

Dear Friend in Christ,

Through your gracious partnership, lives are being transformed.

Our God is raining down His love on the people of Haiti both physically and spiritually. For all you do, thank you.

I hope that what I am about to share will be an encouragement to you—**two** reports and **two** opportunities to see many more lives transformed.

➤ First, a few weeks ago I was blessed to spend time in Haiti with Ezekiel, a former student at one of MTH's 15 schools, the Bonnette School. He started as a tiny first grader, found the Lord, and is now the principal (see the picture, a life totally transformed!).

This young leader serves with fervor and love for his students. He knows that his life was saved and greatly influenced by his Christian education—made possible by your partnership.

Besides leading the school, Ezekiel is addressing other needs of his students and their families. The students have planted and are maintaining a garden, learning agriculture—a struggling trade in the area as water is scarce. They are learning principles of hygiene, nutrition, and through MTH programs, economic trades to become self-sustaining.

And this summer, he is again holding a Bible school to lead more students to Christ, keeping his kids involved during summer break. This young man is a true shepherd, influencing the hearts and minds of his students, and thus their families.

This is exciting: when he became principal, the school's enrollment started to increase. It's gone from 170 students to 400! His primary focus: ***"Through education, that my students will be saved, and their lives and futures transformed for God's greater purposes."*** For what you have done for this young man, I cannot thank you enough! He is just one of hundreds touched by your prayers and giving.



Once just another small boy of poverty given a chance at the Bonnette School, Ezekiel now leads the same school as the principal. His love for his students shines through his contagious smile! He is a beautiful example of how your giving and prayers are multiplying in Haiti. Thank you for helping Ezekiel lead the children to a brighter future!

As we talked, Ezekiel was overjoyed to share with me all that your support for the school means to him. He said your partnership greatly motivates him, a key reason why he is putting all of his efforts into reaching more students. He wants the Bonnette School to be filled with children who will become beacons of light and hope to their community, channeled away from gangs, Voodoo, poverty, and sin—redirected to lives of righteousness and responsibility.



In American schools, each student has a desk. In Haiti, they often share! Conditions are crowded. Three dozen desks just like this one are needed for the Bonnette School in anticipation of the influx of new students in the fall. We have found a local tradesman who will custom build sturdy desks for \$165. Without enough desks, students must do their studies in crowded conditions, sitting on the floor, a chair, a bench without a workspace, or be forced into a corner, writing on a box, or the back of a book. The impact on their studies is obvious.

This brings me to that first opportunity I want to share. The student enrollment is growing, with more expected for the fall semester. But there is a hurdle to overcome, a desperate need:

DESKS FOR THE STUDENTS... THERE AREN'T ENOUGH!

They need 36 additional desks for these up-and-coming students. Now, it's always been MTH's desire to utilize and bless local Haitian workers and businesses as we address needs, to help those within Haiti. Accordingly, we have found a Haitian carpenter who can assemble beautiful, sturdy, finished desks for \$165 each.

Each desk will have a large top (work area), a strong bench, and be built on a steel frame. And now is the time to order and build them, before the next semester begins. A total of \$5,940 is needed, 36 new desks for the Bonnette school. More about that opportunity in a moment.

➤ Here's the second report and opportunity: I want to tell you about young Sandie and her mother, Mildred. Sandie has been attending an MTH school since preschool and is currently in the fourth grade. Mildred recently reached out to MTH, but in distress. The room which she shared with her two children was in terrible shape—a dilapidated roof that leaked every time it rained. Everything inside would be soaked, sometimes even Sandie's school things.

I am so happy to report that Sandie's sponsor intervened, providing a year's rent so Mildred and her children could move to a much better situation, without a leaking roof! All it took was \$425 for one year of rent! The three of them are now safely in their new home, close to the school where Sandie is excelling in her studies!

When I talked with Mildred in her new home, she was so happy, as was Sandie who feels so loved (see the photo on the next page)—both relieved to be living in a much better place, and close to Sandie's school. But there is more to their story.

You see, Mildred could have lost her life in the great earthquake of 2010. The Lord spared her

and saved her soul. Her husband has since passed away. Today, Mildred is a single parent raising two children, acutely aware of the blessings her family has received, especially from MTH's child sponsorship program. She told me: ***"Sponsorship (for Sandie) has brought so many blessings into our lives. My children have food when they get up because they go to school. God has used this sponsorship to show us He is real AND good!"***

As you know, sponsorship accomplishes much—monthly provisions, food, encouragement and letters, prayers and gifts sent by their sponsors. Whole families benefit. So, you can imagine just how much those sponsors (you!) mean to each child and parent. Mildred also shared that she is anxiously awaiting word that a sponsor has been found for Sandie's sister, Loudmia, who also attends an MTH school.

If you would like to help sponsor Loudmia or another needy child, please note your desire on the enclosed response card. The majority of MTH school children do not have a sponsor.

You can visit missiontohaiti.org where you'll find complete information on children waiting for a sponsor, the joy of hearing that someone in the U.S. or Canada will be their sponsor, even across the miles. All it takes is \$35 per month and offers great benefits, not just to the sponsored child, but also their families ... and to you! You'll make a waiting child very happy. And perhaps they'll become a leader like Ezekiel, helping to transform their nation for Christ.

One more word from Mildred: She told me how difficult her life has been, with many struggles. As a widowed mother, going it alone, she said, ***"No matter how bad things get, God always puts someone in my path to help,"*** like the angel who provided a year's rent! Sandie's sponsor is among those angels. Thank you for being God's hands of mercy.

As you are aware, drugs, gangs, Voodoo, and prostitution are common pitfalls awaiting the youth in Haiti. A common home situation is a single parent raising children in poverty. But a Christian education, being sponsored, receiving nutritious food, prayer and the power of God can channel these children away from the spiritual darkness.

Seeing all that God has done, how He has worked through your partnership, would you be moved to help see the lives of many more Haitian children transformed?

Perhaps you have the financial ability to provide one desk for a gift of \$165, two desks for \$330 or five desks for a gift of \$825, giving educational advantages to many, many children.



This is Mildred and her daughter, Sandie, in the doorway of their new home. Haitian housing is very simple by American standards, but their new home is far better, with a roof that doesn't leak! Praise be to God and many thanks to the MTH sponsor who provided one year of rent. This family is so grateful.



Many children must do their studies on whatever "desk" they can find. Poverty is everywhere. Would you feel led to help provide one of the 36 desks that are urgently needed for the Bonnette school? The children will be blessed indeed. You can provide one desk for a gift of \$165.

And do consider becoming a child sponsor. Many children await having their own. If you already sponsor one child, would God lead you to sponsor two? If you currently sponsor four children, could you pray about adding one more? **Remember, it just takes \$35 per month. You will be making the difference for a little one and their family, a difference that could last a lifetime and beyond, into eternity.**

For all you do, I am most grateful. It is our honor to serve as your arms of love for the people of Haiti. May God bless you as together we embrace these precious people with the light of His grace.

For the People of Haiti,

Bill Nealey, Jr.
Executive Director
Mission To Haiti

P.S. I hope my letter has encouraged you. God truly has His hand on the children of Haiti. You are feeding them, providing housing, education, and leading them to Christ. But thousands more are yet to be reached. A significant number of children await a sponsor. As soon as the needed funds are received, more children and young people can be influenced for the Kingdom. You can designate your gift to feed children, begin sponsoring a child, or supply one or more school desks. At least 36 desks need to be built this summer, in time for the fall semester (a total of \$5,940). So, if you can, please send your gift by July 30, 2022, I will be most grateful. You can give your gift via credit card at www.missiontohaiti.org/shinelight or by calling (305) 823-7516. And please free to call me with any questions you may have.