

Haiti Mission

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1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

Greetings!

It has been a while since our last Newsletter. Our apologies! The delay has been due mostly to the **unrest in Haiti**. It has been **very difficult** to travel to and within Haiti **to help expand the Lord's work, as desired**. Haiti has had its share of trouble throughout the years with various kinds of natural disasters and political unrests, but **never have the people experienced such dark days**. They are going through a very tough time. Please **continue to pray** for Haiti that the political and humanitarian situations may improve and that the people may be able to breathe a sigh of relief. Pray that through all the turmoil God may continue to open doors **for us to help make a difference in the lives of our kids at Notre Maison (the orphanage) and others**, through the various activities of the Haiti Mission.

Please continue to pray for the congregation in Fond-Parisien as they continue to mourn the sudden passing of bro. Moliere. Pray they hold fast to the sound doctrine. I mentioned before that they are surrounded by many false teachings. It is even harder as the majority of the congregation is 30 years of age or younger and some of the false teachings may sound very appealing to the youth. Please also keep me in your prayers, as I continue to travel there, as well as teach and encourage remotely.

Marie and I never stop thinking about the Haiti Mission and how best to go about getting there to help out. **The level of insecurity in the past couple of years has changed the way we now travel to Haiti**. We thought it wise to avoid flying into the capital of Port-au-Prince, and then drive on to Fond-Parisien where the church and Notre Maison are located. It is just too dangerous considering the vicious gangs that operate along that same road. Consequently, we made two trips to Haiti thus far, in April & August of this year, by flying into Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. *(cont'd on Page 6)*



20 Years of Blessings!

First Mission Trip

Time does fly! December 2022 will mark 20 years since our first mission trip in 2002 and the planting of the church of Christ in Fond-Parisien, Haiti.

Saturday Morning Kids club

Several from the community attend the club every week to learn about God and His church, as well as, enjoy some refreshments.

Lakeview Academy School

When it comes to quality, our students are performing either at par or higher than most of the schools in the community.

Notre Maison

In September 2022 we welcomed a new girl named **Jwoonaika**. She is 5 years old. See photo insert

Notre Maison now has 12 children (6 girls and 6 boys).

Future Projects

God willing, we are looking to add a second floor to our little schoolhouse!

See page 4 for more details on the past 20 years of progress and page 5 for future plans



Loveson, Roodeley, Djempsle (left to right)



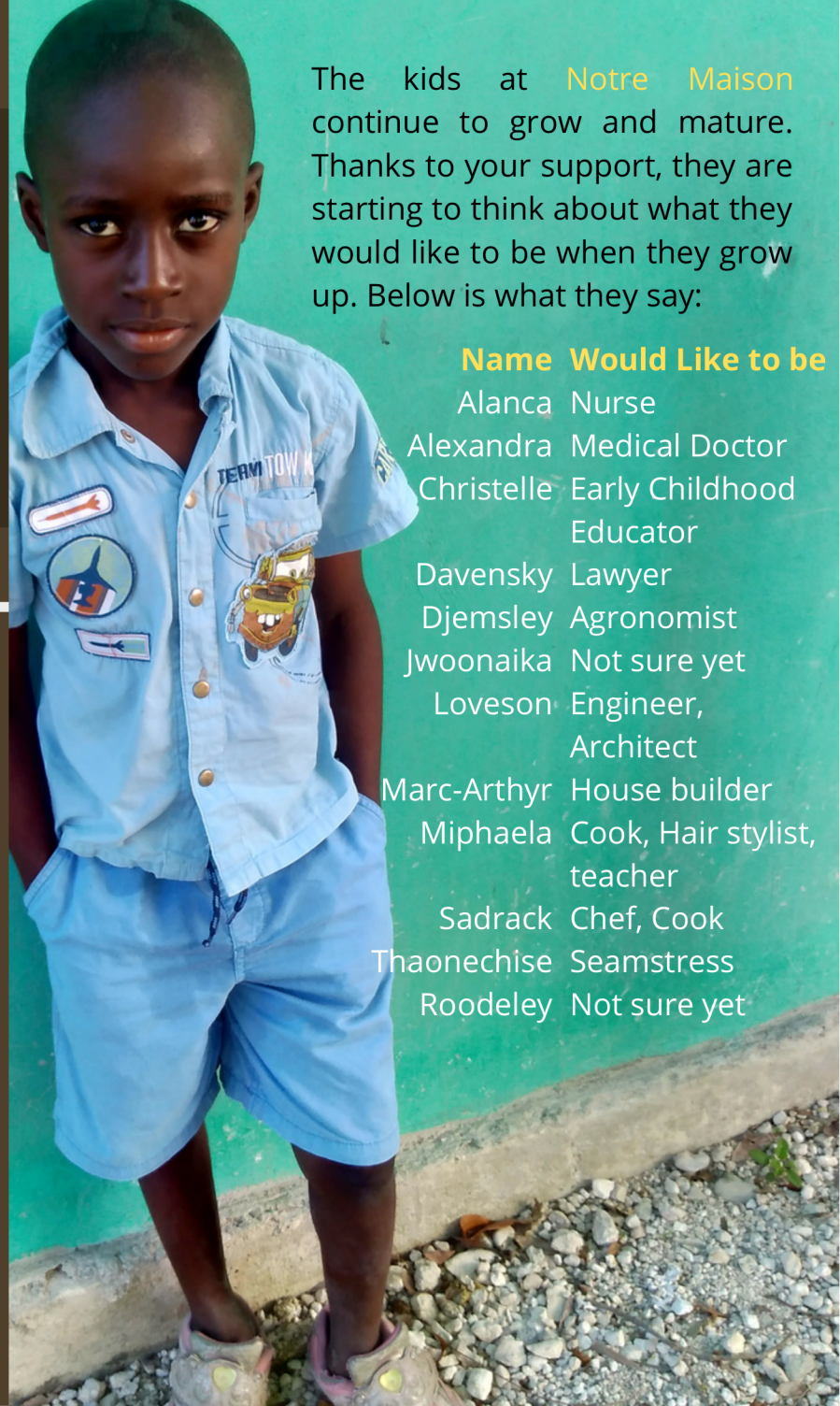
Jwoonaika's Arrival - Sept '22

"being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

Philippians 1:6

What would you like to be when you grow up?

Jeremiah 29:11
For I know the plans that I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.



The kids at **Notre Maison** continue to grow and mature. Thanks to your support, they are starting to think about what they would like to be when they grow up. Below is what they say:

Name	Would Like to be
Alanca	Nurse
Alexandra	Medical Doctor
Christelle	Early Childhood Educator
Davensky	Lawyer
Djemsley	Agronomist
Jwoonaika	Not sure yet
Loveson	Engineer, Architect
Marc-Arthyr	House builder
Miphaela	Cook, Hair stylist, teacher
Sadrack	Chef, Cook
Thaonechise	Seamstress
Roodeley	Not sure yet



20 Years



Bòn fèt!

This December will mark the **20th anniversary of the Haiti Mission**. Our first Haiti Mission trip was December 7 to 26, 2002. It has been 20 years since the church of Christ was established in Fond-Parisien. Since then, **over a hundred souls have been added to the Lord's church**, along with many good deeds helping improve the lives of many in the community as we continue to share the gospel of Christ and His love through venues such as Notre Maison, the little school Lakeview Academy, and the Saturday Kid's club. The Lakeview academy welcomes several children from the community whose parents could not otherwise afford to send them to school. All that without compromising on quality. When it comes to quality, our students are performing at par or higher than most of the schools in the area. This year the school will teach up to grade 6. About **90 children** in total are expected to **attend Lakeview** this year. As such, a new teacher has been hired, bringing the total to **5 teachers**.

Our **Saturday Morning Kids club** allows for good interaction between our children and the children in the community. Indeed, due to God's grace and your generosity, the **Haiti endeavour** has accomplished **a lot of great work over the past 20 years**, and it would have been great to be able to celebrate and **glorify God** for these accomplishments.

However, considering the insecurity, it would be irresponsible to ask anyone to travel to Haiti at this time. Rather, Marie and I will try to go ourselves and help out. God willing, the time will come when many of us will be able to safely go to Haiti again, then we will celebrate accordingly. **Thank-you for your continued prayers and support.**

While the **insecurity in Haiti**, around Port-au-Prince, its surroundings, and especially on the road to Fond-Parisien has had some **secondary effects on the Notre Maison orphanage** (e.g. costs of living skyrocketed), we are not otherwise threatened. **By God's grace, everyone is safe.**

Lakeview Academy School: due to the gangs operating on the road, the contractor was prevented from installing the windows until June 2022. And now God has answered our payers for the possibility to add a second floor to this little school building. The Haitian contractors know how to do that kind of work. So, while we were in Haiti last September, we received several quotes and have selected a contractor. This work is expected to start when we go to Haiti in December, Lord willing.



Planning & Prayers

Projects Planned

Below are other projects planned for the Haiti Mission. Your continued support and prayers are appreciated.

1. Build a couple of cement pews under the big NEEM TREE for the kids to use during Saturday Kids' Club and Sunday school.
Due date: December 2022, Lord willing, if time permits.

2. Purchase swings and dividers (to be shipped in the container).
Due date: tbc - as things improve & Haiti is safer to travel to.

3. Landscaping/Playground: install a couple swings for the children and do some landscaping activities.
Due date: tbc - as things improve & Haiti is safer to travel to.

Prayers asked (Our Needs):

1. Prepare more workers for the Lord's vineyard.
2. Pray that God will send more workers. "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few" (Mathew 9:37)
3. Pray the COVID-19 pandemic will subside & that Jean Volcy is able to spend more time in Haiti to help prepare more workers & advance the Lord's kingdom in Haiti. (In-Progress)
4. Build 4 more classrooms on top of the small 6-room school building. These classrooms are to be used for a Bible school, seminars, etc. (planned for Dec)
5. Pray for the means to be able to welcome more kids to Notre Maison. (In-progress. Welcomed a 5-year-old girl, Jwoonaika in Sept)
6. Pray that we will have the funds required to build these classrooms.
7. Pray that we will be able increase our benevolent efforts in Fonds-Parisien & its surrounding areas. This will help open doors to evangelism.
8. Build cement pews under the big NEEM TREE for use during Saturday Morning Kid's Club & Sunday school.
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Prayers answered:

1. Needed to plant the Church in Fond-Parisien, Haiti. (Done! Dec. 2002)
2. Needed a place of worship; Church Building Erected. (2012)
3. Needed an orphanage building; Orphanage Building completed and "Notre Maison" (Our Home) opened its doors. (2015)
4. Needed a school for the kids; Lakeview Academy opened. (2016)
5. Needed electricity; Solar System received as a donation. (2017)
6. Needed classrooms for the kids; 6 classrooms completed. (2018)
7. Needed to replace the latrines. Purchased/installed e-Toilets from India (2019)
8. Needed safety from the COVID-19; Everyone is safe. Praise God!

IN CLOSING

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From there we rented a car and sourced someone we trusted in the DR to drive us to the Haitian border. We would meet up with someone from Haiti who could drive us the rest of the way. However, since it takes approximately 6 hours to drive from the Santo Domingo airport to the border and the border closes at 5 PM, we were not able to make it there before they close. We had to stay at a hotel for the night and cross the border in the morning. We repeat this exercise when it is time to return to Canada. It takes 4 days of travel, 4 days of car rental and 2 nights of hotel for each trip. So, as you can imagine, it is a very tiring, very time-consuming and a very costly way to travel. However, while it is very tiring and expensive to go through the DR, and while the DR may not be the safest place on earth, it is safer than Haiti at this time, thus a safer way to travel now. **Please pray that things will return to some level of normalcy in Haiti and people can return freely to their usual activities.** ~ Jean Volcy

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