23,325** or 51 cents per meal. The school lunch program ensures that every child attending school at St. Bridget's will have a least one nutritious hot meal a day.

HMI realizes that the above two programs are very important to the community and the children, and we hope to be able to continue to provide for the financial needs of the programs. To do that in a more predictable way we decided to have an Annual Appeal to our donors focused on Teacher Support and Feeding the Children prior to the beginning of each new school year.

Last year's fourth annual appeal was very successful, raising nearly \$26,000. Thank you for your generous support! Because of the success of the annual appeals and our monthly donors this year on our mission trip in June/July we were able to host an appreciation lunch reception for the Teachers, Staff and Feeding the Children Workers along with their spouses and/or guests. The fun event included food, drinks, and a raffle with Mardi Gras theme. In addition, HMI provided a much appreciated and deserved \$100 bonus for Teachers and Staff and a \$75 bonus for the Feeding the Children Workers. Six new Soccer Balls were also provided In Memory of Nicole Anne Davis, "Our Soccer Saint" by her mother Sharon. **(Photos at the end of the letter & more on website).**

Our goal for this year will be to raise a minimum of \$25,000. The money will help HMI to continue to fund the programs in 2026-27 school year.

The 5th Annual appeal will begin August 1 and extend through September 13, 2026.

If you would like to contribute to the 2026 Appeal please forward your contribution to HMI at P.O. Box 694 Thibodaux, LA 70302 dedicated to Teacher Support / Feeding the Children program or donate online at www.haitimissioninc.com utilizing the dedicated donation tabs.

If you would prefer to become a monthly donor you can select either program on the donate tab on the HMI website or mail a check. Monthly donors have helped for many years to offset the costs of both programs. A special thank you and blessings to our generous monthly donors!

Together we can continue to serve God while “feeding” his little ones, body, mind and soul. Thank you for your generosity and God bless you and your families.

HMI Teacher Support & Feeding the Children Team



Teacher and Feeding the Children Worker Appreciation Reception held July 3, 2026



Soccer Balls for St. Bridget School donated In Memory of Nicole Anne Davis “Our Soccer Saint” by her mother Sharon Davis.



We brought a little Mardi Gras to the celebration for the Teachers and Feeding the Children Workers in July!

Reminder: This dedicated 5th Annual appeal will continue through September 13, 2026. Thank you in advance for your support!