

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!

June 30th is the deadline for renewing your child sponsorship. This deadline is for sponsors who initially sponsored children through Breathe Partners. 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

MORE CLASSROOMS!

- Pastor Chelo's school in Bercy is adding classroom space to take the school up to 4th grade for the 2019-2020 school year!
- Pastor Samedy's school in Canaan is adding an additional building for 3 more classrooms! His school will accommodate up to 7th Grade!
- Pastor Jackson and Pastor Moise are still looking forward to building schools for the 2020-2021 school year!

Nutrition

BREAD PROGRAMS!

SoO partners 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 school or work day on an empty stomach?



SEEKING CORPORATE SPONSORS!

The Significance of One is seeking 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.

Diabetes Resources in Haiti!

SoO is partnering with Maddie Swan to improve the lives of people in Haiti living with Diabetes. Maddie has Type 1 Diabetes and recently served on a mission trip in Haiti. God laid it on her heart to advocate and bring attention to living with Diabetes in Haiti. Read more about Diabetes in Haiti below. If you would like to be a part of improving the lives of Diabetics in Haiti please go to:

<https://www.significanceofone.org/haitifundraisers>

And follow the directions to donate.



We Need Your Help in Providing Frio Packets to Diabetes Clinics in Haiti!

DIABETES FACTS IN HAITI:

- There are thousands of diabetes patients in Haiti, and hundreds of clinics that treat them
- One clinic that reached out to Significance of One has over 400 diabetic patients that in need of Insulin, Accuchecks, and strips. There is a huge need in this clinic for a way to keep Insulin cool, as well as vaccines.
- Blood sugar control is very difficult to gauge in Haiti as patients do not have blood sugar meters for home use. By the time one can get to a clinic (due to distance or expense), a blood sugar reading is of little use. Clinics need the ability to check A1C levels, but this is a very expensive test and is not readily available in Haiti.
- There is a large need in Haiti for patient education, especially when it comes to nutrition. The average Haitian diet is very high in carbohydrates (bread and rice), which makes it very difficult to keep blood sugar levels in a healthy range. It is especially difficult when they don't have a meter to monitor blood sugars before and after meals. Also, trying to keep blood sugars up due to the lack of having access to three meals a day - let alone healthy snacks - is also difficult.
- **One of the biggest needs for clinics and patients in Haiti who need Insulin is the ability to keep it at cool temperatures. On top of this, there is a need to keep all vaccines cool. This is where the Frio Pack comes into play!**



To activate the FRIO® wallet, immerse it in cold water for 5-15 minutes. Crystals contained in the panels of the wallet then expand into a gel, which remains cool for up to several days – relying on the process of evaporation for cooling. Just towel dry the outside and it's ready to go! To use it again, put the FRIO® back in water – it can be reactivated repeatedly.

The FRIO® Insulin Cooling Case is a reusable evaporative cooler whose cooling properties do not come from an icepack - or anything that needs refrigeration. Its cooling properties come from the evaporation of water. When activated, it keeps its low temperature for a minimum of two days, even in temperatures of 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

Why

CONTINUE TO PARTNER WITH 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.

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?

DID YOU KNOW?

- You can write to your sponsored child anytime you want? Please send letters via email to: sponsorship@significanceofone.org. Please include a few photos! Your sponsored child or children love to get letters and we will ensure they will write you back in a timely manner.
- The Grace School of Canaan (Pastor Samedy) started an after-school program for "high risk" children? These are children who may not have parents that are still living or their parents may be in other locations in Haiti to try and earn an income. These children are left to fend for themselves or often taken care of by older siblings who are trying to earn money to care for their siblings. Many times, these children may also be from families who did not receive any sort of education and therefore they do not know how to read and write; which means they can't help their children with their homework. Samedy's after school program allows for teachers to be paid to stay and tutor these children in a 1:1 or 1:2 or 3 setting. It also allows for a small dinner to be served so that these children do not go to bed on an empty stomach.
- The Significance of One is also local! Check out what we are doing locally at <https://www.significanceofone.org/local>

Next Issue!

- June = school is out for summer! Mid -June and school will be out for Haitian children! Next issue we will highlight summer school programs, top students, curriculum, and testing. Each newsletter here after, will also highlight a Principal/Pastor of a school, and a teacher of the school.

