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# Cotes-de-Fer Connect!

July, 2025 Newsletter!



## Harvesting Hope

*"Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest." —  
Galatians 6:9*



## A Note from our Founder! 🖋️

Dear friends,

This month, we are truly witnessing what it means to **harvest hope**. After years of prayer, perseverance, and partnership, the seeds we planted are beginning to bear fruit in Cotes-de-Fer.

From the first sanitary block taking shape at École Chrétienne de Cavalier, to the weekly water deliveries reaching our elders in the hills, and the boys and girls sitting in health classes holding hygiene kits with pride and dignity are indications that **hope is growing**.

team, and our growing support community and the Cotes-de-Fer diaspora. July marks a season of momentum. We are not finished. In fact, we are just beginning. We are looking forward to what God has in His plans for us as a team.

Thank you for standing with us in this harvest season. Your prayers, your gifts, your encouragement, it all matters. Let's keep watering what God has planted.

With all my heart,

**Mystraine Onoh**

Founder & President, Hope for a Village

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## Feature Story – Construction Highlight



**Building Bathrooms, Restoring Dignity**

month!

## The Amy Deann Hygiene Center is Complete!

We are overjoyed to announce the **completion** of our first fully sponsored **school sanitation block**, now officially named the **Amy Deann Hygiene Center**. Located at **École Chrétienne de Cavalier** in Côtes-de-Fer, this center marks a major step forward in restoring dignity, health, and hope to students who have gone too long without safe, sanitary facilities. It is complete with a rain water collecting system that will feed water to the sinks for handwashing and cleaning.

*“This center will forever change the school day experience for our students, especially our girls. We are deeply thankful.”*

— Monsieur Oclave Etienne, School Director

### What It Includes:

- **6 private stalls**
- **2 urinals**
- **Rain-fed water tank**
- **Handwashing station** with soap and water
- Privacy, cleanliness, and safety for all students and teachers

♥ **Thank you to our donors, the Farley Family and our other partners** who made this dream a reality. You have planted a seed of hope that will grow for years to come.





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## 💧 Monthly Water Report | July 2025 💧

**“Water quenches thirst, but love carries it to the doorstep.”**

*– Hope for a Village*





## Get Involved




 394 Jugs of Water =  
**1,970 Gallons of Hope**

In June, **Hope for a Village** delivered a total of **394 jugs of clean water**—that's **1,970 gallons**—to homes and schools across Côte-de-Fer.

- To Elderly and Physically Handicapped Homes: 274 jugs
- To Partner Schools (6 schools x 5 jugs x ~4 weeks): 120 jugs

Even during a month full of construction and school competitions, our team remained faithful to the water program. Whether it's a grandmother living alone or a school full of students studying under the hot sun—**your support keeps them hydrated, healthy, and hopeful.**

💧 \$20/month = weekly water for one elder

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💧 *“Water quenches thirst, but love carries it to the doorstep.”*  
— *Hope for a Village*

Every jug delivered is a reminder  
that someone cares. ❤️

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#CotesDeFer #DignityInDelivery  
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## 🩺 Home Health Corner! 🩺



## Elderly Home Health Program!



### A Quieter June, A Faithful Presence

While June was filled with planning, construction, and school programming, our medical team still made time to visit some of the most vulnerable elders.

Miss Gertrude and Miss Veronica conducted home visits for seniors like **Madame Jeanne Thiersaint (74)**, **Madame Estha Charlotin (72)**, and **Madame Yolenne Joseph (64)**—who continues to suffer from high blood

Despite fewer visits this month, the care remained constant:

- 18 seniors were seen in early June.
- A full second round of visits was completed on June 26, including **over 30 patients** across multiple communities.
- High blood pressure, fatigue, and food insecurity remain major concerns.



🗣️ *“Even with all the activity this month, we never want them to feel forgotten,”*  
said Nurse Gertrude. *“Each one matters.”*

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The 2024/2025 school year has come to an end. But we ended it in style!



## Education Spotlight



### First-Ever SASCC Interschool Competition

#### Ending the Year with Joy, Teamwork, and Triumph

As the school year came to a close, **Hope for a Village** celebrated a major milestone—our **first-ever interschool competition** through the SASCC initiative (School Academic, Social & Cultural Competition)!

Students from our partner schools gathered for a full day of academic challenges, community trivia, team-building activities, and spirited fun. The event was designed not just to test knowledge, but to **build confidence, teamwork, and school pride**.



🏆 1st Place: École Notre Dame des Petits de Boucan Bélier

👤 Top Student: Danaëlle Beroukhia Jean-Louis



🏆 2nd Place: École Évangélique de Cavalier

🌟 Special Mention: Woodensley Palme, École Évangélique de Cavalier





🏆 **3rd Place:** École Nationale de Côtes-de-Fer  
Special mention : Yolande Estheril, 3rd prize winner

🗣️ *“We’ve never had something like this before. It brought out the best in our students, and showed them that school can be fun, too,”*

— Monsieur Octive Etienne, School Director, École Évangélique de Cavalier

As part of this joyful closing, we also distributed **256 hygiene kits** to each student in attendance; ensuring they can stay healthy while out of school and continue putting into practice what they’ve learned throughout the year in our health & Hygiene and puberty education classes.

👏 **Congratulations to Miss Veronica Dessources and Monsieur Jeff Augustin** for a full year of faithful teaching, creative leadership, and this unforgettable event.

📖 The SASCC competition is now a **yearly tradition in the making**, rooted in learning, dignity, God and community.

“Merci à Hope for a Village , non seulement pour cette belle initiative qui valorise l’excellence scolaire, mais aussi pour son accompagnement constant au sein de



—École Notre Dame des Petits de Boucan Bélier

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## Wishing You all a Joyful Summer

As we close the school year, we pause with grateful hearts to say **thank you to God** for His faithfulness through every challenge and every victory. Each lesson taught, each jug of water delivered, each hygiene kit handed out—**was made possible by His grace and your partnership.**

To our incredible students: **enjoy your summer break!** May it be filled with rest, laughter, and family. You've worked hard, and we are so proud of you.

To our devoted school staff and partners: **thank you for pouring your hearts** into these children day after day. Your love and leadership are changing lives.

And to each of you who prays, gives, serves, and believes in this mission: **thank you.** You are planting seeds of hope in Côtes-de-Fer.

We look forward to seeing everyone again in the fall as we continue this journey together, with God leading the way. He is Mighty!

With love and gratitude,

— **The Hope for a Village Team**  
**Haiti and abroad**

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## A Place to Dignify Their Days

This school year ends with a powerful milestone: many of our students will now be using a clean, safe bathroom—something most had never experienced before at school. Thanks to the support of our partners and donors, we are changing what daily life looks like for these children. No more makeshift solutions or holding it in through class. Now, they walk into a space built with care, where dignity meets hygiene.

For girls especially, this progress means even more. Lack of bathrooms has been one of the leading causes of school absenteeism during their menstrual periods. Without access to privacy and proper sanitation, many simply stayed home. But with this new facility, they now have a safe, secure space to manage their periods with dignity—helping to advance both period equity and school participation.

And this is just the beginning—Help us reach every school in this region, eventually all over Haiti. We know that nothing is impossible with God maybe one day we might even reach world!







### Devotional: Have Faith in the MasterEngineer

 **Scripture:** "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways," declares the Lord. – Isaiah 55:8(NIV)

I like walking to work.

It gives me time to think, breathe, and notice things I'd usually ignore. One morning, while I was walking, I looked up and saw a bunch of electric power lines. Some were straight, others crooked, and most looked completely out of place. I remember thinking, "Why would someone design it like that?"

But then I realized something: I'm not an engineer. I don't understand how those lines are supposed to work. Even though they look messy to me, the person who built them knew exactly what they were doing. Every wire has a purpose, and power flows through them just fine.

Sometimes, we go through hard seasons. Marriages feel like they're falling apart, our parents are separating, a loved one passes away, or we feel called into something (a vocation, a profession, even a ministry), but we see no way forward. We look at our lives and say, "This doesn't make sense, God. Why would you allow this?"

But remember that God is the Master Engineer. What seems tangled to us has intention from His view. The pain we're walking through, the waiting we hate, the doors that won't open, He knows why. Just like the engineer knows how to direct power safely across a city, God knows how to lead us through chaos into purpose.

We might not always see the reason. We may never fully understand the benefit while we're in the middle of it. But we can trust that He does.



situation: Joseph and Saul.

Joseph went through some terrible stuff. Betrayed by his brothers. Sold into slavery. Thrown into prison for something he didn't do. For years, nothing in his life made sense. But Joseph trusted God through all of it. And in the end, God used Joseph to save an entire nation. His pain had purpose, even when he couldn't see it.

Saul, on the other hand, didn't wait for God. When things got tough and people pressured him, he panicked. Instead of trusting God's timing, he took control. He made his plan, and it cost him everything. He lost his crown and his future because he couldn't trust the One who gave it to him.

So, what about us?

When life looks messy and confusing, will we have faith in God like Joseph did?

Or will we try to fix it ourselves like Saul, and end up lost and empty?

Today, you have a choice.

Faith may not make everything easy. It may not fix things right away. But it puts your life in the hands of the One who knows exactly what He's doing, even when you don't.

Just because your story looks like a mess right now doesn't mean it's over.

God is still writing it.

**Prayer:** God, sometimes I just don't understand what You're doing. My life feels out of control, and it's hard to see the purpose in it all. But today, I choose to trust You, not just with the easy parts, but with the hard ones too. Help me wait like Joseph. Help me believe you're still working, even when I can't see it. I know you're the Master Engineer. Thank you for loving me through it all. Amen.

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