

Labor Day



As many of us enjoy a reprieve from our daily toil on September 3, let us remember the [more than 150 million children](#) – one in ten, globally – who are engaged in some form of child labor. According to the [International Labor Organization](#) (ILO), “The term ‘child labour’ [sic] is often defined as work that deprives children of their childhood, their potential and their dignity, and that is harmful to physical and mental development.” In Haiti, for example, approximately 250,000 children are trafficked into domestic labor – known as “restavèks,” these children are sent to live with wealthy families in hopes that the children will receive an education and experience stable living conditions. Sadly, this is often an ill-founded hope, and the children are forced into domestic servitude. [Click here](#) to learn about the work of the School Sisters of Notre Dame Atlantic-Midwest province, in partnership with Beyond Borders, is doing in Haiti to empower families – and especially women and girls – with education and sustainable livelihoods to prevent this scourge of child slavery and enable the poor and vulnerable of Haiti to live with dignity. Also, stay tuned for a September webinar hosted by the AMSSND province on this issue.