



STUDENT SPONSOR SHORTAGE: WE NEED YOUR HELP

Student sponsorships are a key component of our ministry. While the amount to sponsor a student is modest by US standards, these funds are a **financial lifeblood for our schools**. Sponsorship funds are what allow HOM to keep the school doors open, lunches provided, books furnished, and young minds expanded. They pay our

high-quality teachers, which has a ripple effect of benefiting their families and putting money back into the Haitian economy. While students' families are asked to contribute what they can towards school costs, the reality is that many simply cannot, and no student is turned away due to inability to pay.

WE NEED MORE STUDENT SPONSORS. Currently 28% of our students are unsponsored. New sponsors often sign up after taking a mission trip to Haiti, but the on-going suspension of team travel has contributed to a sponsor shortfall.

The good news is that two generous donors have pledged to donate \$15,000 per year for the next three years to match new student sponsorships—that is nearly 40 primary school sponsorships to match! This is a remarkable gift that would go a long way towards closing the gap in student sponsorships.

CAN YOU HELP US TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS DONOR MATCH? HERE'S HOW:

- Sign up to sponsor a student today.
- Dig deep – if you already sponsor a student (thank you!), consider supporting a 2nd student in need. If you were planning a trip to Haiti last year or this year, put your unused airfare towards this second sponsorship
- Commit to sharing the joy of sponsorship with friends or family, letting them know about this matching opportunity and asking them to sign up.
- Invite an important group in your life - your Bible study/ small group, men's group, book club, extended family, etc - to come together to sponsor a class. Sponsoring a class makes a big impact and is a great shared experience for any group.
- Share the opportunity to sponsor a HOM student on your social media.

Visit haitiom.org/sponsor-online/ to get started. Or contact our Sponsorship Director, Dawn Walker at 704-269-8149, to discuss sponsorship options.

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Name: Jewel Williams
Hometown: Rocky Mount, NC
Home church: Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church



Tell us about your student: "I have been a student sponsor for at least 12 years. My sponsored student is Samuel Doristin. I first met Samuel when he was beginning as a student at the Cité Soleil school. He was a shy little boy with a light in his eyes, so full of quiet curiosity. Samuel has been and continues to be an excellent student. He is currently enrolled at the new secondary school at Baryè Fè. He is looking toward finishing, possibly furthering his education and finding a job in some field that will allow him to give back."

What is your relationship like with your student? Samuel and I are in contact with each other. Through texting, Facebook Messenger, and other ways, I see pictures of him and his family on a regular basis. We talk about the things going on in both our lives. During this last year our discussions have been about COVID-19 and governments.

How has being a student sponsored impacted you? The act of sponsoring impacts me because I feel I just might have a hand in making my life more meaningful as I help someone else. The best part of this experience is the satisfaction of knowing that all the monies I send every month are used toward educating a child. Before I contributed, I did my research to make sure the money went where HOM said it would go. I went on a medical mission and saw for myself the great things that were being done. I have now made many trips to Haiti since my first meeting with Samuel. I have made lasting friendships, visited the schools, volunteered in the clinics, **and learned to love the strength and resilience of the people.** I look forward to returning. **Having sponsored Samuel has actually led me to sponsor a second child.**

What would you say to someone considering student sponsorship? I have recommended and would recommend to anyone looking for a worthy cause to consider sponsoring a child through HOM. **The reward to you and the child is immeasurable!**

Name: Kelly Leder
Hometown: Durham, NC
Home church: Westminster Presbyterian

How did you become a student sponsor? One Sunday at church, I heard someone speak about HOM. I love children and I like to help, and I just felt called to sponsor. Now I have been sponsoring Fritzguer for just over 3 years.

Tell us about meeting your sponsored student: I am a teacher, and someone was putting together an educators' trip to Haiti with

HOM. It was during this visit that **I got to meet Fritzguer, and it was the highlight of the trip!** He was in Pre-K at the Cité Soleil school, so we couldn't communicate using words since he was so young. We communicated through hugs instead. Seeing his smile was amazing. **I just can't explain how wonderful it was meeting him.** I went back to Haiti the next year and got to visit with him again. It was neat to see how he had grown! I brought him some gifts...he pulled out the toothbrush and pretended to brush his teeth with his finger, as if to say, "Is this a toothbrush?" Again, we found ways to communicate through hugs and smiles and laughter.



How has being a student sponsored impacted you? I love to help, and as a teacher, education is really important to me. Knowing I can help a child get an education makes me feel really good. Seeing the HOM/MICECC schools in person is just magnificent! They provide a great, loving environment. **The students are fed good nutrition, but they are also fed spiritually.** I have also really enjoyed getting a picture of Fritzguer and getting his report card...it just seals that bond. I had planned to go back to Haiti every year, **but since we cannot go right now, I decided to sponsor a 2nd student,** and now I also sponsor Esther, who is in pre-K at the Terre Noire school.

What would you say to someone considering student sponsorship? If you feel led in your heart to sponsor, please sign up. **With a good education, these children are becoming people that can help their country.** Sponsoring is more important especially now when teams cannot go to Haiti.

Name: Dennis & Trish Moneyhon
Hometown: Foster, KY
Home church: Fairview Christian Church

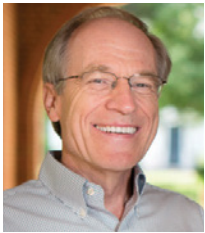
You have a unique sponsorship story. Tell us about it. God continues to achieve over and over abundantly more than we can imagine, to our amazement! We praise Him that He takes our ordinary earthly lives and transforms them to the extra-ordinary eternal lives upon our earthly deaths. That is exactly what He has done for our Mother Donnie Moneyhon, Dennis's Mom by birth, Trish's Mom by choice. Our (already extra-ordinary) sweet and compassionate Mom gained her heavenly home on March 29, 2021 and left us with the void of her earthly life with us. We miss her but rejoice in her new life with our Lord and Savior.



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"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Luke 6:38

A LETTER FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GARY FULTON



Greetings! As I write this letter it has been over 15 months since we have been able to travel to Haiti. Even though the pandemic and the

sociopolitical unrest have prevented us from being able to visit our friends in Haiti our work has not stopped. As you will read on the pages of this newsletter our ministry is very much alive: churches are worshipping, disciples are being nurtured, students are receiving an education, patients are receiving medical care, meals are being served, and construction projects are underway. In short, people and communities are being cared for.

On one of my early visits to Haiti, Jacky Dorleans taught me the Creole phrase, *Bondye ap Travay*, "God is at work". This is certainly true! Your support, the hard work of our board and many volunteers who devote hours to help the people of Haiti are all examples of God at work

through HOM/MICECC. Our Haitian mission partners are hard at work caring for the people in their communities.

I pray daily for the people of Haiti, the work of our ministry and the life-giving difference we are making. I also give thanks for you, our friends and supporters.

I am excited to introduce Caroline Chambre Hammock, our new Associate Director. She has done special projects and grant writing for HOM and is now working part-time in an expanded capacity. Caroline will be primarily working with communications, development, our community health initiative in Repatriote, and special projects.



Caroline Chambre Hammock

Caroline is a proven leader with domestic and international experience. She most recently served as the Executive Director of Healing Hands of Joy, an organization working to improve maternal health outcomes in Ethiopia. From 2010 to 2017,

she worked for Urban Ministry Center leading innovative programs to reduce homelessness in the Charlotte region. Caroline has also worked for the Peace Corps and the World Food Programme.

Caroline holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from New York University and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of North Carolina. Caroline and her family live in Charlotte. She is a member of St Peter Catholic Church and also attends Caldwell Presbyterian Church with her family.

Grace and Peace,

Gary
Gary Fulton

JULY 7 UPDATE: As we are going to press we learned of the assassination of Jovenel Moise, the President of Haiti. During this uncertain and difficult time, please pray for peace, calm, and stability in Haiti; and for safety and security for our ministry and the people and communities we serve.

HELP WANTED!

If you have a background in business, economic development, or vocational training (or just a strong desire to help), HOM needs you! The new campus, ESPWA, will be the home of the Work Readiness, Vocational Training, and Small Business Development programs that are getting underway. We are excited about the prospect of helping the HOM graduates find employment, and the HOM community small business owners learn ways to improve their businesses. If you would like to help with this important endeavor, please contact **Pat Gunter at pgunter@alumni.unc.edu** or **Gary Fulton at gfulton@haitiom.org**.

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Shortly after her death and thinking of the coming days and the usual ordinary occurrences that take place, **we believe God inspired us to think outside the box.** Many years ago, after birthing two sons, Mom desired to adopt a little girl. God had other plans, and Mom and Dad did not ever achieve that little girl adoption. **Our inspired idea was: what if Mom could finally reach her goal of making a life changing difference in a "little girl" through the HOM Student Sponsorship program?** As part of Mom's obituary, we included this information and suggested memorials for the sponsorship. Our thought process was to offer the idea of taking the "ordinary" memorial gifts/flowers and transforming them to the "extra-ordinary" gift of sponsoring

Mom's adopted little girl in Haiti. We chose a 3-year-old girl from the HOM website within days before receiving any responses, and Christ-Anna has the same birthday as Dennis, December 24th!

We committed to continue her sponsorship beyond these memorial gifts to her education completion and to share Mom's beautiful story personally when we can visit Haiti once again. Our "ordinary" assumption was that these memorial gifts would only provide partially for Christ-Anna's total education needs. **Instead, to date we have received Christ-Anna's total education support of \$8,830 - and beyond! All 16 years of HOM's Christ-centered education!** Once again, God went beyond our limited faith and transformed the "ordinary" to HIS "extra-ordinary."



Pictured from left to right: Sam Massey, Donald Houston, Caity Lignon, Pastor Luc, Geoff Johnson, and Rick Raines (Fairmount's Senior Minister).

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT: FAIRMOUNT CHRISTIAN CHURCH by Chris Santasiere

Upon arriving to join the ministerial staff at Fairmount Christian Church in 2004, I learned two things very quickly: First, Fairmount is a missions-minded church. Second, Haiti holds a special place in Fairmount's heart. The history of Haiti Outreach Ministries and Fairmount Christian Church are inextricably linked.

In 1989, Fairmount sent its first mission team to Haiti to work with Pastor Leon Dorleans. Included on that initial team were David Armistead, Pat Smith, and Jo Ann Miles. The mission trip's focus was to build a church in Cite Soleil. As the work progressed, David and the team witnessed firsthand the overwhelming needs of the people of Haiti, and the vision of HOM was conceived. Within a year, HOM was formed by Pastor Leon and the three Fairmount mission team members who were on the 1989 trip- David, Pat, and Jo Ann. From 1990 to 2006, David Armistead would serve as the President of HOM.

Over the years, Fairmount has partnered with HOM to start churches, schools, and medical clinics. Volunteers from Fairmount have served on the HOM Board. For many years, Ruby Butler served as the forwarding agent for HOM, collecting and processing the monthly financial support that poured in from churches and individuals.

Fairmount has been blessed to partner with Leon and Jacky Dorleans and Luc and Louisa Aristhene. We strive to support and partner with them in the ministry in Haiti by all means possible. Since 1989, we have taken dozens of short-term

mission trips to Haiti for construction, VBS, and to provide medical clinics. It is not uncommon for Fairmount to send 2-3 teams a year to work in Haiti. We have held Sponsorship Drives for children with hundreds of children sponsored. We've given hundreds of thousands of dollars to support the ministry in Haiti. We've held food packaging events to send over 250,000 meals to Haiti and even held building events in our parking lot to construct walls for houses to be built in Haiti.

Our most recent endeavors in Haiti have centered on Leon's dream of a Bible College in Haiti. Besides giving financially to this exciting project, Fairmount's Senior Minister, Rick Raines, along with Geoff Johnson, a Fairmount Bible School teacher and church leader, have traveled annually to Haiti to teach and train students for ministry. They were the last group in Haiti before COVID. With COVID restrictions loosening, we're looking forward to sending more teams to Haiti for construction and instruction. Additionally, the International Conference on Missions (ICOM) will be held in our backyard of Richmond, Virginia this November. We're excited to have Leon attend and also preach at Fairmount while he is here. This will be a time of celebration for what God has done and is continuing to do in Haiti.

We are thankful to God for the ministry in Haiti that has blossomed through HOM out of a short-term missions trip in 1989. To God be all the glory!

MICECC SPOTLIGHT: MARCELIN ESPAYDER AND JIMMY HONORÉ

by Barry Boyd

As many HOM supporters know, Jacky Dorleans, HOM Superintendent of Schools, is fond of saying that the future of Haiti depends on “education, education, education”. Proof positive of this saying are Marcelin Espayder and Jimmy Honoré. Both of these young men laid their educational foundation in the MICECC/HOM schools and today are key employees in our schools.

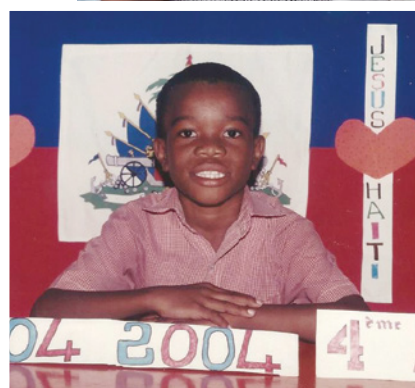
Marcelin Espayder, or Espayder as he is most often known, is an Assistant Principal and provides valuable administrative support for all the HOM schools. Espayder was born in Cité Soleil and moved to Carrefour as a teenager. He attended the HOM schools through Grade 6 and continued his education at the Louverture Cleary School where he graduated high school. Espayder attended college at the Universite Quisqueya Americaine, majoring in Computer Technology. Today, he lives in Terre Noire. During his free time, Espayder enjoys working with CorelDraw on his computer and visiting his mother and sister after church on Sundays.

Jimmy Honoré is the Assistant Principal at Baryè Fè High School. Jimmy grew up in Cité Soleil and moved to Terre Noire at age 11. He also attended the HOM school at Terre Noire from Pre-School until Grade 6. He then studied at College Mixte Joseph Erve where he graduated high school. For college, Jimmy studied Administrative Sciences and Management at the Institut International d'Etudes Polytechniques. Jimmy lives in Terre Noire with his father and step mother. He has taught children's Sunday School at Eglise Chretienne de Terre Noire since 2009.

Both Jimmy and Espayder have very fond memories of their years in the HOM



Jimmy's 4th grade photo (L) and Jimmy with his sponsor Debbie Kindig, her husband, John, and daughter, Chelsea.



schools. Espayder remembers: “Mrs Jacky frequently being in the classroom encouraging us to study and make good grades. We also benefited from the support of our teachers. When we would have the best grade for our class, they would have us walk in front of our parents and we would be so proud and encouraged!”

Jimmy recalls, “The love of our principal and the teachers who gave everything to educate us” and also “Sponsors who helped us without asking for anything in

return, only performance at school”.

Espayder and Jimmy's words speak to the critical role education and the HOM schools play in building a better future for Haiti.

Espayder: “If anyone wants to make an impact in Haiti, invest in ministries like HOM, because when you support the ministry and the children you are giving them a voice. You are opening their eyes to help them have a better future in this country. If we educate children like HOM is doing, you are creating independence. These children can be the future head, eyes, and brain to help this country come out of what it is in now. We will for sure have a better situation in a better Haiti.”

Jimmy: “I want everyone to know that Baryè Fè is the best School in the area. That school allows children from poor families to complete their studies and find jobs. For Haitians, education is the only way we have to succeed in our life. Despite all the problems, we believe in education.”

Marcelin Espayder and Jimmy Honoré are two fine young men who represent the power of education, education, education in Haiti.



Espayder graduates 6th grade and university.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

by Bob O'Brien

OVERVIEW

- With COVID and the violence in Haiti, the Construction Group has not been able to travel to Haiti since March 2020 nor have any construction teams.
- However, with the group's leadership in Haiti, headed by Marcelin Joseph, a number of projects were initiated. The following encompasses the projects that were initiated since the Holiday 2020 newsletter.
- Poudy Wisly is working full-time on both clean water maintenance and campus maintenance.

CITÉ SOLEIL CAMPUS

- **Children's Church** - Block work at all windows and electrical lighting installation allowed Children's Church to begin worshiping in their new space. Currently, Marcelin is working with Pastor Profaite and Pastor Leon to design the interior spaces, especially the chancel area, storage areas and church offices. First Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville, NC has religiously sent funds to finish the space. Approximately \$10,000 was spent on this project in the past 6 months.
- **Church Bathrooms** - Funds from Snyder Baptist Church and the Small Projects account were used for temporary upgrades to the men's and women's latrines.
- **School** - Primary electrical service was provided to the 2nd floor of the school to allow additional lighting, fans and receptacles when funds are available.

REPATRIOTE (MENELAS) CAMPUS

- **Youth Building** - Funds from various sources were made available to complete the 2nd floor roof and stairs to the building. Design is complete for the interior layout of the 2nd floor, which will house a youth library and youth meeting area. Approximately

\$30,200 has been spent on this project in the past 6 months.

TERRE NOIRE CAMPUS

- **Community Water Spigot** - Engaging the community, it was learned they would appreciate community water spigots in an area behind the campus that does not have easy access to well water. This work was accomplished for approximately \$1,500 and the community is most appreciative.
- **School** - Donations were received to paint the two exterior stair wells, the building exterior, the school kitchen and one preschool classroom. The cost was approximately \$16,000.
- **Guttering Project** - The neighbors to the north of the campus have complained that our 3rd floor roof over the library and Guest House dining/kitchen area drains directly into their properties. With funds from church supporters, guttering was installed along the entire roofline to eliminate the problem.



Exterior painting completed at the Terre Noire school.

BARYÈ FÈ CAMPUS

- **Phase III Classroom** - The architectural design for the 3rd classroom on the campus was approved by a task force early this year. The initial pad layout and road extension have been completed. The structural design changed the roof design from a wood truss/metal roof to a flat concrete



Roof on building 4 at Baryè Fè complete.

roof allowing for better ventilation, improved noise reduction, longer life expectancy and campus aesthetics. This project will have a short time for construction given the building has to be ready for September classes. To date, approximately \$250K has been spent on the building pad, the building and approach road.

- The roof slab is complete. The roof ventilation structure is next followed by window louver and door installations. Electrical material purchasing is underway and painting should begin in late August in anticipation of the school opening in early September.
- Costs have continued to escalate due to rapid inflation of building products in Haiti caused by the concurrent increase in the US. The team is purchasing as much product as it can as fast as possible!



Completed security wall and gate for Espwa Campus.

ESPWA CAMPUS

- **Security Wall** - Work has been completed on the first phase of the 2,100' security wall around the 5+ acre campus. This phase provided a 9+ foot high wall, columns every 75' for seismic events and one row of concertina wire. Also, a 22' wide entry gate and pedestrian gate has been installed. At this time, the property should be fully secured. Cost to date is approximately \$280,000.
- **Interior Access Road** - The security wall installation was during the rainy season and the site proved to be quite unstable for large trucks bringing cement, rebar, sand and gravel for the security wall. Therefore, the main access road and two side roads were constructed on the site. The access road expense amounted to \$35,350 and has been completed.
- **Bible College Design** - The first major building on the new site will be the Bible College and conceptual design is currently underway.

CLINIC CORNER by Janet Horton, FNP

- Despite the challenges presented by COVID and political unrest, there is good news to report. Our medical staff continues to see patients at the Terre Noire campus. Many of these patients are familiar faces from the Cité Soleil community as they continue to receive quality care from our staff at this new location. The number of patients seen in Terre Noire remains consistent at just slightly less than we saw in Cité Soleil – about 65-70 medical patients and 15 dental patients per day.
- We welcomed Dr. Beethoven Solon, MICECC's new medical director in February. While Dr. Solon is new to us, he has worked in a variety of medical settings in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. With experience in emergency medicine and public health, a strong faith and a desire to serve, Dr. Solon is an asset to the clinic and ministry. He says he is grateful for an opportunity to serve with HOM and looks forward to working with visiting teams.
- We are grateful for former Medical Director Dr. Quency Etienne's many years of service and happy to announce that he has agreed to remain actively involved in an advisory role.
- COVID is on the rise in Haiti. The staff received training from Haiti's Ministry of Public Health and Population (MSPP) and is taking all precautions to keep the staff and patients safe. This increase in cases has created a shortage of Personal Protection Equipment (PPEs) supplies in Haiti, along with an increase in price for the equipment.
- Thanks to our supporters we were able to buy and send much needed masks, face shields, gowns and caps to our medical staff.



Dr. Beethoven Solon

Clinic Needs

- Money – the cost of meds and supplies have increased greatly.
- Multivitamins – as food cost rise, vitamins are more important than ever – unfortunately they are very expensive in Haiti.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CLINIC?

Contact Janet Horton, FNP at medtrips@haitiom.org. Clinic donations are always appreciated at haitiom.org/donate.

CURAMERICAS PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

- The maternal infant community health program in the Repatriote community continues to progress. The first part of the program – gathering data and information; including taking a census of the community, assessing available resources and eliciting community input – has been completed. The next step of hiring and training the care group leaders has just begun with a projected completion of training by the end of the summer.
- With the first steps completed, we now estimate the first phase of the program will reach approximately 2,700 people beginning in Fall 2021, and the second phase will reach an additional 2,000 beginning in 2023. In anticipation of initiating the community health program this fall, we are creating lesson plans to be used in teaching participants in community. The first one will teach about COVID protection, symptoms and treatment, and the vaccine.
- Our MICECC Curamericas and MICECC medical staff recently met with staff from Hospital Fontaine in



Curamericas Partnership community newly hired health promoter and care group leaders.

Repatriote in hopes of developing a partnership to help improve access to health care in the Repatriote community.

DONATIONS

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS.

Teams have not been able to travel to Haiti this year, but the ministry is thriving in spite of complicating factors. Team trips not only bring essential volunteers to our programs but also much-needed resources such as school and medical supplies. We particularly need your ongoing support and gifts as we move toward the fall.

EDUCATE A CHILD

Schools are scheduled to start in Haiti on September 6. Your student sponsorship gift will change a child's life.

- Primary school \$420 annually
- Secondary school \$720 annually

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Supplies are desperately needed for our 18 preschool, 36 primary and 19 secondary school classes. Please contact FloAnne O'Brien at obrien68@bellsouth.net for priority needs and shipping instructions or consider donating:

- Supplies for a preschool class (\$300)
- Supplies for a primary school class (\$500)
- Supplies for a high school class (\$700)

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