

the fellowship
**Child
Sponsorship**

The Situation:

The migration of Haitian people to the Dominican Republic began in 1920 when the government hired Haitian workers to work on plantations in the country. Ongoing instability continues to rise in Haiti, especially with the assassination of the president in 2021, and increased gang control and violence in the Haitian capital city and broader population. Many Haitians seek refuge in the Dominican Republic despite ongoing efforts to deport them. Because they are not able to receive the necessary legal documentation either as residents or refugees, Haitians become illegal immigrants, a status that is passed down to their children, and their children's children.

As illegal migrants, they are stuck, unable to return to Haiti due to the instability, and yet unable to live and work legally in the Dominican Republic. Families face discrimination and prejudice. They are prevented from accessing government-funded medical services, parents struggle to find stable work, and their children lack access to education. Together, these factors keep the Haitian population of the Dominican Republic living in poverty.

Project Description:

Joy Foundation, in partnership with a local church, runs a school and preschool for Haitian children who are from families of illegal migrants living in the Dominican Republic, as well as for underprivileged Dominican children. This ministry seeks to create opportunities for children to connect with God and receive a quality education, enabling them to have a better future with hope found in Jesus.



Project Goals:

- To empower children to grow into leaders who contribute to changing perceptions and creating opportunities for reconciliation between the Haitian and Dominican communities.
 - To provide quality education to Haitian children that will help them to break out of the cycle of poverty in which they and their families live.
 - To provide nutritious meals for each child while they are at school.
 - To expand kindergarten programs to include at-risk Dominican children with the goal of helping to integrate the Haitian and Dominican communities.
- To provide education and Gospel hope through youth ministry to teens who can't attend school as they are working to help their parents provide for their siblings.

Joy Foundation

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

MINISTRY SNAPSHOT



Ministry Facts:

- Joy Foundation has two locations, a preschool in Puerto Plata, and a school in Santiago, both in Dominican Republic.
- The ministry was founded in 2015 as a means to invest intellectually and spiritually in the lives of children.
- In 2021, a food program was launched to provide food to those children who were attending school, along with their families.
- Youth ministry began in September 2023 to provide English language and Bible programs.



Sponsoring a Child with Joy Foundation

- \$35 per month to sponsor a child or youth.
- Sponsorship donations are used to cover tuition, food, school supplies, and medication.
- FAIR is seeking to find sponsors for the children and youth who need it the most.
- Sponsorship funds are pooled at the Fellowship office in an account designated for Joy Foundation which allows FAIR to provide a stable monthly amount that ensures their budgeted operational expenses are consistently covered.
- The director of Joy Foundation is Fellowship International missionary Helene Hwang.



FAIR Commits to Each Sponsor to:

- Link the sponsor with a specific child for prayer and encouragement reserving the right to make a change if, for whatever reason, the child should leave Joy Foundation.
- Provide a photo of that child which will be updated approximately every year.
- Invest all donations with Joy Foundation ministry less 15% which covers the administrative costs of the project.
- Supervise/Monitor the project alongside Helene Hwang.

Joy Foundation — DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

I've prayerfully decided that I want to partner with FAIR through the Joy Foundation in Dominican Republic.

(If you have access to the internet we would encourage you to visit our website to complete the online form to become a monthly child sponsor.) fellowship.ca/Sponsor

- I am committed to \$_____ (a minimum of \$35/mth per child is suggested) as I become a monthly sponsor of Joy Foundation.
- Please send me information about FAIR's Pre-Authorized Chequing Plan.
- Please put my reoccurring monthly donation of \$_____ onto my credit card

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Credit card details:

VISA MasterCard Card number: _____ Expiry date: ___/___

Name on card: _____ Signature: _____

Receipting details

Name: _____ Address: _____

City/Province/Code: _____

Email: _____ Ph. (____) _____

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