

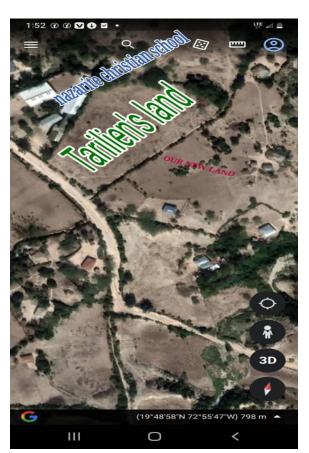
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It's been a busy spring at the Nazarite Christian School, as the 2022 – 2023 school year has continued successfully. Our soccer team is in its 2<sup>nd</sup> season, and it has been another successful one, as they were undefeated with two ties. They are again in the regional finals.

If you have not done so, we hope you will visit the Facebook page often to stay up to date with what is happening at the school and in the village of Passe Catabois. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/NWHaitiMinistries.">https://www.facebook.com/NWHaitiMinistries.</a>
Jen Baker continues to do a wonderful job in posting pertinent communication about the NWHM ministry here.

Our AWANA program continues to be a blessing for our 4<sup>th</sup>, 5th, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. We are making disciples, as our happy kids learn Bible Stories, memorize verses and play games together, while learning to love as Jesus loves. We are wrapping up our 6<sup>th</sup> year of Awana Club in June.





As we have previously shared, we have been looking to purchase additional land to ultimately be able to build further, to complete the school through High School, Grades 10 through 12. Our Principal Cenel had been looking on our behalf for some time and we have made offers on two pieces. One is down behind our existing property, but the purchase has been delayed while the owner resolves some documentation issues. The other piece is a couple of lots past our existing property on the main road, and we hope to have that purchase completed in the near future. That piece is larger than the existing school and church property, so it should give us the room we need to build and have a large play area. The packages we sent down after our mission trip was postponed have just gotten to the village. Included in those packages was a drone, so we are hopeful of getting aerial videos of the properties we are buying in the next few weeks. This will help us with our evaluation and planning for the location of the new building on the property. We ask for your prayers as we do

that evaluation and seek the Lord for future building plans, with the help of our friend and previous builder, Sadrack Merisier. Our current plan is to start the 10<sup>th</sup> Grade this fall, using the existing church building as an additional classroom. Working diligently on this for months, our Principal Cenel has already lined up all the necessary teachers for the 10<sup>th</sup> Grade. We expect to have the necessary Education Ministry approvals by the end of June. In addition, this fall we will be starting a Pre-K 3 year old class, as directed by the Education Ministry. We expect our enrollment to reach ~ 400 students for the 2023 – 2024 school year.

The church has been blessed in recent weeks, as it is benefitting from our having added solar panels on the kitchen building concrete roof, with associated storage batteries in the attached small food storage room. As a result, the church no longer needs to use a gas-powered generator for Sunday services and weekly evening prayer meetings. The church recently celebrated its  $27^{th}$  Anniversary in April. Here you'll see Madame Cenevil, Pastor Cenevil's widow, and her oldest son, our Principal Cenel Pierre. She is holding a certificate she received from the church. As we've shared before, one of our teachers, Chrisnet Fertulis, feels called to be the next Pastor. We will be sending him to Ecole de Theologie Evangelique de Port-de-paix, this fall to complete a 4 year degree, while he still teaches part-time at the school.

Teachers Day is May 17<sup>th</sup> and the teachers at Nazarite Christian School had a special day of speeches, gift giving and a luncheon in their honor. May 18<sup>th</sup> is Flag Day. It is declared a national holiday to commemorate the country's independence from the French. The students have been practicing for a month to be able to perform special cultural Haitian dances. They honor the Haitian flag as a symbol of unity and freedom.



We are well into the planning for our annual Benefit Dinner, scheduled for Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, at Faith Bible Church, where our theme will again be a Western one, "Boots and Bowties." Tickets will be available through the website by Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, when we will also be participating in Mission Sunday at Faith Bible, sharing about the school and outreach ministry during a potluck lunch at 1 pm. Please come and join us if you are in our area.

We are so thankful for the growing support of the ministry in prayer, as well as with growing financial support. As we expand the school to include Pre-K 3 and Grade 10, our budget will increase for the coming school year. Please continue your faithful support of the school, either via online giving or through the mail, and consider joining those providing our baseline of support by setting up a monthly donation to the ministry through our website, at <a href="https://www.northwesthaiti.org">www.northwesthaiti.org</a>. Please also share the ministry website and Facebook page with friends and acquaintances and invite them to join in supporting this ministry, however they are able.

We pray this newsletter is an encouragement to you, as you are to us. May God bless you abundantly in the days ahead as we continue to work together for the children and families of Northwest Haiti.

In Christ,

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