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Dear Help for Haiti Supporters,

This year Help for Haiti has made some exciting progress despite the current political unrest Haiti is now facing. From developing an adult entrepreneurship program for rural Marmelade to raising funds for a new roof, solar panels and restored latrine matched by the Sasser foundation; we are seeing visions come to reality. We are looking forward to introducing technology such as computers to support further growth and development for our students and teachers, creating a soccer program to encourage academic achievement and continuing to support the small businesses that have been established through the Fulton Center.

You have all played a major part in making these visions become realities and in supporting the needs of the communities we serve. We are happy to share these stories with you as the year comes to a close! We also want to share a great need to support our teachers through the current crisis Haiti is facing.

With gratitude and hope,
Your Help for Haiti Team

Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon.

— Isaiah 58:10



Mission

Help for Haiti's vision is to empower the communities we serve in Northern Haiti. Our three foundational initiatives are to feed, educate and employ in the interest of supporting self-sufficiency.



FEED

over 1,700,000 hot meals served to our school kids.



EDUCATE

480 kids attending our two schools.




EMPLOY

Over 100 entrepreneurs lifted out of poverty.

A financial invitation to partner with Help for Haiti in a time of crisis...

Unrest in Haiti has been escalating since the assassination of former President Jovenel Moïse last year. With inflation skyrocketing and gang violence increasing, Haiti is facing a severe humanitarian crisis. Food, water and fuel shortages have created unsafe conditions for our teachers and students. As a result, schools throughout Haiti were temporarily closed this past September and are just starting to re-open as of December. Teachers were left abruptly without income to support their households, and students were left without the resources and support the school day provides. Our teachers rely on their pay to feed themselves and their families, and this sudden withdrawal of income is devastating to the communities where we serve.

- **Help for Haiti is working to provide financial support to our teachers and students through this crisis. We wish to provide 100% of tuition upon reopening as relief for our students, parents and teachers. The estimated monthly cost to assist both schools is \$8,500 per month.**

A young girl with a large pink bow in her hair, wearing a pink dress, is smiling warmly at the camera. In the background, another child is visible, and there are some items on a table, possibly in a classroom or school setting.

Yet we don't see ourselves as capable enough to do anything in our own strength, for our true competence flows from God's empowering presence.

– 2 Corinthians 3:5



Prayer, Patience & Perseverance.

These three words have sustained me since becoming Executive Director, living in Cap Haitien. They speak to how most Haitians survive and even thrive in difficult times. Jim and I remind each other to pray, to be patient and to persevere- just keep moving forward.

*Jim and I have worked together now for over three years, and he told me when I took the position that changing the lives of 500 kids was not an easy task. It is a 'God sized task' and I am humbled by how dependent I am on Him to do this work. Yet, my faith has grown as I learn to depend more and more each day on God. Jim and I finish almost every meeting reminding each other that all things are possible through **prayer**. It sustains me in the most difficult times and reminds me I am not alone. Jim has taught me that prayer with action and confidence in God is a powerful force. When I get up each morning to face another day, I am reminded that things move more slowly in Haiti. Patience is not an empty virtue when we support parents who are really struggling to get by or teachers who lack training. Patience means to measure our progress in small gains. This brings me to **perseverance**. While this has been a rather difficult year we have persevered and have made progress on many initiatives. God has blessed our work and we are thankful.*

So we ask you as this year comes to a close to join us in prayer for the year ahead. To remain patient as Haiti works through this difficult period- it will. And with us press on, to persevere. Jim and I remind each other frequently that the very act of prayer combined with a dose of patience and a will to persevere lets God do His thing through us and in us.

Please donate if you can as 2022 comes to a close. I thank you from the bottom of my heart,

*Johanne Méléance
Executive Director*



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2022 Highlights



One Hen Adult Education in Marmelade:

Our Director of Operations and Human Resources, Smith Joseph has designed a special Adult Education program for Marmelade by combining our One Hen program with a business model for rural and impoverished communities using the Village Savings and Loan Association (VSLA).

The VSLA model creates a safe place to store money communally as to build funds to support the development of small local businesses and provide the funding to support them. Smith has been leading 125 adults, many of which are illiterate in identifying needs within their community and providing training in creating business plans as solutions.

Smith says the goal is for these adults “to take their destiny into their own hands,” Help for Haiti’s vision is to accompany our participants “to help them, help themselves.”

Sasser Foundation Match:

The Sasser Family Foundation granted Help for Haiti funding for two key projects for our school in Marmelade; 1) for a new roof and solar panels and 2) for new bathroom facilities.

In an effort to further support our funding Fred and Pam Sasser presented Help for Haiti with a matching challenge that was presented at our Gala, celebrating 12 years and we are delighted to report that with your help we met the match!!! We offer a warm and grateful thank you to Pam and Fred as well as to those who helped us meet our goal. We are looking forward to introducing computer technology at the completion of these projects.

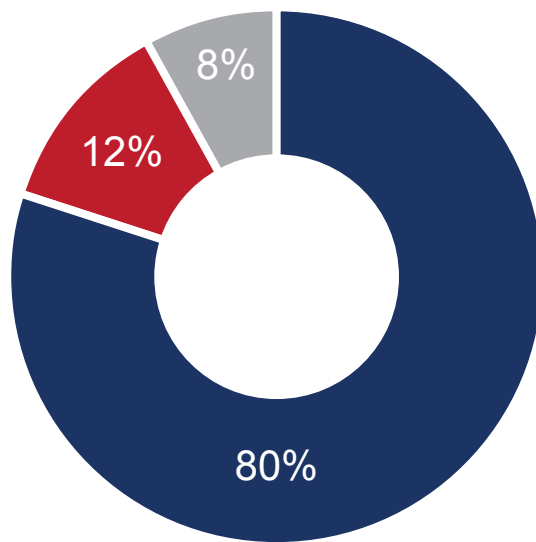
Bibles:

Help for Haiti has begun an initiative to support the founding Pastors of our two schools in their goal of reaching every child for Jesus Christ. Help for Haiti is working to provide Bibles and age-appropriate Bible education to every child in our two schools!

Soccer Program:

Many of our students are highly motivated to play soccer! We have been dreaming up a reward program that encourages our students to value their work ethic and grades as a means to earn a spot on soccer teams. Help for Haiti has plans to restore the soccer field that currently shows signs of wear and tear and to create some friendly competition among our students.

Financials



● Program Spending ● Operations ● Fundraising

Thank You to our Major Supporters!

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- > The Ansara Family Fund
- > CanEducate
- > Sasser Family Foundation
- > Feed My Starving Children

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