



9th Graders from Mirebalais with their government passes to take the 9th Grade national exam

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Outstanding Achievements: 9th Grade National Exam Results

When the Haiti government published the results of the 9th grade national exams in August, our principals immediately shared the great news! All ten of our Hope for Haiti's Children (HFHC) schools scored above the national average, with three schools achieving a remarkable 100% pass rate—meaning every 9th grader passed! This three-day test evaluates students in subjects including French, Haitian Creole, Mathematics, Experimental Sciences, and Citizenship, determining their readiness for higher secondary education. Unfortunately, any student who fails this exam must repeat the 9th grade, regardless of their performance throughout the year.

Brave Students

The 2023-2024 school year was filled with challenges, including intense gang violence and food scarcity. Many students had to listen to police reports to decide whether it was safe to go to school, or which routes to take. At times, gangs prohibited public transportation, forcing students to walk long distances. To avoid drawing attention, children were encouraged not to wear their school uniforms, as this could signal to gangs that their families might have some money. Parents faced tough decisions about whether to send their children to school or keep them home in what they hoped would be a safer environment. Despite these challenges, the students showed remarkable bravery by attending school.

Dedicated Teachers

Our teachers faced similar obstacles yet showed incredible dedication by coming to school each day. These committed leaders are amazing, and we know our investment in them has a direct impact on our students. In August, we sent 82 educators to a three-day professional development workshop that was focused on leadership theories and practices for teachers and students. Their commitment to providing an excellent education shows, and we congratulate them too!

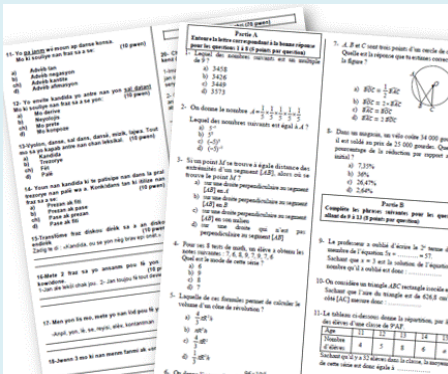
Compassionate Sponsors

In Haiti, approximately 67% of children drop out before the 9th grade. Only 10% of children get to attend a free public school in Haiti. That means privately run schools educate the other 90%, and they all require students to pay for tuition, a school uniform, textbooks, etc. Haitian families who struggle to pay for food, can't afford to pay for their children to get an education too.

We are so grateful for our HFHC child education sponsors cover these essential costs, providing students with the opportunity to receive an education and become future leaders of Haiti. The students recognize that education is a privilege, and they are immensely grateful for your support. Thanks to your generosity, these 9th graders have passed their national exams and are now advancing to 10th grade. They carry the hope of realizing their dreams and contributing to a brighter future for Haiti.



All students in the 9th Grade took their National Exams from July 22nd-24th



Practice Test - Students were given these to help them prepare



Students at the Thomazeau Christian School taking the exam - 100% of the students passed!



Camp Hope and Beyond: Answering the Call by Meredith Hutchens (with Roolite Religieux)

HFHC is answering the call to help young people in Haiti find and follow Jesus in a growing number of initiatives. Although **CAMP HOPE** has proven to be a critical component of our sponsored teens' spiritual development, we recognize the felt need for ongoing connection points for students throughout the school year. So, **BEYOND** Camp Hope, we are instituting new programs that will consistently allow students to receive Biblical instruction, engage in servant leadership, and participate in Christian fellowship.

CAMP HOPE 2024

As Haitian teens navigate the difficulties of daily life, Camp Hope continues to provide a place where students grow closer to God and find rest, community, truth, and hope. This summer, over 200 teens from eight different schools attended two sessions of Camp Hope 2024, which were held in Port au Prince and Dubuissin. Campers at the Port au Prince location joyfully competed in games and events at a local soccer stadium while many campers at Dubuissin reportedly "slept great!" on their overnight adventure.

Throughout the turmoil of the last year and the rise of gang presence and influence in almost every community throughout Haiti, our Camp Hope Leadership Team recognized the critical need for this summer's campers to hear the truth that God alone is Sovereign. The Camp Hope 2024 theme "You are the Only God" was indeed timely and relevant, with the Bible lessons and discussion groups focusing on four main movements: Lesson 1 – The Authority of God; Lesson 2 – The Deliverance by God; Lesson 3 – The Salvation from God; Lesson 4 – The Kingdom of God. The key Scripture found in Psalm 86:8-10 provided a firm Biblical foundation for students:



students: "Among the gods there is none like you, Lord; no deeds can compare with yours. ⁹All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, Lord; they will bring glory to your name. ¹⁰For you are great and do marvelous deeds; *you alone are God.*"



We rejoice that 39 students gave their lives to Christ in baptism at Camp Hope, while many others encountered Jesus for the first time or renewed their commitment to following him. Several campers who received special recognition as talented student leaders at last year's camp attended this year as mentors and embraced responsibilities like facilitating discussion groups, participating in worship, serving lunch, and helping with clean-up. Similarly, students who received leadership awards this year will have the opportunity to participate in leadership activities throughout the upcoming months and can return as mentors for Camp Hope 2025.

As the success of Camp Hope continues, we are dreaming about what comes next! How do we help teens remain connected with each other and with Christ throughout the school year? How do we provide mentorship and consistent Biblical teaching for all students? How do we ensure they have ongoing opportunities to *find and follow Jesus*?

BEYOND CAMP HOPE

To address these needs, HFHC is piloting a new initiative that will provide each of our ten schools with a Spiritual Director who will facilitate Biblical instruction, servant leadership training, and Christian fellowship activities. Roolite Religieux, HFHC's Haiti Liaison and Spiritual Formation Advisor, has been instrumental in launching this endeavor and casting vision for the Spiritual Directors' plans.



The primary focus of this program for the 2024-25 school year will center around Biblical instruction, as we are working diligently to provide Spiritual Directors with a comprehensive curriculum as well as training sessions and structured cohort groups. Secondary students in HFHC schools will enjoy a survey of the New Testament, while elementary students will journey through the Old Testament. Additionally, secondary students will take pre- and post-course assessments, as well as quarterly examinations, in order to evaluate academic progress and embrace data-driven decision-making. Spiritual Directors will receive monthly virtual instructor-led training from Roolite and the HFHC team, covering topics such as *Establishing a Biblical Worldview*, *Spiritual Formation of Adolescents*, *Effective Classroom Management*, and *Helping Students Take Next Steps in their Faith*. The cohort groups will also remain connected in real-time, with Roolite moderating the conversations, inviting feedback, and providing resources and encouragement.

In Roolite's estimation... Spiritual Directors are critical to the spiritual development of our students in Haiti. The kids need local mentors who know the Lord and will walk with them through daily life, helping them stay safe and out of trouble. They need encouragement to remain connected to a church family and Christian friends and to flee from worldly temptations like gang activity, sexual immorality, and bad decisions. This team of adults will be present in the students' lives to help them shine the light of Jesus and grow into Godly young adults.

We are very excited to inform you of this new project and to solicit your prayerful support for our entire student body, for our team of Spiritual Directors, and for Roolite. Our hope is that as we pour into the next generation, they will embrace opportunities to become Christian leaders in their homes, churches, and communities. We are confident that this renewed focus on Christ-centered teaching, at CAMP HOPE and BEYOND, will truly help young people in Haiti *find and follow Jesus*.



Summer Months Bring Over \$400,000 of School Improvements

Through the grace of God and the compassionate gifts of our Project Hope donors, our Haiti engineering and construction teams have been busier than ever this past summer in improving all our HFHC schools. With the Haitian government mandating schools delay opening until October 2, work has continued through September on more capital improvement projects than ever before in the history of Hope for Haiti's Children! **Over \$400,000 of improvements in all these facilities will greatly improve the learning environment for all 3,200 children!** Below is a listing of all the improvements funded, with many completed this summer and a few projects finishing completion this Fall.

Brajirois Christian School

New bathroom facilities for boys and girls plus a staff restroom, repair and reinforcement of school building walls, 24 new school benches, 2 new library cabinets with textbooks

Cazeau Christian School

Completion of school play area, painting of school (inside & outside), 30 new school benches, new school water filtration system, gate repairs, 4 new library cabinets with textbooks

Cite Soleil Christian School

Repairs to walls and floor, 32 new school benches, painting of school (inside & outside), 4 new library cabinets with textbooks

Delmas Christian School

Leased and renovated a new school facility in Delmas area away from gangs, new school benches, chalkboards, and teacher desks for 13 classrooms, 4 new library cabinets with textbooks, painting of school (inside & outside)

Dubuisson Christian School

Two new classrooms and principal office, 3 new library cabinets with textbooks, 30 new school benches

Hinche Christian School

Three new library cabinets with textbooks, 24 new school benches



Gaz

New Cazeau Play Area



Fresh Paint at Cite Soleil



New Benches



4 STARS

Financial health including measures of stability, efficiency and sustainability

CONSISTENCY

4 Star Rating
11 Years in a Row

Mirebalais Christian School

New school first floor foundation and wall construction, 2 new library cabinets with textbooks, 18 new school benches

Pageste Christian School

Construction started for three new classrooms, new fence around school, solar power system, 2 new library cabinets with textbooks, 30 new school benches

Robert Christian School

Repairs/replastering of school walls, repairs to the water cistern, new bathrooms for the school, 3 new library cabinets with textbooks, 30 new school benches, complete painting of school (inside & outside)

Thomazeau Christian School

Roof construction on 3 new classrooms, repairs to roof on existing school pavilion/classrooms, 4 new library cabinets with textbooks, 30 new school benches, complete school painting (inside & outside)



Mirebalais Construction



Cabinet filled with textbooks

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Some of the Priority Projects -- Funding Needed By December 31



179 School Benches (\$150 per bench needed x 179)



10 School Nurses for 2024-2025 School Year (\$1,200 per nurse needed x 10)



3 Schools Needing Solar Power Installations (\$2,500 per school needed x 3)



3 Classrooms at Pageste Christian School (\$10,000 per classroom needed x 3)

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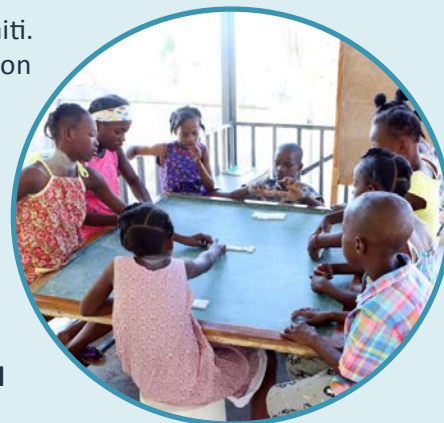
*amount we have raised and has been matched to date

Double Your Care to Orphaned Children

We are excited to share that a generous donor is matching all donations for the care of our orphaned children dollar for dollar (up to \$80,000) through the end of this year!

Poverty, natural disasters, political instability, and gang violence have long ravaged Haiti. These challenges have created a cycle of oppression and despair that weighs heaviest on those least able to help themselves: the children. Many children under ten are forced to fend for themselves on the streets, struggling to survive, let alone dream of an education or a brighter future.

In response to this overwhelming need, Hope for Haiti's Children began its mission to care for orphans in 1998 by establishing the Cazeau Christian Orphanage. In partnership with dedicated local Christian leaders, we provide a loving home for those with no one else to turn to. **Today, 63 children call the Cazeau Christian Orphanage their home, where they receive shelter, food, clothing, access to medical care, and nurturing support.**



At the orphanage, children experience a stable and joyful environment where they can thrive. They engage in normal childhood activities like playing soccer and basketball, learning English, and developing basic computer skills. They even help raise chickens and turkeys! Weekly choir practice is a highlight for many, as the children love singing for special events. In addition, older teens take sewing and cooking classes, helping to equip them with practical skills for adulthood.

Most importantly, every child at the orphanage memorizes Scripture and participates in group devotionals and worship, growing in their faith and understanding of God's love. Our mission is to nurture, educate, and equip these children to experience life to the fullest (John 10:10) and to shine the light of Christ (Matthew 5:16) in Haiti. Your partnership allows us to continue providing this critical care for Haiti's most vulnerable children. **Thank you for standing with us in this vital work!**



Double Your Help to Orphaned Children

YOUR DONATION, THEIR BRIGHTER FUTURE.

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For many Haitian children, **receiving glasses for the first time is a life-changing moment.** The joy on their faces is undeniable as they put them on and see the world with new clarity. Simple tasks like reading, writing, and even playing with friends become easier, and the excitement of finally being able to see clearly lights up their lives. These glasses offer more than just improved vision—they **bring hope, confidence, and a brighter future.**

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