

## HISTORY AND MISSION

In 2004, Bonnie and Gil Bailie met a young man, Daniel Michel. Daniel grew up in an orphanage in Haiti and taught himself how to read and write in both English and French. He shared his desire to start a Christian school in his village.

Two years later in 2006, the Bailie's founded Schools for Haiti opening the first school with 12 students. This year, Schools for Haiti will support more than 1,700 students in nine schools with a free, quality Christian education and a nutritious meal served every school day. In addition, it will help support two orphanages.

Many of the children in our schools live in poorly made houses with dirt floors, no electricity or bathrooms, and often go to bed hungry at night. Schools for Haiti makes it possible for these children to attend school and create the opportunity for a brighter future.

Schools for Haiti maintains four primary goals for the children in our schools:

- To acquire a quality education
- To believe in themselves and their ability to attain their dreams
- To learn the English language to open new opportunities
- To create a personal relationship with God and Jesus Christ

It is our hope that more people will become involved and support our schools. We firmly believe that we are making a difference in the lives of children, and they will make a difference in the future of Haiti.

## WHY HELP CHILDREN IN HAITI

Haiti, less than 700 miles from the United States, is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere and the third poorest country in the world. Despite the socio-economic differences, children in Haiti are similar to children in the U.S. They are smart, happy, polite, respectful and thankful for what they receive. However, there is one major difference that sets these children apart: Education.

Additionally, the United States government offers over 70 programs to assist the poor such as a nutrition assistance program, public health care, aid to families, emergency food and shelter programs, public housing, Head Start Program, Medicaid, Medicare and Job Corps just to name a few.

The Haitian government has no such programs to help the poor. Although the Haitian government has advocated the creation of a free, public and universal education system for all primary school-aged students, there is no funding program

in place now or in the near future to provide a free public education. This is where Schools for Haiti and the generosity of sponsors makes a difference.

## STATISTICS ON HAITI

The alarming statistics below make it easy to understand why the children in Haiti need support.

- The enrollment rate for primary school in Haiti is 57%, and fewer than 30% reach sixth grade.
- International private schools run by U.S., Canadian & French charities and churches educate 90% of the students in Haiti.
- Only 10% of Haitian children go to high school.
- The literacy rate is 60.1% compared to the world average of 86.2% (2016) and 99% in the U.S. (2014).
- Haiti ranks 177 out of 186 countries in the world for national spending on education.
- Most of Haiti's 10 million people live on less than \$3.00 a day.
- There are over 400,000 children without parents.
- One out of seven children will die before the age of six.
- The unemployment rate is currently 70%.
- 54% of Haiti's people live in abject poverty.

## LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

Thanks to the continued and generous support from our donors, we have been able to make improvements to all of our schools and acquire two new schools which lost their original funding and were on the verge of closing. With the addition of **The Alyssa Marie School** and **The Rock School**, Schools for Haiti now manages a total of nine schools.

**The Alyssa Marie School**, with large classrooms and a soccer field located in Pierre Payen, is supported by Jim Powers, owner of Ten Performance, a business in the Tampa Bay area. Since taking it over, we have built a new kitchen and repainted the school inside and out. Later this year, a purified water system and a solar system will be added.



**The Rock School**, located in Montrouis, is supported by Cindy and Matt White from Tampa, Florida. The school has large classrooms, a basketball court and a purified water system. Since taking it over, we have built a kitchen and refurbished the bathrooms.



**The Kelly School**, also referred to as The Mountain School, received a clean water system. In addition, the original classroom, the principal's office and library received a new roof. This school is supported by Musee Bath, LLC, a cottage business in Mississippi.



**The Grace Christian School** supported by Grace Family Church in Tampa, Florida and **The Hope School**, supported by Chesapeake Christian Fellowship located in Maryland, received new solar systems. **The Sharpe Christian Academy** supported by Mike and Marna Sharpe will receive a solar system and new bathrooms later this year.

## EDUCATIONAL VISION CENTER

Construction has begun on our **NEW** self-sustaining vision center which will include Phillip Elementary school, Wisconsin High School, a children's infirmary, a children's home, a kitchen, a community center with a culinary teaching kitchen, and a 14 room Mission House which will accommodate mission team groups. Funding is needed to make the \$1.4 million Educational Vision Center a reality.

## MISSION AND VISION TRIPS

There are currently six mission and six vision trips planned for the remainder of 2018 and more in 2019. Anyone interested in participating, please contact Gil Bailie at:

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