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Spring 2026 Newsletter

Moderne School of Savanette

This Spring the school is celebrating its 17th anniversary. It began with a request from the people of Savanette and Bassin Bleu for a school - it was difficult for their children to attend school because they are isolated from other schools by a large river. HHH began building in 2009, classroom by classroom, grade by grade. We had our first high school graduation in 2025. The school has approximately 300 students, from pre-school through high school.



The school is led by the Haitian community. HHH assists in building, maintenance, administration and lunch program costs. The teacher salaries and miscellaneous expenses are provided by tuition. Families unable to afford tuition receive support from HHH's school sponsorship program (implemented by local school officials) and other NGOs. If you're interested in supporting the K-12 scholarship program, please email handshelpinghaitinow@gmail.com.



HHH provides lunch every day to allow students to focus on their learning and not hunger. For many, this is the most nutritious meal they receive each day.

College Scholarship Program

The Hands Helping Haiti College Scholarship Program is advancing and expanding on the seeds planted during the elementary and high school education program - helping to develop ethical leaders, giving them the hope and skills to transform their country. We have nine scholarship recipients for 2025-2026 who are studying pre-med (4), nursing (2), engineering (1), economics (1) and administration (1). Below some of our recipients share their dreams in their own words.



Helene: “I have become aware of the importance of a well-structured economy to improve living conditions, reduce inequalities and create sustainable jobs. It appears to me today that it is essential to promote coherent public policies, to invest in key sectors such as agriculture, education and small and medium enterprises.”

become an asset to my country and actively contribute to its reconstruction, participating in concrete projects such as roads, bridges, sustainable buildings, and social housing.”

Ponyon: “I wish to specialize in civil engineering, a sector crucial for infrastructure development and improving living conditions. Once my studies are completed, I hope to



Davenchy: “My ambition is to become a competent and committed doctor, close to the reality of the Haitian people. Once I graduate, I plan to actively contribute to my country’s health care system and establish myself as a doctor in disadvantaged areas where quality professionals are scarce.”

Water Project

The mission of the Water Project is to provide life-essential clean water for families in southeast Haiti. Clean water is not available to most families in Haiti. Drinking contaminated water causes illness and results in death for many. Our community health promoters reach out throughout the southeast province of Haiti, teaching good hygiene and sanitation principles. Household water treatment using biosand water filters allows families access to safe water for themselves and their children. Thus far we have reached over 5,000 families and have enabled over 50,000 people to improve their health through clean water and hygiene education.



Biosand filters are very effective in treating water that is gathered from contaminated sources, even polluted rivers. At our Jacmel facility we construct biosand filter vessels and sieve sand that is the heart of each filter. The vessels are constructed from concrete. All sand and gravel is excavated from nearby river beds. Portland cement is purchased locally and is received in Jacmel at the ocean port. A local carpenter makes lids for each filter. Our staff of 10 is able to reach 32 families with the needed education and filters every month.



Economics and Finances

Haiti is the poorest country in the western hemisphere. Hands Helping Haiti is fostering programs intended to empower Haitian people and allow them to break this cycle of poverty.

Since the political unrest and corruption has really exploded over the last six years, it is typical to see an inflation rate of around 50% per year. However, our Haitian partners have worked hard to keep costs down and program costs have only increased 35% in total in the same six-year period.

HHH has been actively managing what we can to make sure that all the dollars go as far as they can. Our all-volunteer board is always striving for good stewardship and 95% of every contribution is spent in Haiti for our programs, with our largest administrative cost being getting resources from the US to Haiti.

Despite all of this, we still need more help. Would you please consider becoming a monthly sponsor to join us in an ongoing commitment to the future of Haiti through education and health?

- \$30 per month will help with tuition for one student
- \$50 per month will pay for one college student's tuition
- \$75 per month will pay for 300 lunches for one day
- \$125 per month will pay for one filter installed for a family which will provide treated water for 10 years+.

Your donations will be very much appreciated and can be made online at www.handshelpinghaiti.org or by mail at the address below:

Hands Helping Haiti
PO Box 231
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Additionally, we are looking for opportunities to spread the word about HHH and would love to come speak to your church, your community organization or a neighborhood house party. We are happy to consider any location or gathering. Please email hkhwaterproject@gmail.com if you are interested.

Thank you so much for your support!
The HHH Board