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BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE: BARYÈ FÈ SCHOOL TO EXPAND

A famous movie line says, "If you build it, they will come." While this quote was originally referring to a baseball field, it certainly also holds true for the Baryè Fè secondary school, where over 400 students have just begun the current school year. Opened in 2015, Baryè Fè was created so that students coming out of HOM's existing three primary schools could continue their education in a Christ-centered, academically strong school in their community. Since inception, HOM and MICECC have strategically grown the school by additional grade levels, with the overall vision of ultimately serving grades 7 through 13, in line with Haiti's educational system. In 2018, the second building at Baryè Fè was established, adding new classrooms and a dedicated science lab.

Demand for enrollment at Baryè Fè is consistently high, and it is time for the school to grow yet again. In order to accommodate the nearly 600 students anticipated in the fall of 2021, plans are now underway to add 10 new classrooms. New buildings will also add a dedicated computer lab and a space for a dining hall.

Architect Bill McLees and Chief Engineer Bob O'Brien, the team behind HOM's prior building initiatives at Baryè Fè, are designing these new structures to integrate seamlessly into the Baryè Fè campus. Project Manager Marcelin Joseph will lead the construction process. As with HOM's past building projects, construction will create significant economic impact to the surrounding communities as Haitian laborers are employed for the project. Over 95% of the material costs will be spent in Haiti with Haitian-owned suppliers.



Above: 7th graders in front of Baryè Fè Building. Top right: Rendering of new Baryè Fè classrooms. Bottom right: Rendering of new classrooms and bball court.



The cost for this essential next phase at Baryè Fè is \$835,000. HOM has already received initial funding commitments, and active fundraising will continue throughout the winter months. Timing is of the essence as construction will need to be complete by summer 2021 in order to serve students in the fall of 2021.

Superintendent of Schools Jacky Dorleans embodies the excitement of this expansion effort. Madame Jacky says, "By faith, I already see myself walking, praising God, and teaching in these new buildings. We're praying that the Lord would open large doors of opportunities, like He has done before, for this wonderful dream to become a reality." (Read more of Jacky's thoughts in a special Q&A on page 2 of this newsletter.)

HOM echoes Jacky's enthusiasm and looks forward to a successful campaign to build a brighter future for our students.

Interested in making a gift to support the Baryè Fè expansion campaign? Go to haitiom.org/donate.

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“A BRIGHT LIGHT IN THE COMMUNITY”

Q&A WITH JACKY DORLEANS

Jacky serves as the Superintendent of Schools in addition to her role as Principal for the Baryè Fè School. In this Q&A, Jacky talks about the history of Baryè Fè and why the need to expand is now.

How did the idea for a secondary school come about?

The students and their parents really appreciated the quality of education they received during their primary school time with us. When these students finished 6th grade, it was very sad for them to go elsewhere to start 7th grade in another school. It was always a sad time and a burden for me as well, leaving us to go to different schools and not knowing what environment that they would go to. I consider all my students as if they were my own children, and it was sad for me to see them leave so young.

Together with the students and their parents, we decided to pray to the Lord and ask him to make a “breakthrough,” to open large doors for us to build a secondary school for our 7th graders. We shared the concern several times with the HOM Board. Then in 2013 the Haitian Ministry of Education announced that the 6th grade national exams would no longer take place but rather would be replaced by a 9th grade national exam. So, we had to add a third cycle to the primary level and come up to 9th grade. We had the obligation to provide a 7th grade class in 2015.

By the grace of God, the construction of the first building in the new secondary school campus was finished on time, and we were able to welcome the first promotion of 7th grade students in September 2015. Soli Deo Gloria!

Why are these new classrooms at Baryè Fè so urgently needed?

With the current school year under way, we simply have no more empty classrooms available inside of our existing two buildings. In September 2021, we’re expecting more than 120 sixth graders from our 3 primary schools to attend Baryè Fè. We won’t have any room to accommodate these students. We have an urgent need to build new classrooms to accommodate not only these 120 plus students, but also the students that would be qualified to be in 12th and 13th grades in September 2021. The need to have more classrooms by September 2021 is extremely urgent for these students, so that they could receive the education that is so needed to allow them to have a better future.

How will having a dining facility and a dedicated computer lab contribute to your vision for Baryè Fè?

Since the opening of the Baryè Fè secondary school, I wanted the students to have a dining facility like the primary schools. I know that food is as important as education. To learn well, a child needs to receive the nutrients that are transformed and injected into the bloodstream to transport vital oxygen to the brain. Without eating good food, it’s very difficult for the students to learn and to concentrate. At this time, we don’t have a cafeteria, and the students end up eating outside under the trees. Currently they receive bread, peanut butter and milk that the school offers them for their lunch daily, and they are grateful for that. But having a cafeteria where they could sit down and eat together a good warm meal would not only be good for their health, it would also increase the camaraderie and fellowship among them.

As for the computer lab, I can only say that the world we live in now is not allowing any one student to say that he/she is educated without having some basic computer knowledge. So, having a computer lab in a school is as important as having a library and a science lab in a school. Without a computer lab, our students will not be prepared to live successfully in their country that is also part of the world, this global village.

JACKY DORLEANS



Jacky Dorleans (Leon’s wife and Nadege’s mom) serves as the superintendent of schools. Her work has deeply impacted hundreds of young Haitians who have been enrolled in HOM-supported schools in Haiti. The achievements of these students would not be possible without Jacky’s professional skills and faithful dedication.

Jacky was born in Cap-Haitien, a city on the Northern coast of Haiti. She completed all of her schooling, from kindergarten to university, at the very best schools that Haiti could offer. She fluently speaks French, Creole, and English.

As school superintendent, Jacky is responsible for overseeing students at the three primary schools and at the secondary school. She supervises over 110 teachers, the secretary, nurse, and librarians.

When she was asked in 2008 what her hope was for the HOM schools in the next ten years, she answered, “I hope and pray that our schools will keep their reputations as the best schools in the community for their standards of excellence.” Through perseverance, discipline, hard work, and prayers, the HOM schools have indeed maintained their reputation and are regarded as amongst the best schools anywhere in Haiti. Jacky thanks God and HOM sponsors/supporters for all these accomplishments.

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Greetings from Board Chair Wick Smith



As we are thankfully coming to the end of a tumultuous year here in the United States, we are hopeful for a new beginning in 2021 for our families,

our communities, our churches and our places of employment. The citizens of Haiti have that same sense of hope that their lives in the next year will be better on several fronts. Their concerns over the COVID crisis, an unsettled government structure, and significant inflation within their economy have added to the woes they face daily.

One source of hope is rooted in the next major campus undertaking for

Haiti Outreach Ministries in the US and MICECC in Haiti. As you know by now, we collectively have plans for a 5+ acre new campus now titled the "Espwa Campus" – Espwa is the Haitian Creole word for hope.

We are very excited to announce that we have broken ground at that location and have begun building the infrastructure to accommodate many new initiatives. This initial construction includes a security wall around the entire property and an entrance road and gate. The first building will be a Bible College that is scheduled to open in October of 2021. This has been a dream of Leon's since



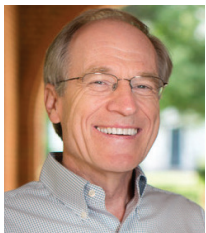
Espwa Campus construction.

he first entered the ministry some 30+ years ago. Additionally, we will be planning buildings for a permanent vocational school with multi-purpose classrooms and an upgraded medical clinic. These plans are still evolving at this time to maximize the utilization of the available land.

Pictured here is the initial construction of the Espwa campus security wall. We are "hopeful" about this new facility and trust that you share in this excitement. Stay tuned for more news and updates, as well as how you may help in this effort. We wish a very Merry Christmas and happy New Year to you all and thank you for your prayers and support.

Wick Smith
Board Chair

A LETTER FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GARY FULTON STAYING CONNECTED – STAYING COMMITTED



This year we have all learned new ways of staying **connected** due to the world-wide pandemic. We are all sad that we cannot travel to see our

friends and mission partners in Haiti. Due to continuing health concerns we will not be having any team trips to Haiti and Leon and Nadege will not be traveling to the US through at least January 2021. Because of this, we are working hard to stay connected virtually.

We want to stay connected with you so we are offering virtual experiences to connect with our friends in Haiti:

- Leon and I Zoom with churches and other groups to share the good news of the ministry. It is great to be able to see Leon's smile and to hear his voice. Email or call me to set up a Zoom with your church.
- We are offering Facebook Live events. The first one was October 1st. If you missed it, you can still watch it on our website at: haitiom.org

- Nadege is also offering to Zoom. We recently joined the students at the Terre Noire campus for the opening of the school day (yes, it was early in the morning, but it was inspiring!)

We are also staying connected with other mission groups. We are currently working with Curamericas as we begin our community health initiative to improve maternal/child health in the Repatriote community. We are working with Extollo to develop our vocational training program and with Mission of Hope, Haiti, to develop our entrepreneur and small business training classes. These two initiatives are scheduled to start in 2021.

In spite of the challenges we are facing, we are staying **committed** to serving the people of Haiti and living out our mission of sharing God's love and the Good News of Christ through service and partnerships. As you will see in this newsletter and on our website we are:

- Expanding our Baryè Fè secondary school to accommodate the growing number of students who will be attending next year.
- Beginning work on the Espwa (Hope) Campus for economic development and home to the Bible College

- Providing medical and dental care through our clinic
- Providing solid education in our schools and uplifting worship in our churches
- Distributing meals and providing clean drinking water to our communities

We are **committed** to our brothers and sisters in Haiti and also to staying **connected**

with you. I am grateful for your wonderful support and ask for your continued commitment to share your love with the people of Haiti through Haiti Outreach Ministries. I pray for you and your churches and I ask that you join me in praying for our ministry and the people of Haiti. Your support, friendship, and prayers mean so much!

Grace and Peace,

Gary
Gary Fulton



Espwa Campus construction.

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT: SIGNAL MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SIGNAL MTN., TN.

Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church (SMPC) was established on April 7, 1929 and has a rich missional history. Our connection with Haiti Outreach Ministries (HOM) began shortly after the devastating 2010 earthquake in Haiti. A small team of just four was commissioned in October of that year to provide dental and vision care needs in Cité Soleil. It did not take long for the team to see the destruction and the need of the Haitian community.

Through our contact with Pastor Leon Dorleans, a relationship began and led our church to put together packaged meals. We gathered, packed and sent meals to those in need in Cité Soleil. Another small mission team was sent to Cité Soleil in 2012 followed by the beginning of our financial support of HOM in March of that year.

The first construction/medical/dental team was sent to Cité Soleil in 2013 under the leadership of Dr. Chris Poole. From that beginning our construction efforts have included bathroom construction at the Repatriote Campus, painting buildings at Repatriote, work on the storage facility at the Baryé Fé campus and in the construction of the walls at Cité Soleil that now enclose functioning classrooms.

The clinic at Cité Soleil has made great progress over the years of our serving there. A variety of physicians with different areas of expertise have been on our trips. The pharmacy has become more organized and supplies have been well stocked under the direction of Janet Horton and her leadership. The dental clinic has been a work in progress as we have seen many improvements on our annual trips. We have donated dental equipment that has been well used by a myriad of dentists. What a blessing to see progress in HOM's acquiring of new dental equipment and the addition of a clinical dentist, Dr. St. Germaine, to provide ongoing and routine dental care.

We are truly blessed to serve the people of Haiti at the Cité Soleil clinic. Although we are in Haiti only for a short time, we are comforted in knowing the mission of serving these people goes on with the clinical staff led by Dr. Quency.

An additional blessing has been the lasting relationships developed through our mission trips and through student sponsorships. Esme' Teel, who has been on all SMPC Haiti mission trips, put it best saying: "There is a moving of the Holy Spirit in the gift of relationships in Haiti being built on the foundation of the Gospel." One special connection has been with Stanley Charles who started in 2013 as an interpreter. He shared his dream of attending medical school and through our mission connections and God's leading, Stanley's dream has been realized as he currently attends medical school in Haiti.

He has even been supported to travel to the U.S. to observe Dr. Poole and other physicians and is on track to finish medical school next year. Stanley has been a blessing to our teams, our church and especially to the Poole family. His story is a powerful reminder of how the Lord is at work in the lives of the people of Haiti amidst their challenging circumstances.

Signal Mountain was blessed with a visit from Pastor Leon in the fall of 2019. On that trip, he expressed his appreciation for our ongoing support of HOM. He and his wife, Jacky, continue to lead a vibrant ministry where both children and adults are spiritually nurtured, fed, educated and provided medical and dental care.



Micah 6:8

"He has shown you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."



Chris and Embree Poole with Stanley Charles and his parents.



Esme Teel, Chris & Embree Poole and Drew Fowler with sponsor children.

One of Pastor Leon's dreams has been to build a fifth campus, appropriately named Espwa meaning "hope", to encompass a trade school to provide vocational skills and a Bible College to train church leaders in extending the Gospel to Haiti. To help in that effort, the Session of SMPC recently unanimously approved a \$50,000 gift that has been anonymously matched to begin construction of the Espwa-fifth campus. God is clearly at work as we rejoice in bringing this dream to fruition.

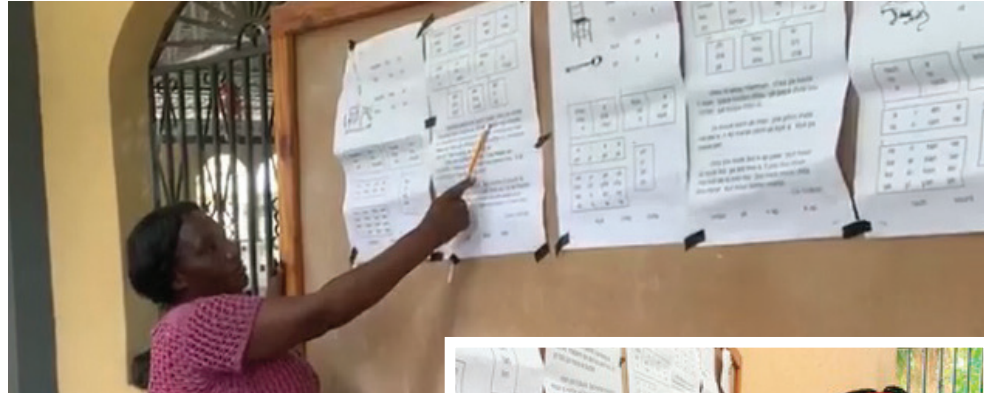
The members of our congregation who have given their time and talent serving in Haiti have had the privilege of serving as the faithful presence of Jesus' love. We have been truly blessed by the wonderful spirit, genuine faith and hospitality of the Haitian people.

MICECC SPOTLIGHT: NEW ADULT LITERACY CLASSES CHANGING LIVES IN CITÉ SOLEIL

A new adult literacy initiative is showing great promise in Cité Soleil. The classes are part of a global program developed by Literacy Evangelism International (LEI) that is implemented locally by Bible League Haiti. Bible League Haiti trained two Cité Soleil church leaders in the curriculum and also provided the training manuals for the teachers and students. This 12-month program began last November, with the Cité Soleil church providing classroom space.

The LEI model calls for 12 students in a class, but the demand from the Cité Soleil community was so high that 22 students ended up participating. The 19 women and 3 men that participated were all illiterate when the course began; many of them also had vision problems and no resources to afford eyeglasses. Despite these challenges, the students began to be able to read and write at around the five month mark.

In addition to developing literacy, the LEI model has a dual purpose of evangelizing as well. As such, the class was comprised of church members and non-believers. Pastor Profaite Medeus notes, "Thirty people received the eternal life this year because of this program. The students who



accepted Christ as their Savior also influenced their family members to do the same."

When various periods of local unrest, impassable roads, and the COVID-19 pandemic made it impossible for the students to gather at Cité Soleil, the class instructors persisted by traveling to the students' respective homes to provide instruction. The students completed the course in October



being able to read and write, and all are excited to keep growing in their newfound literacy skills. HOM Board Chair Wick Smith says of this new initiative, "It's rewarding to see adults learning to read & write for the first time, bringing improvement to their quality of life and job prospects." A second round of classes began this month with 20 new students.

Q&A WITH JACKY DORLEANS *continued from page 2*

When the first primary school at Cité Soleil was established, could you have imagined there would someday be a secondary school?

When I remember how the school started in Cité Soleil in October 1990, inside of the bungalow Christian church with no doors, trying to seat the 4 year old students on benches that were made for adults – their feet couldn't even touch the ground because the benches were way too high for them!

It was unthinkable for me at that time to envision we would have a secondary school of this caliber in such wonderful facilities 30 years later. This is no doubt, a very special blessing from the Lord.

What else would you like HOM friends and supporters to know about the Baryè Fè school expansion?

I would like to thank all HOM friends & supporters who have contributed to the construction of the first two phases,

and I would exhort them to continue to receive many more blessings by investing in the future of our students for a better Haiti. I would encourage them also to pass around the news to their families, their relatives, their friends, and their churches about this important and urgent need of the Baryè Fè expansion, so that the young people could have a better future, could change themselves by changing Haiti for a better and greater environment. Baryè Fè is truly a bright light in the community, and we are forever grateful.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

by Bob O'Brien

OVERVIEW

- This year has been full of challenges and opportunities for the Construction Group. While we in the US have been quarantined with no travel to Haiti, the Haitian construction team under Marcelin Joseph's leadership has continued work under the challenges of unrest in the country, COVID-19 restrictions and devaluation of the dollar. Noted below are the accomplishments by campus since the Summer newsletter.
- This next year is planned to be a busy one for the Construction Group. Design is underway for the construction of two additional one-story classroom buildings and a cafeteria at Baryè Fè.
- It is anticipated construction of the initial buildings at the Espwa campus will begin the first quarter of the year.
- Total construction dollars put in place by the group this year is \$462,000 US. This total included the fifth classroom building at Repatriote, along with a student toilet building and library expansion.
- The work this year provided approximately 9,600 man-days of work for Haitian craftsmen. To date, since the earthquake the Construction Group has put in place over \$5.9 million of new and updated construction providing over 150,000 man-days of employment.
- Site management of the various construction projects in Haiti is under the leadership of Marcelin Joseph. Chief Engineer Bob O'Brien, Rick Giles, and Tad Prewitt are responsible for the HOM group. Thanks also to our construction volunteers from the US including Bill Fudge, Phil Hammond, Don Boothe and Bill Etheredge.
- This year was the second full year of having a dedicated maintenance program. The maintenance team is led by Marcelin Joseph and includes Poudy Wisly, Mario and Junior Volcy. Hopefully teams will begin to return this coming year to assist in the continuing maintenance needs of the ministry.

CITÉ SOLEIL CAMPUS

- At the Children's church exterior railings, doors, vent block windows and interior stucco were completed, making the space secure for children's church services.
- Louvered windows in the 5th & 6th grade classrooms were added for security and rain protection.



New windows at CS Children's church.

- A pass through window was added to the clean water room to enable the community to obtain clean water without having to enter the compound.
- Improvements were made to the men's and women's church latrines.

REPATRIOTE (MENELAS) CAMPUS

- School began in the new classrooms and remodeled library. With the completion of the fifth classroom building, the Repatriote primary school's construction program started in 2010 is complete.



Repatriote library classes in new expanded library space.

- An office for Cureamerica, a medical supply closet and primary school closet were added in the Administration building.
- Donations have been received to continue construction of the 2nd floor of the Youth building. Currently columns and shear walls are complete and the roof framing has begun.

TERRE NOIRE CAMPUS

- The school kitchen, hand washing areas and pre-school classrooms were painted.
- Painting of exterior stairwells and guttering the library roof will soon begin.

BARYÈ FÈ CAMPUS

- The campus master plan was updated to reflect the relocation of the trade school and bible college to the Espwa campus.
- Drawings were initiated by our architect, Bill Mclees, for the next two classroom buildings and a first phase cafeteria/chapel building. Final details are being worked out with construction scheduled to begin the first of the year. (See cover story for renderings of the new buildings).

ESPWA CAMPUS

- The campus entrance road off Rue 9 was completed, along with a secure entrance gate.
- An updated master plan for the site has been submitted and approved.
- The entire 5+ acre site has been cleared and construction access roads have been completed.
- The 2,000' perimeter security wall construction has begun with completion expected before Christmas.
- Construction will begin on the first buildings along with a well and generator room early next year.



Espwa Campus, new entry road, new gate in background.



Espwa campus, new Entry way gate from Rue 9.

CLINIC CORNER by Janet Horton, FNP

- After hosting three medical teams, one dental team and an individual dentist early in 2020, Covid forced cancellation of the remaining 2020 teams as well as those scheduled for early 2021. Several teams have rescheduled for Spring 2021 but most are waiting for resolution of the virus.
- The MICECC staff has done an outstanding job of cleaning, stocking and setting up the former Family Health Ministries clinic on the Terre Noire Campus. Patients from both the Cité Soleil and Terre Noire communities are receiving medical and dental care at the Terre Noire clinic.
- HOM/MICECC has received a very generous donation to support our existing clinic and the planned new clinic on the Espwa Campus from one of our long time supporters!

Clinic Equipment "Wish List"

- Personal Protection Equipment for our staff - \$25 per week.
- Chairs for the waiting patients - \$25
- Glucometers and test strips - \$50
- Generator fuel - \$100 a week
- Prenatal vitamins - \$125 for 10 moms for 9 months.
- Meds, supplies, staff salaries and electricity for a day - \$250



Top to bottom: The waiting area at the Terre Noire clinic. Patient visit at the Terre Noire clinic.

QUESTIONS ON THE CLINIC?

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

CUREAMERICAS PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

Despite the challenging times in Haiti, there is good news! The Maternal, Neonatal and Child health project led by HOM with support from Cureamericas Global is being implemented in the Repatriote community. The goals of the project are to: reduce maternal and child mortality, and child malnutrition. Cureamericas Global has extensive experience establishing health care programs that are responsive to the health needs of communities.

Haiti's maternal and child health statistics are the poorest in the Western Hemisphere. Maternal mortality rates (MMR) are estimated to be over 520 per 100,000 live births, considerably higher than the average MMR for all countries of similar development. The under-5 mortality rate in Haiti, estimated to be 89 per 1,000 live births, is among the highest in the world.



Cureamericas Partnership community health workers.

These poor outcomes are due to lack of access to health care, lack of knowledge of danger symptoms in pregnancy, and poor infant and child feeding practices. Our project aims to improve maternal and child health by providing health education and interventions through the use of

trained Community Health Care workers and small Care Groups for approximately 6,400 people living in Repatriote.

In August 2020, we hired a project manager, Annaus Frankel, a former HOM and Family Health Ministry employee. Annaus has completed extensive training, and he, with Pastor Leon and Dr. Quency Etienne, have met with Haitian government officials and community leaders to explain and encourage participation

in the program. We are currently recruiting Community Health Workers who will help form the small care groups. Together, they will empower the community to improve their own health by increasing the knowledge and skills of beneficiaries, health staff and community leaders.

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SUSTAINABILITY

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End-of-Year Giving - Qualified Charitable Distribution

If you have an IRA and are 70 1/2 or older you may be eligible to give a gift to Haiti Outreach Ministries with a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) by making a direct transfer of funds from your IRA. In addition to the joy of knowing you are helping friends in Haiti through HOM, your gift through a Qualified Charitable Distribution can be part of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) and can be excluded from taxable income. HOM does not give tax advice so consult with your IRA custodian and tax advisor before making any gift.