



Five Ways You Can Help Create More Stories of Change

1. Sign up as \$1-a-day **Change for Haiti Partner**. This level of support can send one child to school, or pay for six months of training for two teachers or pastors.
2. Come to Haiti on an **Advocacy Trip**. You'll start new relationships, experience the culture, and connect with Haiti Partners' work. Where particular skill sets match up, you might work directly with our Haitian colleagues.
3. Are you a **teacher** or do you have **children in school**? You can help your local school start a "School Change for Haiti" campaign that will teach children about service, connect them with students in Haiti, and help them make a difference by providing resources for education.
4. If you're part of a **church or small group**, partner with us in a way that brings you into closer communion with the people of Haiti. A few ideas: host a Haiti Partners speaker, connect with a Haitian school, support education in Haitian churches, and/or read co-director Kent Annan's books together.
5. See how your **business** can get involved to inspire your colleagues, your customers, and to make a difference in Haiti.

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Start a new storyline now by visiting www.HaitiPartners.org, emailing info@haitipartners.org, or calling 772-539-8521.



Kari Lipke visits with Daphnee Beaubrun and Fania Neptune, members of our Haiti Partners Youth Choir during a recent Advocates Trip.

Financial Update

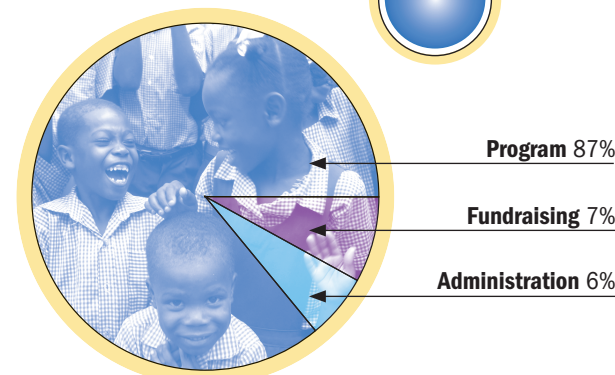
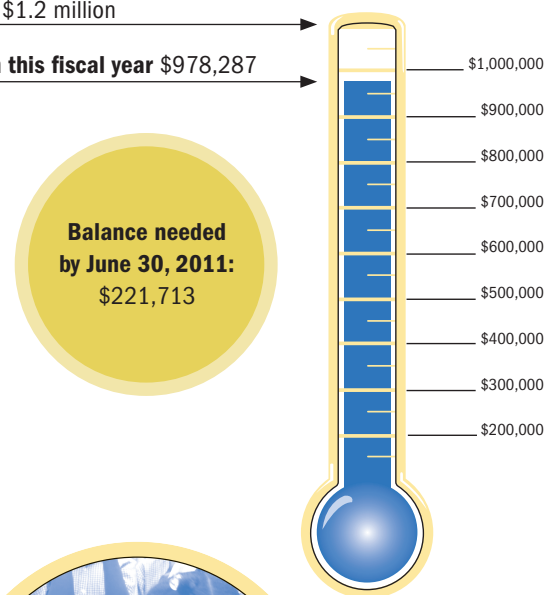
We thank God for your faithful support over the first ten months of this current fiscal year. As you can see, we kept our overhead costs down, so your generosity was directly creating stories of change in Haiti.

We stretched every dollar to have maximum impact—from emergency response, to rebuilding three schools that collapsed, to the ongoing educational work with children and adults. You did not hold back, so neither did Haiti Partners.

To effectively continue this work, we need a great response from our partners in May and June to meet the budget. Will you please help? Your generosity means we can keep moving forward with strength to help Haitians change Haiti through education. Thank you.

Total \$1.2 million

Given this fiscal year \$978,287



Helping Haitians
Change Haiti
Through Education

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Stories of Change

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Haiti still faces vast challenges that can overwhelm and break your heart. Sixteen months after the earthquake, life is still so hard for so many people. It's important to tell those stories.

But it's also important to hold up the encouraging stories – *Stories of Change*. Whether or not they make the headlines, these stories are real too and inspire us to keep doing the challenging work that remains.

We're so grateful to you as partners: for your stamina, your support, your prayers, and your response to the disaster and to ongoing education to "help Haitians change Haiti."

"These people have given to me, to all my friends, the chance to go to school... And I want to say thanks to Haiti Partners for rebuilding our school."

We're also grateful for and humbled by the courage, faith, and dedication of our Haitian colleagues and the communities we work with.

In the face of difficult challenges, our lives can be part of God's story of love and generosity. We're



Wilsenley Vixama, 6th-grade student, finds hope despite turbulence and change. He attends one of Haiti Partners' seven elementary schools. Three of the schools collapsed in the earthquake, and you helped rebuild them this past year.

moved and inspired by the stories of people on the following pages, including two people who will tell you their own touching stories.

Wilsenley reminds us that we have to—and we get to—be part of these stories of change:

"My name is Wilsenley Vixama. I'm 12 and come from a family with three boys. I'm the oldest, and my youngest brother is two years old.

My mother died giving birth to him. "I was in 4th grade when my mom died. My brother and I had a hard time going to school that year [Haiti Partners' IMN Community School]. But our principal, Maxandre Bien-Aime, encouraged my father to keep sending us even though we didn't really want to go. We went, and started liking it more.

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Haiti Partners' mission is to help Haitians change Haiti through education for students, teachers, leaders, and disciples.

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Students Program

The Students Program creates model schools that are sustainable and where children thrive. In a country where nearly 50 percent of school-age children don't go to school and 90 percent of schools rely solely on enrollment fees to support their work, we come alongside Haitian schools that already have strong leadership but lack resources.

Haiti Partners supports students by (1) improving school facilities and providing educational materials; (2) offering training in innovative education methods; and (3) helping schools create social enterprises (small businesses) that can help pay teacher salaries and other expenses.

In the past fiscal year we:

- ❖ Formalized partnerships with seven schools.
- ❖ Provided food, shelter, medical attention, and training on trauma after the earthquake.
- ❖ Funded salaries for school staff when families couldn't afford tuition fees after the earthquake.
- ❖ Constructed two new Learning Centers, rebuilt another school, and helped remaining schools build semi-permanent structures after the earthquake. **Classes resumed at all seven partner schools within 90 days of the earthquake.**
- ❖ Played a lead role in a pilot program that provided 200 laptops for children's learning.
- ❖ Completed water projects at two partner schools that had been without water.

Your generosity made it possible to do lots in a short time. With your support in the coming year, we will complete Learning Centers for three of our partner schools—equipping them with electricity, internet, and computer labs; presenting student-centered teaching training; and providing seed money to help communities create small businesses to cover school expenses.



Students, parents, and teachers at recently completed Caboïs Community School.

Teachers Program

The Teachers Program provides educators with methods to create great learning environments that bring out the best in their students. Teachers learn to help students think for themselves, articulate their ideas, cooperate with others, question constructively, and apply their learning locally so they can take responsibility for improving Haiti's future.

In the past fiscal year:

- ❖ 30 Circles of Change took place, training over 300 teachers.
- ❖ More than 100 Open Space meetings were held, reaching more than 4,000 teachers, students, parents, and community leaders.
- ❖ 79 Reflection Circle Groups took place (an adaptation of the Touchstones discussion method; for more information see touchstones.org), impacting the lives of 1,652 students.
- ❖ 40 teachers received training in using math to help manage personal and communal spending priorities.

We reached our initial goals despite the earthquake. With your support in the coming year, we are planning to increase the number of groups by



Wenzel Joseph, principal of Cité Soleil Community School, passed away in March. This beloved man left a wife, Maryse, and two sons. Haiti Partners and other friends helped with funeral costs and provided a grant to help his wife start a small business.

50 percent, introducing thousands of more people to these innovative educational methods.

Leaders Program

The Leaders Program trains 40 strategic community and education leaders from around Haiti in an intensive three-year program. These leaders meet four times a year and receive laptops and training to positively impact the lives of thousands.

This program helps these grassroots leaders (1) inspire others as they discover their potential; (2) engage their stakeholders to accomplish their mission; (3) use computers and the Internet to increase their personal effectiveness; and (4) nurture spiritual growth and a culture characterized by mutual respect and trust.

In this last fiscal year we:

- ❖ Convened 40 leaders/educators, including participants from all seven partner schools, for quarterly, three-day seminars.
- ❖ Provided training and materials in helping people deal with trauma.
- ❖ Distributed 240 5.5 kilowatt generators through this network.
- ❖ Created a film and booklet about a Haitian success story of farmers using small businesses to pay for schools.

With your support in the coming year we will convene these community leaders four more times for training, and will provide seed capital for local small businesses. By supporting the



Eramith Delva is co-director of The Commission of Women Victims for Victims (an advocacy group for abused women) and a Leaders Program participant.

Leaders Program, you help focus on the hope of a brighter future through dynamic leaders.

Disciples Program

The Disciples Program fosters hope by providing Christian education materials and training to individuals, churches, and schools. We offer practical, inspiring ways to support (1) people's spiritual growth, (2) better approaches to education and leadership, and (3) the community's development.

In the past fiscal year:

- ❖ 10,000 people received Bibles in their native language of Creole through our partnership with the Canadian Bible Society.
- ❖ Dozens of Haitian churches received training in Christian education through four Creole study books created by this program over the past seven years.
- ❖ 234 families in our church network received loans (\$70 to \$250 each) to start small businesses—selling cooking oil, rice, clothing, etc. The repayment rate has been a remarkable 95 percent.
- ❖ Trainings took place throughout our church network on first aid, disaster response, and dealing with trauma.



Lordz with the laptop she loves.



Students at Lalo Community School celebrate receiving Bibles.

In the coming year—with your support—we will continue these efforts and launch a scholarship program to enable top Haitian church leaders to receive education at a Haitian seminary. During this time when our churches have seen staggering losses, it has been a privilege to work with people so committed to the gospel of grace. These dear friends continue to focus on hope for a better future.

Advocates Program

The Advocates Program gives people from the United States and Canada the opportunity to come to Haiti to learn about its people and culture, the challenges it faces, and the work of Haiti Partners. After visiting Haiti, Advocates return home and speak about their experiences to church gatherings and community groups, become financial supporters of Haiti Partners, and participate in Advocate conference calls.



Doug Fouche visits with students at Caboïs Community School Learning Center during an Advocates trip.

In the past fiscal year:

- ❖ 13 groups including a total of 60 people have gone to Haiti to help. These groups typically stay three to five days, enabling them to learn, pitch in, and go home to share their experiences as Advocates for Haiti Partners.
- ❖ Several interns, who work directly with our partner schools, spent up to two months each in Haiti.

One Haiti Partners Advocate described her experience like this: "Until the concept of generosity

becomes experience, all you have is speculation. I am so grateful that you provided me with the experiences that turned my speculation into interaction that will forever be a part of me."

As an Advocate (whether or not you can make the trip to Haiti), you can serve in productive and meaningful ways by participating in the work of Haiti Partners and inviting others to focus on hope, too. For more information, visit: www.haitipartners.org/get-involved/advocates-program

For more information on Haiti Partners' programs visit www.haitipartners.org/what-we-do

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I want to Get Involved!

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- Please contact me about getting involved in the other Haiti Partners programs.

Please accept this one-time gift or monthly pledge in support of quality schooling for the children of Haiti.

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Exp. Date _____

Name on Card (Please print) _____

Signature _____

- Check payable to Haiti Partners

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