

# PRINT CENTER



## EDUCATION AND POVERTY

According to Matthew 25: Ministries' Founder Reverend Wendell Mettey, "*Education is not the pathway out of poverty, it is the SUPERHIGHWAY out of poverty.*"

Supplying impoverished school children with basic educational materials is a core focus of Matthew 25's work.

As many as 260 million school-aged children around the world are not in school.

Of those who go to school, many drop out before they master basic reading, writing, and math skills. As a result, over 750 million adults around the world are illiterate.

In our own community, approximately 29% of Cincinnatians live below the poverty line.

Encouraging children to stay in school by providing them with the tools they need to be successful is critical to reducing the dropout rate. This also aids in increasing the number of children who are prepared to become thoughtful, interactive, contributing adults.

## **PRINT CENTER**

The goal of the Print Center and the “Write Your Future” program is to get notebooks and complimentary educational supplies into the hands of as many school children locally, nationally, and internationally as possible.

Matthew 25’s Print Center utilizes cost-effective printing equipment and low-cost paper supplies to make “Write Your Future” notebooks for needy students.

Notebooks from the Print Center are distributed to local, national, and international locations through partner organizations.

## **TESTIMONIAL**

*“It is my pleasure to express the great satisfaction and pride that we feel as students, parents and teachers, in receiving school supplies for the children. The parents are particularly grateful, since this donation allows them to spend money on clothes and shoes for their children. This has really helped the parents in precarious financial situations feel more secure in their decision to send their sons and daughters to school.”*

— Teacher in Nicaragua



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