

**Free Methodist Window to the World**  
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**Scripture:** Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. *Proverbs 22:6*

**Missions Report:** “Kedison” by J.R. and Becky Crouse, Haiti

In many ways, Kedison Previlon is just like all the other boys who attend his school in Belanger, Haiti. But, there is one special way that Kedison stands out above the rest. You see, Kedison and his mom live on the compound of a major voodoo center. Kedison’s mom is an active voodoo practitioner. This means that she sometimes brings sacrificed meat to the dinner table. But Kedison has declared to his mom that he will not eat any food sacrificed to idols.

How did Kedison come to this courageous decision? Kedison regularly learns about the ways of God at his school – a Free Methodist elementary school supported through International Child Care Ministries. Kedison and his peers are learning the three academic “R’s,” but they are also learning how to be lights for Jesus.

Jesus tells his followers in Matthew 5:14 that, “You are the light of the world.” Lights are meant to be seen and stand out against the darkness. Kedison is bravely standing out against the spiritual darkness around him.

**Action Steps:**

\*The next time you use a flashlight or a candle, or the next time you flip the light switch, remember to be a light for Jesus. Also pause and pray for Kedison and our Free Methodist schools in Haiti.

\*Use the concept of light as a special way to pray for world areas. Jesus said, “I am the light of the world ...” (John 8:12). In a darkened room, use a candle or flashlight to illuminate different places on a map or globe. Pray that the light of Jesus will shine on the people who live there. Repeat the process for other world areas.

\*Help to train children like Kedison “in the way they should go” by sponsoring a boy or girl through International Child Care Ministries. For only \$21 a month, you can help a child learn how to be a light for Jesus while they receive medical care, food, education, books and school uniforms. For more information or to sponsor a child, visit ICCM’s Web sites: [www.childcareministries.org](http://www.childcareministries.org) (in the U.S.) or [www.childcareministries.net](http://www.childcareministries.net) (in Canada).

\*Train the children of your church to be global Christians who will reach out to children around the world like Kedison. (Missions education/awareness for children is vital since many missionaries make their first decision to follow Jesus into cross-cultural service between the ages of 4 and 14.)

- 1) Use the *Missions Alive!* curriculum. Through stories, country facts, recipes, games, songs, crafts and activities, children learn about the world and how God is using the Free Methodist Church to impact lives. (*Missions Alive!* is available by calling FMWM or from the Web site: [www.fmwm.org](http://www.fmwm.org) – click on Resources, then Children’s Resources.)
- 2) Involve your children in serving younger children, feeding the homeless, ministering in nursing homes, working at the local food bank, etc.
- 3) Teach children to pray regularly for missionaries and other people around the world.
- 4) Have children give toward projects that will benefit children around the world. (Check the FMWM Web site for information regarding an annual children’s project.)
- 5) Have them read missionary biographies and stories from different cultures.
- 6) Involve them in an international student ministry associated with a local college or university.
- 7) Teach children to share what Jesus means to them – and give them opportunity to do so.
- 8) Have a missions “story lady” visit children’s Sunday school classrooms on a rotating basis, telling missions stories and letting the children touch artifacts from different world areas she carries with her in her “apron of treasures.”

(Other great children’s missions resources are available from Caleb Project, [www.calebproject.org](http://www.calebproject.org).)

\*Participate in the “Worldwide Day of Prayer for Children at Risk” on June 3, 2006. (See <http://www.viva.org> for more information.) Children around the world face overwhelming needs: 1) 640 million children do not have adequate shelter, 2) 500 million children have no access to sanitation, 3) 400 million children do not have access to safe water, 4) 270 million children have no access to health care services 5) 140 million children have never been to school 6) 90 million children are severely food-deprived (*UNICEF, The State of the World's Children 2005: “Childhood Under Threat”*).