

## How can you help?

- The children will be collecting coins during Lent. You can join their project by adding your own pocket change to the offering on Pocket Change Sunday. (Please check with the Children's Choir Director at your church to find out when that is.)
- You can also donate online at: [www.westminster-church.org/the-pocket-change-project](http://www.westminster-church.org/the-pocket-change-project)



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# LENT



## the Pocket Change PROJECT

*Children helping children*

## > Our Goal

To collect enough pocket change during the season of Lent to sponsor school children in Haiti for one year. Our gift will provide each child a quality education in a Christian environment, a hot meal every day, and the opportunity to commit their life and future to Jesus Christ our Lord.

## > Why pocket change?

Because we usually don't think very much about those small coins in our pockets and purses. But added up, all those small coins can have a tremendous impact on someone's life.

## > Why Children

Because we usually don't think very much about how a group of small children make a difference in the world. But added up, a group of small children can have a tremendous impact.

## > Bottom Line

A handful of small coins — collected by a handful of small children — can affect the life of just one small child in Haiti in a tremendous way. One child at a time. And our goal is to collect those coins because we know that big change starts small.

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## Facts for Families

### Haiti Child Sponsorship Program

Since 1997 Westminster members have lovingly supported La Croix students. Since then, neighbors and friends of Westminster have begun sharing in this care and support. For \$240 annually, a child receives a quality education, a uniform, and a daily meal. Collectively, our efforts allow us to support over 100 children.

### The Clinic at La Croix

In 1998, George King, along with several members of the Thomas Presbyterian and Newlonsburg Presbyterian Churches, participated in the construction of the Clinic at La Croix. As of 2009, the land has a brand new maternity ward, a residence for doctors and nurses, and lush green farm land where fruit trees, grains, rabbits, and fish grow. Because of this, very little malnutrition and fewer of the several cases of disease that dominated this region 11 years ago are seen. There is a full time dentist at the clinic.

### Femmes De La Croix Scarf Project

This project was started in 2007 and has taught young women — both mission staff and high school students — how to paint silk scarves. Giving these women a means to earn a living and thereby develop independence has been a significant part of this project.

Over a six-month period, 400 scarves were produced and then sold in Pittsburgh. All but \$2 per scarf goes to fund education for girls at the La Croix New Testament Mission Schools.