



CHALLENGE

Challenge is a newsletter to provide information, after 20 years of existence, about Education, Evangelism, Health Care, Agriculture, Community Development, Nicolas, World of God and much more that exists at OFCB. *Challenge* has no political interest in its community involvement, mostly OFCB and Bayonnais matter. It is our effort to tell you our story and to keep you informed on what is happening in Bayonnais.

OFCB (l'Organisation de la Force Chrétienne de Bayonnais), as a social and spiritual ministry, has fought for the last 20 years to bring evangelism through education for K - 13th grade, through preaching from the pulpit, through road work, through healthcare, through building a bridge, through building the granary of Joseph, through the agricultural project and, through a community bank, Fondepone.

In late 1990/early 1991, a registrar was needed in Bayonnais to write birth certificates for the people in Bayonnais. Adisson



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Alcius, 8th grade level at that time, had achieved the highest educational level that Bayonnais had. But, today because of OFCB, it is different. 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th graders are in every corner of the mountains of Bayonnais. Every elementary school in Bayonnais, including Sainvictor Sejour's and Belfong Aristide's high school has ICB's 13th grade graduated students as teachers (ICB: Institution de Classique de Bayonnais – the primary and high school in Bayonnais, founded in 1993). Most of the churches in Bayonnais contain leaders with some educational background greater than just being able to read poorly in Creole, or "Blind leading blind".



OFCB Students

August 1993 - 2013 = 20 Years

20 years of Challenge.
20 years of struggles.
20 years of frustration or madness.
20 years of happiness.
20 years of evangelism.
20 years of education.
20 years of fight for justice for all
20 years of real determination for
the forgotten-mountainous red
necks to be seen, heard and
understood like real people.
20 years of humiliation & rejection.
20 years of unforgettable victories.
20 years of education about human
behavior and, of course,
20 years of adventure.
20 years of fighting against
immorality that ends to become a
way of living in our society.
20 years of risking lives.

Who Manages OFCB Today?

Surely it would be way too much to provide a résumé for everyone at this time with photos, but here are the names for some of them, and the area where they work, including the year they graduated from ICB. The names might sound familiar because these people have been educated by ICB/OFCB over the last 20 years. “August 1993 - August 2013”

Kindergarten/ Preschool

1. Edith Saint-Louis (2005)
2. Venette Mérilus (2005)
3. Rosenie Jeanvier (2010)
4. Iselène Elissier (2010)
5. Nelta Isaac (2010)

Elementary School

1. Wilson Louis (2003)
2. Alphonse Naibe (2005)
3. Wilner Charles (2008)
4. Espérance Charles (2011)
5. Kesnel Aimé (2006)
6. Isaac Charles (2011)
7. Isaac Charles Celencieux (2011)
8. Etienne Philippe (2007)
9. Altidor Alcius (2008)
10. Sonel Pierre (2010)
11. Augustin Siméon (12th grade)
12. Cacide Michel (12th grade)
13. Otanès Charles (2010)
14. Saint-Hillien Estimable (2010)
15. Wilson Charles (2010)
16. Claudine Alcius (2005)
17. Charlesen Alcius (2008)
18. Faustin Siméon (2011)

World of God/Child Sponsorship

1. Denis Sanon (2006)
2. Yvolène Sylvestre (2009)
3. Presly Fils-Aimé (2011)

Nicolas

1. Labonté Estime (2005)
2. Emmanuel Fils-Aimé (2011)
3. Divernier Pierre (2011)
4. Micarnor Jousème (2011)

Secondary School

1. Kenold Décimus (2003)
2. Naibe Alphonse (2005)
3. Wilson Louis (2003)
4. Villate Charles (2003)
5. Wallace Manassé (2003)
6. Iverner Pierre (2008)
7. Fleurancin Remy (2010)
8. Otanès Charles (2010)
9. Etienne Philippe (2007)
10. Charlsen Alcius (2007)
11. Alphonse Alcius (2010)
12. Rémand Pierrélus (2007)
13. Saint-Louis Enock (2006)
14. Claudine Alcius (2005)

The above names are the young men and women that have been educated by OFCB since its conception in 1993. Some of them have received college degrees and, in some cases, masters degrees from different colleges in the country of Haiti as well as some foreign schools. OFCB is truly being run by mostly the ones that have been trained by it for the last 20 years.

As we move along in this process, *Challenge* has taken the commitment to introduce to its readers those that have been trained by OFCB. Pictures with personal bios will be provided in future newsletters.

Health Care/ Clinique Bethesda de Bayonnais

1. Faustin Charles (2003)
2. Sherloune Sanon (2007)
3. Anne-Junie Saint-Louis (2007)
4. Ignacie Manassé (2007)
5. Edilia Fleurisma (2007)
6. Sainsoi Estalien (2007)
7. Simon Alexandre (2005)

Fondepane Bank

1. Saint-Louis Rachelle (2007)
2. Edline Pierrélus (2008)
3. Grégoire Sainté

Agriculture

1. Jacques-Elie Saint-Louis (2006)
2. Villate Charles (2003)
3. Wallace Manassé (2003)

About the Author

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has helped create the school, the ministry and all of the programs in Bayonnais. He served as headmaster of ICB from 1993 – 2012. He has been senior pastor of The Christian Church of Bayonnais, since its founding in June, 1995, where average attendance is 500+ each Sunday. Actionnel grew up in Cathor, Bayonnais and, after graduating from High School in Gonaives (17 miles from Bayonnais), he received formal education in the US at Central Piedmont Community College and in Haiti where he studied law and attended seminary.



Where Do We Go From Here?

How much longer are we going to go? Hopefully, we will not go away until we can see a full service medical facility with an active medical lab, which is most important for the 80,000 people living in Bayonnais. Hopefully, we will stay around until we see schools built and being operated in the communities of Yobé, Zorangé, and Capity. Those places are far away in the mountains of Bayonnais, but they are normal people (boys and girls, men and women) that are forgotten by the country and being manipulated and used by politicians. (Guess what? In Christianity, we are not called to manipulate or to use people, but to love them as we love ourselves.)

We cannot tell how much longer we would like to go as a social and a spiritual work. But surely, we would love to see a TRADE SCHOOL in Bayonnais. We would love see a CHEMICAL LAB in Bayonnais. And the leaders are committed to the vision to realize this, and more.

Even now, Nicolas has a real school building, educating smart children coming from the poorest community of Haiti [editor's note: Nicolas is remote, even from the main campus of ICB, and the elementary children who wanted to attend school would have to walk at least one hour each way to ICB.]

How did it happen?

Big thanks to everyone at Friends of OFCB, including Helen and Ernest Hunter, David and Judy Nichols with the session of SMPC; Pastor Maggie,

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New School in Nicolas

Eric Nichols and the Montreat Presbyterian Church; Lee Holder, Bruce Bailey, and Kenold Decimus with his crew.

Thousands of thanks to the Brothers and Sisters from The Christian Church of Bayonnais, Cathor. Millions of thanks to hundreds of High School and Elementary kids that went to help with the building so Nicolas could have education there.

Big thanks to God for the people in Nicolas for their energy and determination to see something different, better and greater for their kids and the community to carry cinder blocks and 1,274 bags of cement each weighing 42.5 kilos (i.e., 94 pounds) (Very-Muy-Tres HEAVY) across that mountain in order to build the school.

Yes, indeed, of course, certainly, we have made history together. What we have seen and heard has challenged us. Challenge is challenging every one of us down here and you as well. Stay tuned. I will make myself heard about Education, Child Sponsorship and Agriculture in upcoming issues of Challenge.

Thank you so much for your interest in our community, as we are determined to make it a better place which can sustain itself.

Until next time,
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