

September Mission of the Month

The Kids Farm Program serves the children of Mackendal, one of the most deprived regions of the Haitian countryside town of Jeremie. In Haiti, with average incomes of less than \$300 USD per year, the majority of the 6500 adults and children living in Mackendal live on about \$120 USD per year. The Kids Farm

Program participants are all members of the Unity Bridge School, which currently serves 165 children, grades Pre-K-6, in the heart of the Mackendal community. Due to natural disasters, lack of education, distance from the country's capital, and abject poverty, Jeremie struggles to serve as an economically and physically sustainable community for the people who reside there. Through the Kids Farm Program, children learn about sustainable agriculture. They receive hands-on instruction with a Haitian Master Farmer.

Lessons include land preparation, growing seasons, planting, maintenance, and harvesting. Snacks are provided to students before the lessons, since many students do not currently have adequate access to nutritious food. Kids Farm Program participants agree to give ten percent of their yields to the orphaned, elderly, and disabled in their community. The remaining crops harvested are purchased at a very low cost by the Unity Bridge School to provide all students at the school with an invaluable daily meal. Children's Fund contributions will go to purchase needed farm supplies, seeds, and small Creole Bibles.

Please mark your donation for THE KIDS FARM PROGRAM. Thank you!