

LOVE HAITI NEWS

Operation Outpour Newsletter

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From Our Founder Year In Review

I really don't have the adequate words to express my genuine appreciation and gratitude for your continued faithful support. 2022 brought its own unique difficulties both for me personally as well as the ministry. Due to the increased gang violence in Port Au Prince, it was the first year I was not able to be in Haiti since we arrived there

ten years ago with only a dream and a heart to serve.

The beauty of it all? God is still sovereign and very much in control! None of this takes him by surprise! As you read on in this newsletter MUCH was still accomplished for HIS glory! What the enemy means for evil God will bring goodness! I look ahead to 2023 with great anticipation and excitement at what He will continue to do!



Jenn Douma, Founder

Goals for 2023

- Completion of the kindergarten building.
- Land acquisition
- Clinic project
- Addition to kindergarten building
- High School project

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope in the power of the Holy spirit.

Romans 15:13



And the King will say, "I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!" Matthew 25:40

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Christmas Bash

Everyone loves Christmas. We love it. And it's so true that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Along with you, we are beyond blessed to be able to give to so many who live daily in poverty. Operation Outpour is only able to give to these precious kids because of your compassion and



generosity. The gratitude expressed by these families brings tears to our eyes. The smiles and heartfelt thanks is priceless.

More than 70% of the Haiti population live below the poverty line, while approximately 50% live on less than \$1.25 per day. (bti-project.org).

The political and civil unrest this past year in Haiti (and across the planet) has made it nearly impossible for families to carry on normal daily lives. With the street gangs and rioters everywhere, many people were unable to even get to their jobs in a desperate effort to provide for their families.

Christmas Gift Baskets given to many grateful families.

Along with the Haitian crisis, the poor living conditions created a widespread cholera outbreak and severe hunger. Even fresh water was in short supply.

Pictured on the right and below, are some of the families that received Christmas baskets.

Christmas was merrier and brighter for many families last year in what was an extremely difficult year for all of Haiti. And you made it possible. You were the change.



Some of the families that received Christmas baskets.



More grateful families whose Christmas was made merrier by your gifts.

Editorial

As 2022 fades in the distance, many folks are asking themselves, "what will the new year bring? Just more of the same?" From what I am seeing, reading, and hearing, 2023 will bring many changes—for the good of all mankind. Some will be shocking and eye-opening. But the best really is yet to come. Our nation will return to God and be made whole again like never before. Peace will return. Don't lose hope. There is a plan being executed right now as you read this. Trust the plan. Keep looking up. God is still very much in control. He always has been. He will never leave us or forsake us. We will see restoration in our nation and the world. It will be a safer place for every man, woman, and child. Keep your eyes open. Be encouraged. The best is yet to come!

Gerry Bonn

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Through It All—New Kindergarten Building

As incredible as it sounds, Operation Outpour and the board decided to move ahead with the construction of a new Kindergarten building. That was at the end of January 2022—last year. It was shortly after that that all of the political and civil issues began to break out. There were gang riots due to high gas and diesel prices. Unrest grew to the point that Haiti requested foreign military assistance to assist with restoring some semblance of law and order.



Work begins on the new kindergarten building despite unavailability of building materials.

Pictured on the left, concrete blocks and mortar finally arrived and construction on the new kindergarten building got underway. Hardworking Haitian trades men never fail to impress us with their skill, hard work and resourcefulness. Pictured on the right, you can see the carefully formed rebar and masonry walls as construction is in full swing. The school, Sorbonne Academy, is extremely fortunate to have the two fresh water wells that were previously drilled. Water is a critical component for mixing the mortar to build the walls.

To add to the many problems, Haiti is still without an elected president.

Supply chain issues also contributed to construction delays. Main roads were barricaded and some even trenched across to prevent normal travel. Trucks needed to deliver construction supplies were unable to buy fuel for some time. That resulted in additional delays. In addition, rampant inflation in excess of 20% resulted in a significant increase in the cost of materials.



Work has begun and the walls are beginning to take shape.

In the picture below left, the walls have been completed and the rebar has been installed in preparation for the concrete roof. The photo below right shows the new kindergarten building nearly completed. Painting will be completed shortly and the building will be ready for students. And that's a good thing, because student enrollment for the current



Rooftop view of construction

school year stands at approximately 175 students. You've been faithful. God is faithful. We've been placed here for such a time as this. We appreciate all of you!



Kindergarten nearly completed

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Ag Program—Growing Strong

Experts claim that only 11.3% of Haiti’s land is suitable for agriculture. Due to heavy deforestation and lack of land conservation practices, soil erosion continues to be an ongoing issue. Haiti relies upon imports for about half of its food needs and 80% of its rice. The country has a tropical climate with two rainy seasons per year.



Haiti exports several types of crops—mangoes, cacao, coffee, papayas, etc. However, ag products comprise only about 6% of all exports.

We are still so very blessed to have skilled farming resources at Sorbonne Academy, headed by master farmer Zamora, along with his dedicated crew. We are so very grateful for the

continued faithful support of Durham Evangelical Church in New Hampshire, who has provided funding for this life sustaining project. It continues to provide food for Sorbonne students and their families.

Sorbonne Academy is also fortunate to be adjacent to the Riviere de Fer a Cheval. The river is a source of irrigation water, when required, for growing crops.

Pictured to the right is a sample of some of the healthy vegetables grown by the farmers at Sorbonne. Sustainable farming practices are ensuring that the land will continue to produce crops for many, many years.



Thank You Sorbonne Christian Academy Staff

As the saying goes, it takes a village to run a growing school. And Sorbonne Academy is no exception. With a school enrollment of about 175 students, the teaching and admin staff is doing a phenomenal job as they make a difference in the children’s lives everyday. They work tirelessly and we want to thank them—Ron Watson, every teacher, admin, food service personnel, janitor, guards, principal, farmers. With them and their dedication these kids can be all they dream of becoming. Their future is bright. Haiti’s future is bright. We will never stop thanking you for making this a reality.



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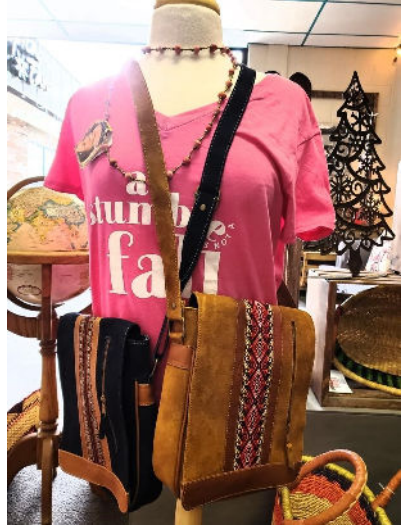
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