



Ohio Haiti Wisconsin Winter 2017

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Big dreams do come true

by Carla Linssen

The Members of Hands and Hearts with Haiti are excited to update you on the progress of our capital fund drive.

As the headline says, BIG DREAMS DO COME TRUE, and we are almost there! Because of your generous contributions, compassion and consideration, we are looking forward to breaking ground for the new school in January 2018. Through the efforts of many, we have reached our financial goal of \$325,000. We started this fundraising campaign early in 2013 with the hopes and dreams of the Haitian students, their parents, and their devoted teachers as our source of inspiration. The generosity that all our

donors have shown allows us to deliver on this promise.

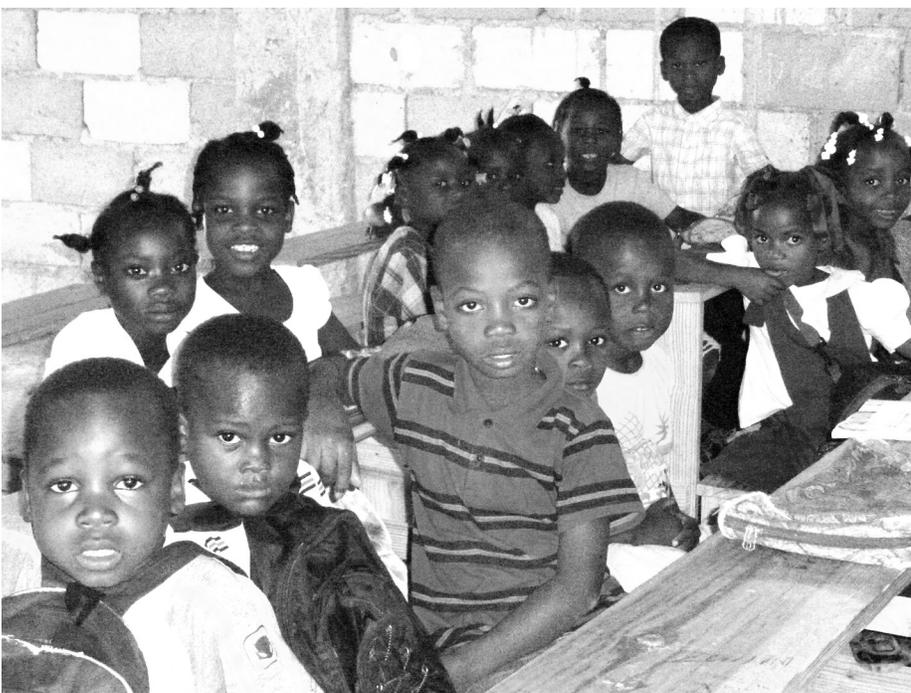
Food For the Poor will be handling contractor duties. We've accepted a revised building plan that includes two 3-classroom blocks, a 6500 gallon water cistern, sanitation block, cafeteria, administrative block, playground and three small buildings to provide overnight accommodations for some of our teachers who are otherwise traveling a long round-trip distance to work each day.

The delight that this dedicated place will bring also provides an overall sense of permanency to this faith-filled community of Our Lady of Deliverance.

Upon sharing this announcement with one of the current teachers,

Sirlien Gazmi, he shared his deep gratitude saying, "God will always be with you. Thank you, thank you, thank you! Thank you for your courage and always coming to visit our situation. We will be able to help the students in Noyau and the teachers in Noyau to get away from sickness like flu because of the dust from the floor, because we will now have a building."

On behalf of our Hands and Hearts with Haiti members, we thank you for accompanying us on this journey to make a difference in the lives of many. Your support, financial and spiritual, encourages us to continue our commitment of making this big dream a reality.



How Can You Help?

Hands and Hearts with Haiti can always use your help. Our partners in Haiti (and those of us working with them) need your prayers to help keep Christ as the center of our ministry. Your monetary support of our efforts would also be appreciated. If you would like to help, donations can be sent to:

Hands and Hearts with Haiti
9183 Broadview Rd.
Broadview Hts., OH 44147

or

Hands and Hearts with Haiti
130 St. Matthew Street
Green Bay, Wisconsin 54301

Simple gifts make a big difference

by Jean Jocelyn Maurisset

It is a God call, when you think of those little ones in the developing countries that are in need. A simple piece of garment, a pair of shoes, a toy, etc... given with love, respect and dignity brings smiles and surely makes a difference in the lives of many.

In the community of Chapotin there is a great need for pretty much everything – food, clothes, education etc. Children are walking bare foot; some other little ones are walking with no clothes.

These two kids were completely nude when I saw them. Luckily I was able to find used shoes and clothes that could fit them. They were so happy to receive their gift of that day.



Below is a picture taken during distribution of used clothes and baby wear after goat meeting in the community of Coupe Gorge.



The lady who is standing up in the middle of the picture is Gislene Rondeau. She is a successful goat farmer in Coupe Gorge. She took the lead to distribute the used clothes. They call that a “djak sou djak” – a creole expression that means they are double winners. They have goats and also they are

receiving other things such as the used clothes, shoes and school supplies.

In the name of the children and parents who have received the used clothes, shoes and baby-wear that HHH has shipped to Haiti, I want to thank the donors to HHH. This is most appreciated.

Student at Msgr. Remy Augustin School has big plans for the future

by Golds Mithe Joseph

Charles Monnay Bernadine is a student at Msgr. Remy Augustin School in Mirebalais. She is 17 years old and is in high school (Secondary 3). Bernadine was born into a family of six children. Her older siblings include four sisters and two brothers. She loves to sing, as do her two best friends, Youtchy and Samantha.

Bernadine started to sing at the little chorus of St. Louis of Mirebalais when she was 10 years old. Since then, she has sung several times in Mirebalais at school, at other churches and also at festivals.

She recently heard about the “School of Stars” contest and, without any hesitation, entered it. Then followed the many nights of practicing and making sure that she had the proper outfits for the competition.

“I will not forget the suspense time waiting for the results of the contest. It was always stress time!”, she said.

Not only did Bernadine win the contest, but she was the star of Msgr. Remy Augustin School. She knows that she won the contest



because God was with her and she had the help of her family, friends and the staff of the school (and, of course, because she is very talented).

Now that the contest is over, she keeps on singing and moving on with her studies. Her dream is to become a cardiologist in order to take care of her dad who is sick and to become an international singer who will bring fame to Haiti.