



# LEMUEL GRADE SPONSORSHIP

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## Why grade sponsorship?

Grade sponsorship is a means through which interested parties can invest in the education of children in Haiti's impoverished Northwest. The advantages of grade sponsorship include:

### For the sponsor:

- The knowledge that their investment is changing lives
- A connection with the children and their teacher
- Periodic updates and photos about the class
- "Sponsor Blocks" that enable sponsors to choose their level of financial commitment (see [How Does it Work?](#), on the next page)

### For Lemuel:

- Financial security and stability for the running of the school
- A program that will not tax Lemuel's small staff and limited resources

## What does the Grade Sponsorship Program provide?

- Teacher, school staff, and school administration salaries
- A hot meal for the students and staff each day
- Funds for the school to use toward classroom supplies, improving the learning environment, and special events

### PLEASE NOTE:

Unlike many other sponsorship programs, grade sponsorship does not include paying tuition or purchasing school materials for individual children. In order to build self-respect and to encourage the parents to value and intentionally invest in their children's education, EML does require a level of financial participation from them. However, the cost to attend EML is very low so as to be affordable to families in our context – approximately \$1.50 US per month per child.



## How Does It Work?

- Each grade in EML has twelve \$40 “Sponsor Blocks” – a total of 90 blocks for the school.
- Individuals or groups can choose their level of financial commitment by filling one or more blocks.
- Each block is a commitment of \$40 US/month. A full cycle runs for 12 months (July-June).
- Sponsors will send funds through Lemuel’s ministry partner, Extreme Response\*. This can be done via PayPal or check, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually.
- Sponsors will receive a photo and brief biography of the teacher of the class that they sponsor, as well as a photo of the class itself and the names of all the students. EML (through Lemuel) will provide updates to sponsors periodically throughout the year. These will occur mainly through email and a blog.
- At the end of each school year (June 30) sponsors will be automatically enrolled to continue sponsoring the same grade (NOT the same class) the following year. They can make changes to their sponsorship, if they wish, by e-mailing [sponsorship@lemuelministries.org](mailto:sponsorship@lemuelministries.org).
- A sponsor can choose to terminate sponsorship at any time. However, Lemuel would kindly ask that sponsors wait until the end of June to terminate sponsorship, if possible.

*\*Extreme Response serves as Lemuel’s fiscal agent, and will provide tax-deductible receipts to sponsors and direct the sponsorship funds to Lemuel. Lemuel provides full and detailed financial reporting to Extreme Response.*

## You help educate a generation ... which impacts the community ... and in turn, changes lives.

How does the Grade Sponsorship Program make a difference in our community and help to change lives? Consider the example below, based on the true story of one of our teachers and her class.

**With \$40/month from you  
and 11 other sponsors:**



A little school in a remote part of Haiti can employ G ni se Pierre to teach 23 preschool students.



Knowing she has a stable job with a salary that covers her needs, G ni se is able to devote maximum time and energy to her students.



With her income, G ni se is able to put her brother through school, as well as to help her parents care for other younger siblings.



Because the school is able to employ quality teachers, 23 preschoolers get a strong start to their scholastic careers.



They also get a nutritionally sound meal each day, which staves off malnutrition and stunted brain development



The burdens of 23 families are lightened as their children receive the main meal of the day at school. Family resources can instead go towards other meals or needs.



Combined with the sponsorship funds from all the grades, the entire school can function smoothly, buy necessary materials, and improve the learning environment.

**\$40 monthly investment\*** = **1** teacher has a job + **a number of family members** are provided for + **1 brother** can go to school + **23 preschoolers** get a strong start in school and a hot meal each day + **23 families** experience some relieve in their economic burden + **1 entire school** is sustained + **1 community** takes strides forward in its development

**Now THAT'S a return!**

\*from 12 sponsors



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