



SEEDS of HOPE: The Message

When making any video that shows great physical need, especially for children, it is easy to deliver the wrong message. The message in this video is not intended to be:

- These children are pitiful.
- We are “rich” and they are “poor” (i.e. our American tendency to see everything in material terms).
- The evidence of God’s blessing (or His love) is calculated in dollars or personal comforts.

The message we do want to deliver to the children who see the video is:

- God loves these Haitian children, just as He loves them
- He wants us to share His love with others—and in this case, with these children who live in Haiti.
- We share the gospel by *telling* others about Jesus and by *showing* His love to them by helping them.
- They are much more like the children in Haiti than they are different (and we have no superiority because we have material things).

It isn’t surprising to hear that Christians who work among the poor almost always say that the poor have given them far more than they’ve been able to give.

Children aren’t prepared to understand the complexity of poverty, but they can understand the gospel in word and in deed (telling and showing). They can understand the love of Jesus.

Though it wasn’t possible to include all these ideas in the video, you can help to reinforce them in age appropriate ways as you talk about each of the segments with your children.

Thank you for participating in this project. Please pray for the children in Souls Winning Ministries and for those who care for them. But also pray that God will work in the hearts of the children as they see the video and learn about this project.