

Rick and Lynnette's Story:

A Heart for Children and a Legacy of Love

Rick and Lynnette VanCleave are no strangers to investing in the lives of others. As a retired couple from Akron, Indiana, their days are filled with the love and laughter of their three married children and nine grandchildren. But their hearts stretch far beyond their own family. **Since 2018, Rick and Lynnette have been faithful supporters of 2nd Mile Missions, driven by a deep desire to make a difference in the lives of children.**



It all began when they learned about 2nd Mile Missions at Warsaw Community Church. **Hearing about the mission to provide children with education and hope stirred something in their hearts.** “We wanted to be part of a ministry that helps children,” they shared, and from that moment, their journey of generosity began.

Through their support, **Rick and Lynnette sponsor three students—Snyderson, Andreini, and Axiel—who attend the 2nd Mile Education Center and Hope Academy.** **“We love knowing that the children we sponsor are getting a Christ-centered education,”** they explained. For the VanCleavees, this isn’t just about providing education; **it’s about planting seeds of faith and laying a foundation for a brighter future.**

One of their favorite memories came during an Awareness Trip to the Dominican Republic. They had the incredible opportunity to meet two of their sponsored students, Snyderson and Andreini, and their mothers. “It was the highlight of our trip,” they said. **Standing face-to-face with the children whose lives they’ve impacted brought a new depth to their commitment.** They also treasured meeting the dedicated staff at the schools and visiting classrooms, seeing firsthand the work their support makes possible.

When asked what they would tell a friend about sponsorship, Rick and Lynnette didn’t hesitate: **“It’s such a blessing to help these students. It feels good to know that our sponsorship is creating a foundation of education and spiritual growth.”**

Rick and Lynnette’s story is a powerful reminder that generosity has a ripple effect. **Through their support, they’re not only transforming the lives of their sponsored students but also being deeply enriched themselves.** Their legacy of love and faith is an inspiration to all of us.

As you consider the impact you want to make, think about the VanCleavees’ journey. **By sponsoring a child or giving to 2nd Mile Missions, you, too, can be part of something life-changing.** Together, we can provide hope, education, and faith to children who need it most—and along the way, experience the joy of seeing lives transformed.
