



The first few months of the 2023 – 2024 school year have been marked with much growth, stretching, challenges, and blessings. As we reported in the August newsletter, we have expanded the school to now include a Pre-K 3 class and the 10<sup>th</sup> Grade, the first year of High School in Haiti. The result is that our enrollment has grown from 356 to 436 students and the number of our teachers & staff has grown from 35 to 46. Our first 10<sup>th</sup> Grade class is meeting in the church building for its classroom this year, as you can see on the right. This has laid the foundation for necessary administrative and support staff for a future with a full high school, Grades 10 through 13. We are so thankful for our diligent Principal, Genel Pierre, in securing our wonderful additional staffing to successfully prepare us for this school year.



As I've mentioned, we are richly blessed with the dedicated teachers and staff that serve the school. We've asked them to provide us short bios so we can share them on Social Media and with our ministry supporters.



One of our teachers is Calixte Jean, who teaches Physical Sciences and Biology in our Mid-School (7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade). This is his testimony. "My name is Calixte Jean. During my conversion, by accepting Jesus Christ as my personal savior, it is a favorable opportunity for personal salvation. At that time, Jesus reigns in my life for fear of the eternal. By the blood of Jesus, which manifests in the hearts of international staff to establish this institution, namely the Nazareth school of Passe Catabois plays a primordial role within the community. Being a teacher of this said institution, this motivates me to work more for the happiness of education within the Passe Catabois community. In fact, Jesus is the reinforcement of this institution. Thank you and God bless you."

We are happy to report that the governmental registration for our new land purchase is complete, so we are free to pursue building our new high school on the property. If you remember, it is on the same road as our existing school, just two lots from our school. With the aid of some friends of the ministry, as well as our previous builder, Sadrack Merisier, and our friend at the local hospital ministry, Rob Hulschuizen, we have begun our planning and estimating for the new building. We will let you know the results and when we are able to start construction. Our hope and goal is to begin building in the New Year, and to have the building completed for the next school year in September 2024, when the new high school would house the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Grades. Please keep this in your prayers.

Based on this year's expansion and growth, our operating budget has increased some 40% this school year. We are thankful that we continue to see growth in our individual monthly supporters and church supports, which now provide more than half of our current operating budget.

On September 15<sup>th</sup> we held our Annual Benefit Dinner, attended by > 125 ministry supporters, where we were treated to a Western fare feast. The dinner included Beef Brisket and BBQ Chicken, prepared by members of our ministry team, led by our Treasurer, Keith Dickinson. This event is our primary fundraiser through which we raise most of the balance of our operating budget for the year. We were so richly blessed to have our most successful fundraiser yet, raising most of the remainder of our our operating budget, bringing us to having almost all of our operating budget covered for this school year, PTL!

While this has addressed our operating budget, we are presently no longer being supplied food for the daily hot meals of all students and staff through the UN sponsored BND program. They are unable to tell us if, or when, they will again have food to distribute. Consequently, we are now again providing all the food, a daily hot meal to the > 475 students and staff. We ask you to consider becoming a monthly donor or making a year-end gift toward raising the ~ \$24,000 we will spend for the food over the course of the school year.



As we have reported previously, one of our teachers, Chrisnet Fertilus, feels called to the ministry to take over the church at the school that is currently without a full-time Pastor. He is teaching part-time at the school now, while attending Bible College on Fridays and Saturdays in Port-de-Paix and preaching at Nazarite Baptist Church on Sundays. Chrisnet and the Elders have a revival planned for the week after Christmas, with the theme “Jesus is calling you”. The congregation will be meeting for prayer and worship at the church each night and now have the much-needed solar power to light their services. Local choirs and speakers will present during these special services. Select leaders will be going out into the community to evangelize during the days of that week, and to invite others to join them for church services. The Lord is working in Passe Catabois, spreading the Gospel through the school and the church. Please pray that the Lord will bless Chrisnet with the energy and stamina to run this race over the next four years.



We are thankful for the work of our new Social Media team at kreativdigitalmktg, as they have taken over our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/NWHaitiMinistries>, as well as established our ministry’s Instagram page recently. Please check them out regularly for their wonderful updates and follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

John 15:16 says, “I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit...” As this school makes disciples for Christ, we are very thankful for the continued and growing support of the ministry in prayer, as well as with financial support. 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 [www.northwesthaiti.org](http://www.northwesthaiti.org). 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. Finally, please continue to pray for Haiti as a nation and that our staff will be able to safely get our food from Port-de-Paix each month and safely travel to Port-au-Prince and back, as necessary, to pick up supplies that we get from there.

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In Christ,

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