



CHALLENGE

School's in Session (in Bayonnais!)

Haiti has a fuel shortage and its price has risen 500%. Vehicle movement is severely restricted. Food and water can't be distributed. Currency can't be distributed to banks. Mission trips can't



be transported to Bayonnais from Port Au Prince. People are hungry and stores are closed. There is an increasing incidence of crimes. Schools in the larger cities are closed.

School is Operating!

Grades K thru 5 have been in session since early September due to the fact that the teachers and students are local. Fuel shortage impacted the high school since teachers and students are transported by bus. However, because of the importance of national exams, OFCB recently decided to begin classes for grades 6 through 13 and are working tirelessly to find fuel for the buses.

Sponsorship funds continue to support the school, including lunches for the children. Although food has become very expensive, students at all three campuses—Nicolas,

Zoranger, and the main campus—are receiving lunch at school when school is in session.

Even though teachers are not currently receiving pay, due to the lack of access to funds, they will be paid retroactively.

So how is Bayonnais?

The children in Bayonnais are 100% safe. No demonstrations have occurred in Bayonnais.

The letters from the children are upbeat and positive. The kids are happy to be back in school, they appreciate living in a safe community and are grateful for their American sponsors. Even though Haiti is in turmoil,

the leaders at OFCB continue to create an environment of encouragement, determination and faithfulness. When asked what he was preaching to the congregation, Actionnel responded "For the last



two Sundays I have used the last verse of Psalms 23 where it says, "The goodness and love/grace of the Lord will accompany me always..." The subject of my sermons have been "The present hardships do not determine our destiny".

Your child would appreciate hearing from you. Send letter electronically: www.worldofgod.org/letter.php

How did Haiti get here?

Twenty-seven years ago, Venezuela made a 25 year agreement with Haiti and two other very poor Caribbean countries to loan money to the governments as part of the fuel sales. The intent was for the three countries to become more prosperous. The other two countries prospered under this arrangement. The Haitian government, year after year stole these new funds rather than using them to bring prosperity to Haiti. As a result, Haiti remains the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere.

As the 25 year deal finished, and the people of Haiti found out about this over the past two years, there has been increasing agitation and demonstrations against the government. In addition, the government now says it does not have the financial capability to purchase fuel. For 2 months, fuel has not been available.

Report on Haiti's Progress over the Years

According to the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, there has been progress made in Haiti. Much progress has been made in the eight years after the January 2010 earthquake that devastated much of the country. Haiti has transitioned from a post-disaster era to a period of reconstruction and long-term development. With U.S. and international support, Haiti has achieved significant improvements in basic health indicators and seen a steady and substantial decrease in the number of cholera cases since the initial outbreak in 2010. More than 30,000 jobs have been created via programs to improve private sector competitiveness, and almost 14,000 jobs have been created at the Caracol Industrial Park thanks in part to Haiti's growing export apparel sector.

In the agricultural section, U.S. assistance has helped 70,000 farmers increase crop yields. The U.S. government has also introduced improved seeds, fertilizer, irrigation, and other technologies to more than 118,000 farmers through food security programs.

For more information visit, <https://www.state.gov/u-s-relations-with-haiti/>

How YOU Can Help

1. **PRAY.** Please pray for the conditions in Haiti to improve, so that the citizens can get their country back into better shape! Updates will be issued periodically.
2. **SPONSOR.** Continue your commitment to sponsorship as this is the best gift you can give these students! **Share your sponsorship story** with friends and encourage them to support World of God either through sponsorship or a one-time or recurring donation.
3. **WRITE.** Your letters mean a lot. The best way to send a letter is electronically through our website www.worldofgod.org/letter.php.

If you've sent a paper letter from late spring through now, those paper letters will be held up until a **GO** trip goes to Haiti, which will be delayed until at least January 2020.

4. **GIFTS.** It's the season when we think of giving. The best gift is a monetary gift in honor of your sponsored child or a loved one. You can do that on our website: www.worldofgod.org. You can also send a check to World of God, 338 S. Sharon Amity Rd. No. 280, Charlotte, NC 28211. Memo: Haiti Annual Fund



Monthly School Expenses: \$36,000

WOG Monthly Contribution: \$16,500

WOG percent of Expenses: 45.83%

