

GLOBAL HUMANITARIAN MISSION

PROJECT PROPOSAL

Love In Action Soup Kitchen



Montego Bay, St. James
Jamaica

Overview



Montego Bay, on Jamaica's north coast, is a major cruise ship port with numerous beach resorts and golf courses outside its commercial core. It is also considered the tourism capital of Jamaica.

Juxtaposed with this idyllic lifestyle are the serious problems of poverty, unemployment and low real incomes. Recent statistics report that rural areas of the island bear the brunt of poverty, with a prevalence rate of 14.2%.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Montego Bay, the largest of three Dioceses on the island, has been serving the area since 1967. It has a significant outreach program, *Love In Action* which it uses to reach some of the most vulnerable on the streets in its vicinity.

Love In Action is two-fold, according to Sister John who manages the program. First, it is a blessing to those in need, serving God's people with humility and love, making sure that they are fed.

Second, *Love In Action* is operated by 12 volunteers, who are spiritually fed, so that they understand the importance of serving with respect and hospitality, and loving each other and those who are forgotten, with compassion.

Through this program, 100 lunch boxes, and 110-120 soups are provided 3 times a week. Prior to the COVID-19 outbreak, there were several student volunteers during the vacation periods.

This has not resumed. During the school term, lunch boxes are distributed while class is in session. Prior to COVID-19, also, the Deacon and individuals on mission trips would participate in the lunch box distribution and there would be prayer and praise on the streets. However, this has not resumed. As the lunch boxes are distributed, they are delivered with individual prayer and a little talk on the love of Jesus.

Food distribution is made to the homeless living on the streets and under the bridges, and care packages are delivered to the homeless around once a month.



Where They Are



Coordinates: 18.4714° N, 77.9229° W

"He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry." Psalm 146:7

Project Snapshot

Global Humanitarian Mission, as a Christian organization enacts the Corporal Works of Mercy to those we serve.

Putting *God's Love into Action* inspires us to be a powerful force for good in circumstances of extreme human suffering.

The *Love In Action* proposal is therefore being established to support this vital program, which is a tremendous blessing to those in need in Montego Bay. Individuals living under precarious circumstances have come to rely on this program for what is likely their only hot meals for the week.

This project will help provide immediate relief for these vulnerable individuals, and your support of the program will ensure that Sister John and her team of volunteers are able to continue providing hot meals and care packages to the indigent in and around Montego Bay streets.

TOTAL COST: \$22,400.00



From Global Humanitarian Mission

Sister John is grateful for the support of this program. She shares that the work they have accomplished and the volunteers of the kitchen play a huge part in the success of this program.

Sister John says, *“We are trying to spread a culture in which volunteers serve and respect the poor, not themselves. Spiritual education is also provided for volunteers.”*

Over the past year, this program has seen a 20% increase in recipients, who have expressed gratitude for their gifts. This is certainly an indication of the tremendous need that exists, and the blessings of Love In Action.

Love In Action does more than provide physical nourishment for the body.

It is a spiritual blessing for anyone who chooses to receive it.

The doors of Love In Action are always open, and Sr. John makes herself available to offer spiritual comfort and prayers anyone who needs it.

Your gift will ensure this vital program remains open to the vulnerable in Montego Bay.



“Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.”
Proverbs 19:17

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