Proposal to Empower Dolval's Youth

Background

The little village of Dolval is where Haiti Cheri first started ministry, almost 25 years ago. Our founder and visionary, Pastor Oris Guillaume, pastored this church before coming to the United States. It was a natural step to start working there, leveraging existing relationships. The village is very remote and for many years was quite isolated. As we began our ministry, it was a 5-hour trip from the city of Cap-Haitien, though it is only about 35 miles away. This made the village a cultural island, though it had a peaceful, joyful spirit about it. People in the village live in extreme poverty. The way of life consists of subsistence farming. If there is no rain, people suffer from hunger. Educational opportunities are limited, and the youth have nowhere to go.

Due to road improvements, the village is now only about 1.5 hours from Cap-Haitien. Poverty and hunger persist, though. There is still a lack of opportunities and growth for young people. We propose to address these problems. We believe it's possible to infuse hope into the village, starting with the young people.

Purpose

The purpose of this project proposal is to establish a comprehensive weekend activity program for kids and adolescents. This program will play a crucial role in nurturing the next generation in Dolval. The aim of the program is to provide a safe space for young people to explore their faith, build meaningful relationships, and develop a sense of belonging.

Through a combination of engaging weekend activities, meal distributions, and community service, we strive to build a solid foundation for Doval's youth. By addressing their immediate physical needs (such as hunger) alongside fostering their spiritual and personal growth, we aim to instill both resilience and a sense of purpose.

Goal

The primary goal of the proposed Kids Programs is to empower young individuals in Dolval through spiritual education, personal development, and community involvement. By addressing both their spiritual and physical needs, we aim to create a nurturing environment that enables them to thrive.

Specific objectives include:

- **Spiritual Growth:** Equip youth with a deeper understanding of Christian values and teachings, fostering faith-based resilience and hope.
- **Leadership Development:** Provide mentorship opportunities and skill-building exercises to nurture future community leaders who embody compassion and integrity.
- **Nutritional Support:** Combat malnutrition through education and direct food distribution to improve the overall health and well-being of participants.

- **Community Engagement:** Encourage youth to actively participate in service projects that address local challenges, instilling a sense of responsibility and belonging.
- **Safe Space Creation:** Establish a trusted and welcoming environment where children and adolescents can form meaningful connections, explore their faith, and grow emotionally and socially.

Tactics

This section describes how we propose to achieve the goals and objectives of the program. Each element of the program is important to the youth and community at large.

- **Meal Distribution**
    - Establish a program to distribute dried food for the Doval community, providing at least 300 bags of food every other month
    - Cooked food in conjunction with youth training
- **Christian Education (Weekends)**
    - Provide teaching on Christian doctrine and lifestyle
    - Develop a Nutrition Education Curriculum with age-appropriate materials and workshops on healthy eating habits
    - Engage families with nutrition education to promote long-term healthy behaviors
- **Community Engagement**
    - Build partnerships with local businesses, nonprofits, and government agencies to secure funding and support
    - Host events that promote healthy eating and raise awareness about the program.
    - Recruit volunteers to assist with meal preparation, distribution, and program activities

Budget

The cost figures in the chart below reflect the cost of operating the program in U.S dollars. Depending on the component of the program, the cost will occur weekly, monthly, or every other month. We can start any portion of the program as funding becomes available.

Service	Weekly	Monthly	Every Other Month
Youth training program • Teaching • Meal cost for youth meals in conjunction with training • 300 participants, food and cooking included	$1500.00		
Staff logistics and management		$2,500.00	
Community food distribution (300 bags of food) provided every other month: • Rice, beans, cooking oil • Transportation • Misc incidental expenses			$5,600.00

Note: One time supplies budget ($1000.00)

Target Audience

The target audience for our proposed Kids Programs includes young individuals aged 5 to 16 within Dolval's Christian community and surrounding areas, with a particular focus on children attending Dolval's church. This age group is at a critical stage in their development, making it essential to engage them effectively. Our outreach strategy will involve collaboration with local schools, community centers, and other organizations that serve youth.

Program Evaluation

- Establish a system for monitoring and evaluating program effectiveness, including tracking attendance, academic performance, and nutritional outcomes.
- Collect data through surveys, focus groups, and other methods to assess program impact and identify areas for improvement.

Sustainability

- Explore multiple funding sources, including grants, corporate sponsorships, and individual donations.
- Develop a plan to engage children in the area, spreading the gospel at an early age, and ensuring the long-term viability of the program.
- Foster community ownership and support to create a sustainable, locally driven program.

Proposed Activities and Curriculum

- Conduct Bible lessons and Christian song teachings that encourage critical thinking and personal reflection.
- Implement leadership development activities such as team-building exercises and life skills workshops.

- Organize community service projects that allow kids to apply what they have learned while making a positive impact in their community.
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- Distribute food in the area to parents as depicted in the program budget.