

An Invitation

For many people, Haiti is known only through headlines. Earthquakes. Hurricanes. Political unrest. Poverty.

For those who have walked these mountains and dusty roads for years, Haiti is something else entirely.

- It is the sound of children laughing outside a school that did not exist a generation ago.
- It is women carrying clean water home for the first time.
- It is young men and women pursuing an education because someone thousands of miles away believed their life mattered.
- It is prayer whispered in chapels without electricity.
- It is resilience that refuses to surrender.

For more than two decades, Holy Spirit Haiti Mission has been blessed to walk beside the people of Haiti — not as rescuers, but as friends, brothers, sisters, and fellow pilgrims in faith.

This documentary is simply an invitation. An invitation to meet the people whose lives have become forever intertwined with ours. An invitation to hear their voices, witness their faith, and understand the quiet dignity with which they continue to face each new mountain before them.

In Haiti, hope rarely arrives all at once.



Dèyè mòn gen mòn
Beyond mountains there are mountains

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There Are Mountains Beyond Mountains

“Deye mon gen mon” is a Haitian proverb that means “Beyond Mountains there are Mountains”. It reminds us that every challenge reveals another mountain beyond it. It reminds us that every challenge reveals another challenge and the journey continues.

Looking around this room many of you have been walking with us in Haiti for a very long time.

- Some of you have sponsored children.
- Some have helped build schools.
- Some helped provide clean water.
- Some have dug wells.
- And some of you quietly give every month and probably have no idea how many lives you’ve touched.

Tonight is not about reports or statistics. It’s about people.

It’s about introducing you to the people who pray for you, love you, and speak about “the Haiti Mission family” as though you’ve lived next door to them all your lives.

We simply want to give you a glimpse into the lives you have changed. Regarding the videos we ask you to not just listen to the words... but to the gratitude that is behind them.

One thing we’ve learned over the years is **hope** looks different in Haiti.

Sometimes hope is tuition.

Sometimes it’s clean water.

Sometimes it’s simply knowing someone has not forgotten you.



Notre Dame de la Charite Orphanage

The first story comes from Notre Dame de la Charité Orphanage. Many of you have supported this orphanage for years, but what you may not realize is how small it started.

Three children. That was it. Three children and one woman trying to care for them with almost nothing except faith and determination.

And somewhere along the way... God allowed our paths to cross.

Bob met Eliane more than twenty years ago, and in all honesty, thought we were going there to help St Rose de Lima church in Leogane -- but God had other plans.

The orphanage children became family.

Continue on to read the story in Eliane's own words.



From Left

**Eliane Mother of
NDC Orphanage**

Bertone

Ashley - 8

Cliphane - 14

Ange Walnaika - 15

Eliane's Story

In 2002, the Notre Dame de la Charité orphanage began with three children: Nerline Latouche, Sarangie Brutus, and Roseline Joseph. We were living in Sigueneau, and it was I who worked every day to meet all their needs—paying for school, buying clothes and sandals, and providing food. Despite the difficulties, we moved forward with faith. Every day we prayed together, and I remained constantly present so that they would feel loved, protected, and safe. Over time, the number of children grew, increasing by thirteen more, bringing the total to sixteen children under my care.

Between 2003 and 2004, I met Mr. Bob. For us, it was as if God Himself had placed him in our path to reach out and support the children. From that day on, he never stopped accompanying us with generosity and love. Every month, Mr. Bob sent money to pay for the children's schooling, their clothes, their sandals, and their food. He did not only take care of essential needs—he also sent money so we could organize celebrations and give the children gifts. Thanks to him, the children lived each day with joy and dignity. I asked them to pray not only for themselves, but also for Mr. Bob, because we knew that God had sent him into our lives when we needed help the most.

Then came the terrible earthquake of January 12, 2010. The house we were living in collapsed. By the grace of God, no child died, although some were injured. It was an immense blessing after this tragedy. With Mr. Bob's support, we left Sigueneau and moved to Haut-Mithon. He purchased the building where the school is located—one part for classrooms and the other for our living space.

During this time, more children joined our family. Mr. Bob continued to help us more and more each day, but thanks to God, he was not alone. The Holy Spirit Haiti Mission also walked alongside us with great generosity and solidarity. We will never have enough words to thank Mr. Bob and all the members of Holy Spirit Haiti Mission for everything they have done for us.

After purchasing the first school building, Mr. Bob bought another piece of land for us and financed the construction of our new home. Before we moved in, he even organized a Mass and a house blessing to mark this new beginning. We then moved in and lived in much better conditions. Even after all of these accomplishments, Mr. Bob continued to support the children and their education. Thanks to him and the Holy Spirit Haiti Mission, many of us were able to reach the secondary school.



Habibi- One of The Original Girls Living with Eliane

Eliane's story doesn't talk first about buildings or money.

She talks about feeling safe.

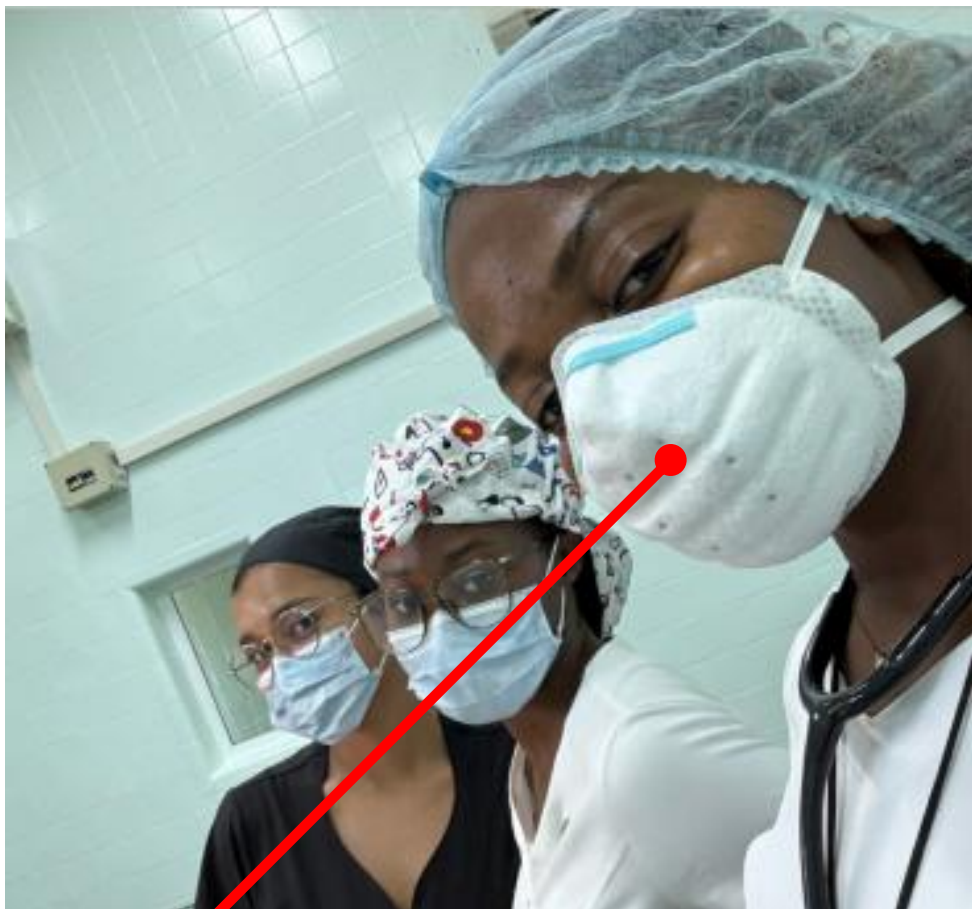
Feeling Loved.

Being Remembered.

The whole orphanage has given far more back to us than we ever gave them.

One thing Haiti does very quickly. It is to strip life down to what really matters. And one of the great blessings for us has been watching children we first met years ago become adults with dreams, careers, and purpose.

One of those children is Saranjie or "Habibi," as many of us know her. She entered the orphanage as a little girl and is now in medical school in Cuba. As you read her story below you will see she has grown into an extraordinary young woman.



**Sarange “Habibi” Brutus
4th Yr Medical Student in Cuba**

Habibi's Journey

My name is Saranjie BRUTUS, and I have been a resident of the Notre Dame de la Charité Orphanage since I was three years old. I traveled to Cuba in 2022 to study medicine.

I have learned a great deal in Cuba. Adapting was difficult because, at the orphanage, I lived a more structured life, one where Eliane, helped keep me on the right path. When I arrived in Cuba, I realized that I was on my own and that I had no one to help; I had to take care of myself. What helped me most was knowing who I am, where I come from, and where I want to go in life. I certainly learned a lot from the experience. I left Haiti with the mindset of a child, but Cuba taught me to think like a woman. One truly must venture out into the world to understand what life is really like.

I am deeply grateful to the Holy Spirit Haiti Mission, especially to Bob McCoy, who never leaves me to face this journey alone and is always attentive whenever I need his help. My thanks also goes to Dr. Marco, who assisted me whenever I fell ill, and to Mrs. Kendall, whom I consider a mother figure. She is incredibly kind and takes the risk of traveling all the way to Cuba just to see me. May God bless you all.

I am currently in my fourth year, second semester of medical school. I have already passed Pediatrics, a first-semester subject and I recently completed my Surgery rotation. I am now in the final rotation of my fourth year, Gynecology. Afterward, in September, God willing, I will begin my fifth year. I can say that I have approximately two years and six months remaining until I complete my medical degree.

Ultimately, I envision myself helping other children who have no one else to assist them, showing them that there is hope, especially in Haiti, which is currently enduring various crises, including one in healthcare.



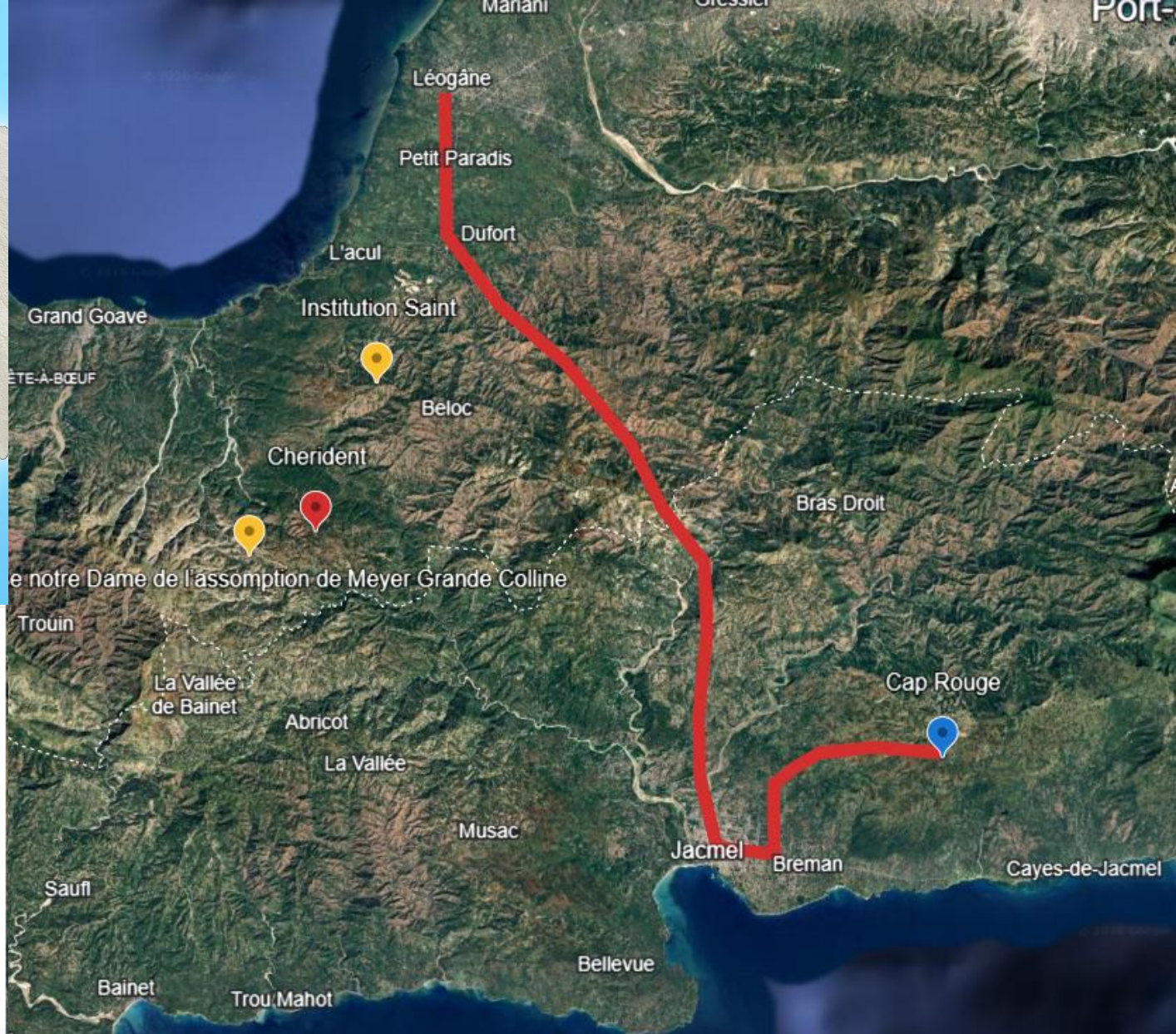
The Hook?

There are moments in Haiti when you realize, this is exactly why we keep going back.

Seeing a child who once needed help become someone preparing to help others, that's the mission.

What makes Habibi special is not only that she succeeded, but that she already understands success means lifting others up with her.

HAITI



Elevation profile



The Transformation of Cap Rouge

Let us travel from the orphanage going due South to an area of Haiti called Cap Rouge nestled in the mountains high above Jacmel. As we're driving through the mountains note the elevations between the Leogane where we left Eliane and the orphans and the mountainous community of Cap Rouge. While our work at NDC has been focused on a smaller community group, this is where things become bigger than one family or one building. This becomes community transformation.

When Brother Arie arrived in Cap Rouge a community of about 4000, the needs were overwhelming. But little by little...

through your support...
things started changing.

Not all at once.

Not perfectly.

But genuinely.

Some of the immediate issues facing Fre Arie were

- The school needed painting and the many of the benches and desks were not functional
- The property gate and walls were in serious disrepair
- There was no purified water to drink
- There was no kitchen or bathrooms for the school
- There were no medical services. If you were ill. it was a 6-8 hour walk to Jacmel.

Pradel

A community leader in the Cap Rouge Area

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Elena and Fre Arie

**Elena is a student
in the 8th grade
(age 15) at Petit
Frere St Therese
School**



A Message from Elena Charles – 8th Grade Student

Hello! I am 15 years old and am in the 8th grade of the Institution Père Fanese Louis Charles de Cap Rouge. I am happy to write you this little letter. Since the beginning of the school year, the school has had a new principal, Brother Arie. With his presence, we have seen that he is working to change our school for the better.

The school now has a beautiful gate that is beautifully painted. There are more benches and chairs to sit comfortably. We get good, treated water to drink so that we don't get sick. And now we see that they are building a kitchen and a bathroom so that in case of need, it will be even more comfortable. I really like the way the school is now.

From the beginning, Brother Arié always said that it is the people of the Holy Spirit Haiti Mission who are responsible for all this support. I was talking to my friends which is why we thought it would be good to write a letter to express our gratitude.

I would like to thank the people of the Holy Spirit Haiti Mission very much for all they have done. We want you to know how grateful my friends and I are. We are happy.

We hope God protects us. Thank you very much!

Elena Charles



The Simple Things for Children and An Introduction to Fre Arie

One thing I love about Elena's letter...

is how proud she is of her school.

That may sound simple to us.

But dignity matters.

Especially to children.

And sometimes the most important thing we can do isn't something dramatic.

Sometimes it's giving a child a clean classroom...

a safe place to learn...

and a reason to believe tomorrow might be better.

And now you'll hear briefly from Brother Arie himself.

I'll tell you this: if you ever want to meet someone who combines faith, toughness, optimism, and persistence...spend about ten minutes with Brother Arie in Haiti.

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**Good evening, Holy Spirit
Haiti Mission, and good
evening dear benefactors.**



Our In Country Team

One theme you may have noticed is that almost every story eventually comes back to one thing...people.

- Not programs.
- Not buildings.
- Not equipment.

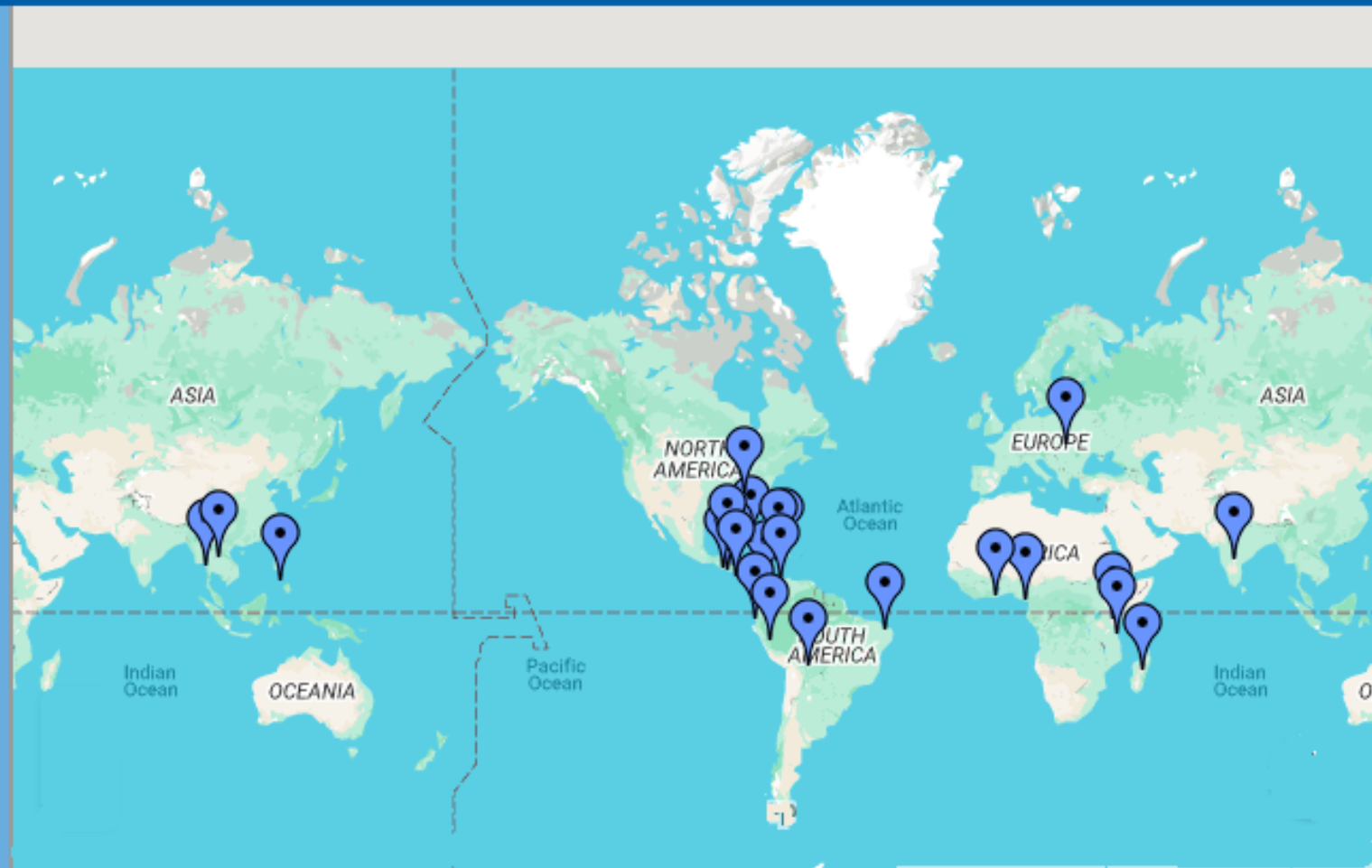
People who care deeply about their communities and continue showing up day after day. And nowhere is that more true than with clean water.

Water purification has always been a central part of the Haiti Mission. For years, one of my personal hopes was that someday Haiti would no longer need us physically present for these systems to survive. Well... through Covid, political unrest, gang violence, fuel shortages, and all the chaos Haiti has endured over the last several years...this team proved that day has arrived.

For many years, Living Waters for the World has partnered with Holy Spirit Haiti Mission by helping source and support water purification systems throughout Haiti.

But even more importantly, they helped develop and sustain an extraordinary in-country team — men and women who oversee, maintain, educate, troubleshoot, and care for these systems every single day.

Where Clean Water Flows



The People Who Really Make Things Happen

And after more than twenty years of work, I'm proud to tell you that 22 of the 24 Holy Spirit Haiti Mission water systems are still producing clean water today. And honestly... that's not because we're especially brilliant.

It's because of the dedication, technical expertise, perseverance, and genuine love of neighbor this team brings to the communities they serve.

Collectively, Living Waters for the World now supports more than 80 operational systems throughout Haiti — about a quarter of which were installed through Holy Spirit Haiti Mission. Worldwide they support over 1000 systems across 26 countries.

Please meet the people behind that work.



Ancy Fils-Amie



In-Country Team



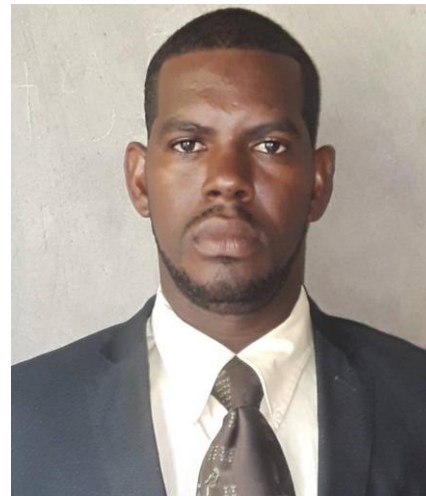
Bertone Kerceilin



Miss Monia Jean



Lucson Celestin



Francois Doremus



Jessica Julcin



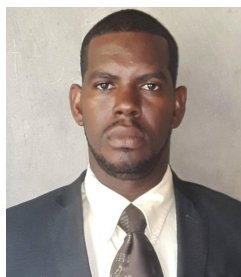
This is Ancy.

Ancy directs the in-country team and has worked with Living Waters for the World for nearly twenty-five years. Some of you may even recognize him from visits here over the years. He's one of those steady leaders who quietly keeps everything moving — often under very difficult conditions.



This is Bertone.

I first met Bertone while working with Frère Olizard at the Palmiste-au-Vin monastery many years ago. Today, in addition to his technical responsibilities, Bertone serves as a father figure to the girls at Notre Dame de la Charité and is also a member of the orphanage board. And I can honestly say... Bertone and I are about as close to brothers as two men can be without sharing blood. That's one of the unexpected gifts Haiti gives you.



These are Lucson and Francois.

They are two of the field technicians who travel constantly to support and maintain systems throughout the country — often under conditions most of us can hardly imagine. Each of them helps oversee dozens of accounts and communities.



And this is Miss Monia.

In Haiti, “Miss” is translated as “Nurse,” and Monia serves as both educator and healthcare advocate. She conducts ongoing sustainability evaluations at selected sites each month, helping determine which communities may need additional technical support, training, or intervention. But more importantly, she helps teach families how clean water protects health and strengthens entire communities.



And finally, this is Jessica. Jessica oversees the warehouse operation that today contains \$45,000 in inventory and replacement parts.

And in fifteen years, with thousands in inventory, they've only lost one part.

We truly believe if you sat down with each one of them, you would hear the same themes you’ve read throughout this document.

- faith,
- service,
- perseverance,
- and love for neighbor.

And ultimately... that’s what keeps this mission alive



The children at the orphanage prepared a thank you video
that we would like to share with you now

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When the Girls Become Young Women

Do you remember earlier when Eliane shared how the orphanage began in her home with just three girls and a strong faith in our Lord? Those girls were Nerline, Roseline, and Sarange. They are all grown young women now. What do you suppose became of them?



Sarange "Habibi" Brutus
4th year Med School Cuba



Nerline Latouche
2nd year Nursing
Ft. Libertie



Roseline Joseph
2nd year Education
Hinche



You Are Our Blessing

One of our long-range dreams has always been to build a clinic on one of the NDC properties. Maybe someday we'll see Habibi and Nerline leading that work together.

There are many stories like these unfolding right now because each of you chose to care. You shared your prayers, your resources, and your hearts with young girls like these. And tonight, you can begin to see what happens when hope is given the chance to grow.

We really only wanted to do one thing with this document. To connect faces, names, and voices...to the generosity of all you who care. For years many of you have quietly supported this mission without ever asking for recognition. But the people in Haiti know your generosity. They pray for you. And they speak about this mission as family.

And despite all the hardship Haiti continues to face...
hope is still alive there. You are part of that hope. On behalf of all of us:

- Eliane and the orphanage,
- Brother Arie,
- The students,
- The families,
- The In-country team,
- The whole HSHM team...

Thank you.

Thank you for staying with Haiti. Thank you for believing that people matter. Thank you for reminding others they have not been forgotten. May God's Grace and blessing be upon each of you for all you have done.



Mesi Anpil!!!