



*Winning Haiti to Christ  
One Child at a Time*

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Charles Cowman School (Haitian school)

### **This school year has been difficult in Haiti.**

With earthquakes in the fall and recent political unrest, schools were forced to close for many weeks. Throughout the year, with these difficult circumstances and the decreasing value of Haitian currency, life for families and schools became increasingly difficult.

### **But Haitians are strong and resilient!**

Our Emmaus Fellowship schools, with SFK-sponsored students, are good examples of living by faith and relying on God. Two specific examples include Charles Cowman School (Haitian school) and Melky Joseph.

Charles Cowman School, founded in 1945, was the first school to partner with the Starfish Kids program in the spring of 2002. The school currently has kindergarten through 7<sup>th</sup> grade, with more than 200 kids enrolled. They hope to add 8<sup>th</sup> grade to the school next year, but each grade level added increases expenses. They pray daily for more SFK sponsors to help the children in their community and expand the ministries of their school. Through the struggles, Charles Cowman School strives to provide a quality education to its students. Along with its regular curriculum, the school offers French and English language classes. It also has a large yard where kids can play soccer and basketball.

Melky Joseph, one student who attended Charles Cowman School for a time, is a SFK-sponsored student who has been in the program for nine years. His sponsorship began when he was attend-



Melky and his mom, Cleana

## ***Thank you ...***

Thank you for your support and dedication to the Starfish Kids program!

Would you help us spread the good news of how God is working in Haiti by passing the giving link below on to someone you think might like to sponsor a student like Melky? Or maybe you could sponsor an additional child.

Give your tax-deductible gift online at [www.omscanada.org/sfk-sponsorship-donation.html](http://www.omscanada.org/sfk-sponsorship-donation.html), or send special gifts to: One Mission Society Canada, 1295 North Service Road, PO Box 1457, Burlington, ON L7R 4L9.

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ing Charles Cowman School in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. He is now in his final year of high school at another SFK partner school.

Melky has always loved school. He enjoys studying and forming relationships with his teachers. His favorite subject in school is math. Outside of school, Melky's hobbies include basketball, watching movies, and working on computers. Since Melky lives within walking distance from the OMS Haiti campus, you can often find him on the OMS campus after school and on weekends. He enjoys doing odd jobs for missionaries and has formed close relationships with many OMS missionaries.

Melky is also taking level three English as a second language classes and often looks for opportunities to practice and become proficient in English. In March, he had the opportunity to work as a translator with a short-term missions team visiting OMS Haiti to serve at Cowman School. He has also worked with the Starfish Kids staff to help translate student letters from Haitian Creole and French into English.

Melky lives with his mother, father, and younger sister. He also has an older brother who graduated high school and is a teacher in Cap-Haïtien. Melky's mom, Cleana Geffrard, sells homemade candy and cookies to support the family. She is thankful for Melky's Starfish Kids supporter and prays for the donor daily. Without the sponsorship, it would be difficult for her to afford his schooling. She said **Melky would not be graduating this year if he wasn't part of the Starfish Kids program.**

Melky has many goals in life. He loves attending church with his mom and would like to learn to play guitar so he can play with the worship band. After graduating high school, Melky hopes to attend university to study computer science. He asks for prayer for God's provision in this goal. He wants to help support his family in the same way they have supported him by some day having his own enterprise, working in computer science. He is thankful to his sponsor for helping him get this far in his schooling. He often prays for his sponsor and hopes one day to express his gratitude in person.

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