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2021. Where do I start? Love it. Hate it. For better or worse. COVID. Political corruption in so many ways. Lock downs. Face masks. C-I-o-s-e your eyes. Take a really deep breath. Let the breath of God breathe new life all the way down into your soul. Isaiah 26:3 reminds us, “You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.” In the days and times we are living in, trust is a scarce commodity. But God... Amazing how God’s word keeps bringing us back to the basics when the jumbled puzzle pieces of our lives get seemingly lost in the roaring tornado-like whirlwind and chaos around us. Trust God!

2021 was another year in which WE had planned to do many different and exciting things— medical trip, construction trip, etc. Never happened. Ah yes! God’s word. Proverbs 19:21 puts things in perspective. “Many are the plans in the mind of man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand.” With a final look back at our exodus from 2021, there’s no doubt in my mind that He was there all the time. Never quit. Don’t ever give up. Fight the good fight. The best is yet to come! If God is for us, who can be against us? Because He lives in us, we are more than conquerors.

Jenn

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From Our Founder...

2021 Capsule Review

- March Haiti Trip: March was our only trip in 2021 because of the increased political and civil unrest. We brought lots of school supplies and provided Vacation Bible School supplies for 3 days (see page 3).
- March: Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at The Encounter Church in Kenosha.
- Attended Spring event at Oak Creek Assembly of God church to raise funds and raise awareness.
- March: Sorbonne Academy Nutrition Center is officially funded! (YES ALL \$22,500) Sarah Fischer, a senior at Christian Life school, held her fundraiser at Texas Roadhouse last night. She had several outside donors that had already offered to match anything she raised, as well as generous family and friends.
- Completed the digging of 2 brand new water wells against all odds (see page 4).
- Started and completed construction of 2 new classrooms on the 2nd story of the existing classroom building (see pages 5 and 6).
- Started and completed the Sorbonne Academy Nutrition Center (see page 6).
- Academy enrolled an additional 50 students.
- Jenn spoke in Racine, WI at the Racine Christian Reformed Church to tell the Operation Outpour story.



- Attended fall event at Oak Creek Assembly of God church to raise funds and awareness.
- December: Giving Tuesday — We were able to bless every student/ staff and family with our Giving Tuesday donations. As well as purchase 2 more swing sets for the kids to enjoy.
- Attended the Joy Christmas Festival at Oak Creek Assembly of God church to raise funds and awareness.

In November 2020, we launched our school sponsorship program, where currently half of our kids are sponsored. You can visit OutpourKids.org to take a look at the children that still need a sponsor!

During a year with multiple cancelled fundraisers, God not only met our needs, but exceeded them more than we could have ever imagined!

Looking Ahead In 2022

2022 Goals:

- All students sponsored (\$50 per month).
- Current school enrollment is 150 students and growing.
- Medical mission trips/ new partnerships.
- Kindergarten building completed by fall school term. This building will have three classrooms for our 3K, 4K, and 5K children, as well as an office for the teachers.



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March 2021 Haiti Trip

The one and only trip for the year, was the March trip that Jenn, her husband Greg, and a group of students from Moody Bible Institute and Racine Christian Reformed Church. One of the students is shown below blowing up beach balls for the kids. The cement slab she is seated on is the new slab for the (now completed) Nutrition Center. Much needed school supplies were welcomed by both teachers and students alike, as were the vacation bible school supplies. Your prayerful support is making an immeasurable difference in the lives of every child. Thank you!



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School Christmas Party *(continued from front cover)*

The Sorbonne School Christmas party is always one of the highlights of the year. This year it was held in the brand new Nutrition Center. It's an exciting time for students and teachers alike. The kids all received a Christmas gift (see photo below). The school cooks served everyone Christmas dinner. The hardworking school staff received a Christmas bonus as well.



Water, Water Everywhere ...

Haiti is an island surrounded by water and yet fresh water is in critically short supply. In late 2020, Operation Outpour received donations to dig two water wells to supply fresh, clean water for the Haiti school. Due to a myriad of reasons, the wells could not be finished until mid 2021. Heavy mechanical well digging equipment could not be used because of soil conditions. As a result, both wells were dug by hand. Political and civil unrest led to further construction delays.

Finally, the day arrived when the well was completed. As you can see from the pictures, news travels fast. Soon, the kids, the school, and the surrounding community was taking advantage of the new safe water source. This was only made possible by you, our faithful partners and God's multiplying hands.



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2 More Classrooms Added

At the end of 2020, Sorbonne Academy consisted of a total of 6 classrooms. Only two of the 2nd story classrooms were completed, as see in the picture on the right. In 2021, the decision was made to complete the additional two 2nd story classrooms. Once again, the phenomenal Haitian craftsmen went to work, under the direction of Mr. Ron Watson, our mega-faithful ministry partner, on the ground in Haiti. With the ongoing political and civil unrest throughout the year, it was uncertain if the classrooms would be completed by the start of the 2021-22 school year.

But God is faithful and His favor prevailed. The construction crews worked feverishly through the chaos, the riots, the mayhem, and the heat. The fruit of their labors can be seen in the middle right picture. The additional two 2nd story classrooms were completed in time for the 2021-22 school year. Completion of the two classrooms also meant that the school would be able to admit more students for the new school term. Another shout out to YOU, our faithful compassionate partners, who share our vision to make a difference in the lives of these children. Thank you.



No Rest For the Weary ...

With a rapidly growing school enrollment, it quickly became blatantly apparent that Sorbonne Academy would require a facility to cook and feed our young students. Lacking a kitchen facility, food was being prepared in the kitchen of Mr. Ron Watson's home and transported to the school at lunch time.

At the time that the prayerful decision was made to start construction of Sorbonne's Nutrition Center, Operation Outpour only had enough funds to build the foundation and floor of the facility. Then, God showed up and literally overnight, the entire Nutrition Center project was 100% funded. We were stunned. One baby step in faith by us; one ground shaking miracle by our King of Kings.

The pictures to the left illustrate construction progress of the nutrition center. The top picture shows the completed foundation. The middle and lower pictures show the walls being constructed for the kitchen area. The open slab area to the left of the kitchen provides open-air sheltered seating for students.

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Nutrition Center

On this page, you can see the finished Nutrition Center (above), along with the hard-working kitchen staff preparing another meal for the students.

From one project to the next, we cannot help but stand in awe of what our miracle working God can do and continues to do. This journey has only been made possible by massive teamwork effort from you, our faithful partners, the



GIVING TUESDAY

The December Giving Tuesday fundraiser was a huge success. Your donations made it possible to bless every student with gifts like those pictured below. School staff members received a monetary Christmas gift. Food gift baskets were provided for all of the school children's families.

In addition, your generous donations enabled us to purchase two more swing sets for the kids to enjoy.



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Green Zone

Sorbonne Christian Academy's sustainable gardening project continues to exceed all expectations under the very capable guidance and expertise of Zamor, our onsite permaculture and sustainable farming expert. The garden produces a variety of tropical fruits and vegetables, like mango, guava, and sweet potatoes, among others. A combination of drip irrigation and natural rainfall provides moisture for the plants. Some of the parents in the community are hired to sell some of the produce. The parents earn some income. The school earns some income and the children have a steady supply of produce for meals. Zamor (in photo at top left), and his helpers (in photos to the right and bottom), work relentlessly to maintain the crops and teach the local community sustainable farming techniques. The gardens also serve as a valuable teaching tool for students.



We still need child sponsors as the school attendance continues to grow. Sponsorships are \$50 per month per student and pay for food, supplies, and all expenses of operating the school. If you or someone you know would like to share our vision and mission by supporting a child, please visit OutpourKids.org to journey with us and change the world one child at a time. Your donations are fully tax deductible. Operation Outpour is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Thank you.

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