



“Bunch of Stars” ECI,  
Old Hope, Little London

*The present school has 3 classrooms, bathrooms in disrepair and a tiny kitchen, but no electricity and no dining area. There is space on the land to build an extension.*

## March 2011: URGENT APPEAL – New Hope for Old Hope!

### The situation?

The “**Bunch of Stars**” ECI in Old Hope, Little London is in danger of being closed! It has 40 registered students and a staff of 3 teachers, but currently does not meet the Ministry of Education’s requirements. We visited the school last March and met the teachers, and were favourably impressed with the standard of education being provided – one class even greeted us in Spanish!

There have been numerous fundraising efforts by the local community, but so far they haven’t raised enough money to make the necessary renovations.

### The need?

We need to sponsor the materials and supplies to start the repairs and extension to the school. **Food For The Poor (FFP)** in Jamaica has assessed the project at a total budget of **US\$16,920** to build a kitchen and dining-room, plus renovate the classrooms and bathrooms in the main building and install electricity. *See next page for proposal details.* FFP will execute and also supervise the project – very important!

Our goal is to give them enough help to get started, but not to do it all. It’s great that the local community has already contributed their time and effort to fundraising efforts – that means they are actively involved in the school.

### What can you do?

We’ve raised US\$7,000 so far, but our target is **US\$9,000**, needed to get the ball rolling on construction as soon as possible. **Please help us make up the difference of US\$2,000.**

Any contribution, small or large, will be gratefully received. Our North American donors can get a tax receipt, U.S. or Canadian, for amounts over \$10 (*cash, cheque or money order, please – we can’t handle credit cards, yet!*). Contact us at the above address or any of our group members below – FFP project code 10193.



← A little boy eats lunch at his desk



The kitchen is tiny →

The ***Bunch of Stars ECI Expansion & Renovation*** project will underwrite the cost of constructing a kitchen and dining room facility as well as repairing the existing restrooms.

#### **Kitchen & Dining Room:**

This will include:

- The laying of a concrete foundation
- Converting one standard Food For The Poor wooden two-bedroom house with verandah into a kitchen and dining room for the students
- Electrical installations
- Making and installing top and bottom cabinets
- Purchasing and installing double-unit sink with single-drain plumbing installations
- Purchasing and installing refrigerator and gas range
- Installing and rendering wonder board in kitchen
- Installing plywood ceiling
- Interior and exterior painting
- Welding and installing security grillwork at windows and doors

#### **Bathroom**

Repairs to include:

- Purchasing and installing new toilets
- Installing new entrance and partition doors
- Electrical repairs and installing fluorescent lighting fixtures
- Constructing a trough with spigots for hand-washing
- Interior and exterior painting



The bathrooms are unsanitary