

Significance of One

ONE WILLING HEART CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Improving and changing the lives of the children and youth in Haiti through Christ Centered Education.



CORE VALUES: EMPOWER THE LOCAL PEOPLE TO TAKE THE IDEA OF EDUCATION FROM DREAM TO REALITY. TO TEACH FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY AS

GIVEN TO US IN THE BIBLE. TO SHOW CHRIST'S LOVE TO OTHERS AS HE SHOWS HIS LOVE TO US. TO NEVER DO FOR OTHERS WHAT THEY CAN DO FOR THEMSELVES



Child Sponsorship

IT'S TIME TO RENEW!

This is for sponsors who originally started through Breathe Partners program AND whose sponsored child is not in The Significance of One funded schools. Renew your sponsorship by going to

www.significanceofone.org/donate

Current sponsors through The Significance of One will automatically renew on your current renewal dates.

Any questions? Please contact us via email at

sponsorship@significanceofone.org

Future Plans

SOCIAL DISTANCING, HIGHTER GRADE LEVELS!

- Pastor Chelo and Pastor Samedy are working very hard to make their schools a safe place for this coming school year! COVID 19 is in Haiti and it is of our utmost importance to keep the children and their families as safe as possible. Both schools are looking at expansion of classrooms so that children can be more spaced apart. Both schools are also working on collecting items that will assist in keeping the environment and hands properly sanitized.
- Pastor Jackson and Pastor Moise are still looking forward to building schools but are currently focused on moving forward with the construction of their church buildings.

Nutrition

BREAD PROGRAMS!

We are proud to announced that SoO will continue to partner with Elevating Christian Ministries <http://www.elevating.org/> to bring bread filled with nutrients to The SoO schools. Bread made from fresh ground ingredients contain every essential vitamin and nutrient that the human body needs. Children are fed this nutritious bread daily in The SoO schools. This is often the only food/nutrients a child will receive for the day. Could you imagine trying to learn and get through your



SEEKING CORPORATE SPONSORS!

The Significance of One continues to seek Corporate Sponsors. Corporate Sponsors will partner in the building up of additional schools and classrooms as well as contribute to our "next steps" project which will be clean water and solar power to the schools. Not only will this benefit the children and their communities, but the building up of schools provides jobs that are much needed in Haiti right now; construction workers, teachers, bakers, plus supporting the economy as building and school supplies are purchased. Do you know a church, business, small group or even a family who would like to learn more about partnering with us? Please email us at info@significanceofone.org.

Did you know?

Many kiddos at our schools in Haiti are not yet sponsored.

How can you help?

1. Sponsor a child by going to www.significanceofone.org/children
2. You can purchase merchandise from Ascend Wood - www.ascendwood.com and proceeds are used to sponsor children for school in Haiti!!!!



CHRISTMAS IN JULY!!!!

SoO was able to partner with Lifeline Christian Mission to provide nutritious meals for our partner schools and their communities. You can help us do this again!!! Go to www.significanceofone.org/donate and enter in “Christmas in July” with a one time donation. The money raised will go towards our next effort of packing meals for Haiti. This past year we were able to provide more than 25,000 meals for Bercy, Cabaret, Canaan, Lafito, and Lascahobas communities.



YEAR IN REVIEW!!!

- SoO partnered with Lifeline Ministries to provide over 25,000 meals to our partner schools and more in Haiti!
- SoO partnered with our Haitian partner churches and outside donators to provide large amounts of food and necessities for the communities of Bercy, Cabaret, Canaan, and Lafito.
- Classique le Theophile de Canaan received its full licensure as a Certified School in Haiti!
- School looked a little different this year due to social unrest and COVID-19. However, through it all the school in Canaan was able to finish strong and graduate their students on to the next grade. The school in Bercy will see most of their students moving on to the next grade level as well!



WHY WE NEED YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT TO CARRY ON EDUCATION IN HAITI:

- Unlike America, there are not any government programs to assist with education, food, medical care, job placement, or shelter and public housing.
- Many children go to bed hungry each evening and wake up hungry each morning. SoO wants to not just continue to provide a food program for the schools, but a nutritional program that will allow them to have a meal before they go home for the evening. Could you imagine trying to do homework and trying to fall asleep on an empty stomach? Now, picture waking up the next day excited for school because you just don't get to learn but you get to eat!
- Education is of the utmost importance in Haiti and will provide a future not just for these children, but for Haiti as a country. They can and will be the next generation to make a difference. Therefore, we need help in continuing to make this a possibility. Many of these children are forced to grow up at a young age and school is their safe place. Did you know that over 400,000 children in Haiti are without parents? Did you know that 1 out of 5 children will die before the age of 6? Did you know that 75% of Haiti's people live in abject poverty? Did you know there is no such thing as a "free" public education in Haiti? When you partner with SoO these are the numbers that you will help to change in Haiti:
 - Haiti's literacy rate was 52.0%. and it is working its way to almost 62%!
 - Enrollment for primary school is 57% and less than 30% of students reach 6th grade. **But, SoO is seeing the partner schools increasing in grades and number of students! Many of the students are very gifted and working well above grade level!!!**



Why

CONTINUE TO PARTNER WITH HAITI? WILL SCHOOL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE IN HAITI?

This question has been presented to us numerous times as many have watched political unrest unfold in Haiti to what now has become a humanitarian crisis. This year also brought a shut down of the airport and the borders due to COVID 19. Our partner schools and Pastors are committed to pushing through all the uncertainty in Haiti! They desire an education and a better future for the children in their communities. They are doing everything possible and have done everything possible to continue to provide education through these difficult times. This year they had to make changes - school uniforms could not be worn at times due to harassment the children and their families would receive about going to school, teachers had to make home visits to educate children in their homes and children had to visit the teacher's homes as well. The schools had to get creative with after school programs so that children could continue to stay on pace with the school year. There were also times where school had to be closed for a few weeks at a time, but the partner schools continued to go to the children and make sure they were still working while school was "not in session." We will continue to work with our partner schools and pastors to assist and empower them through all the obstacles that may come their way. Let me remind you of what SoO believes. . .

We at The Significance of One have been called by God to continue this mission of empowering, educating, and equipping the people of Haiti. Jesus said, "Healthy people don't need a doctor - sick people do." We are called to come alongside the Haitian people and assist in making a change for the future of Haiti, through Christ Centered Education. We believe that providing an education centered in Christ will help to build future leaders who are not just educated but who have a love and passion to serve others with the love and respect that only comes from a relationship with Jesus Christ. Our hope is that through Christ Centered Education this verse in Luke 10:27 will be carried out daily in Haiti; *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and love your neighbor as yourself."*

The beauty of all of this is that as we seek to be obedient to the education of children in Haiti it also leads to so many more blessings:

- **Jobs for Haitians;** which leads to the ability to provide their families with clean water, food, and medical care when needed. At The SoO we will never do for others what they can do for themselves.
- **Economic Support:** Building supplies, school supplies, and baking supplies are all needed in this continued endeavor. This allows support for an economy that is in great crisis.
- **Empowerment:** North Americans look at poverty as physical. People in third world countries like Haiti see poverty as more psychological and social loss. They have lack of dignity, they feel inferior, shamed, degraded, or as if they are nothing. Jesus never wanted anyone to feel this way and He still doesn't want anyone to feel this way. We were all created in His image, which is beautiful and deserves respect and dignity. SoO desires for the Haitian people to see themselves with dignity as well as having a voice and ability to make a change for their country. We will continue to move forward with ways to empower and encourage the people of Haiti.
- **Mentoring and Teaching:** SoO seeks to teach financial responsibility and accountability as given to us in the Bible. As we grow school leaders, as well as mentorship programs and trade schools we are called to teach how to make a business a lasting and flourishing business. We are called to teach how to budget and how to save money. This is hard concept for many people in a country like Haiti as when most do receive money they don't know how to use it wisely let alone save for future expenses.
- **Love:** As we love and continue to love we teach others to love as well. Loving is not handing someone what they want or need. Loving is giving your time, it is listening, and it is building relationships with one another. Loving is being there when life is hard even when you don't have the solution to the problem. Loving is the willingness to be in the middle of the mess just as people have joined us in our messes. God created us to be in relationships. His love language is obedience and if you and I are going to speak his love language we are to be in relationships even when it's messy, even when it hurts, even when we ask "how." He will lead; we will follow and endure.

This is our why! Let me ask this, "will you?" Will you continue to partner with us through the why?

COMMUNICATION IS KEY!

Your sponsored child really wants to hear from you. The children and their families are kept up to date from the schools as to what is happening in the United States with COVID 19. We have many families and their kiddos wanting to you know if their sponsor families are staying healthy. Plus, they love each of you and they want to be a part of your lives as you have been a HUGE part of their lives!

THEY HAVE GIVEN YOU HOMEWORK!

Your sponsored child has given you a homework assignment of sending a letter and a photo or two! They are excited and anxious to hear from you. Email your letters with a photo or two on the letter to: sponsorship@significanceofone.org.