



ST. GABRIEL'S SCHOOL FONTAINE, HAITI

ANNOUNCING OUR "RENEWING HOPE IN HAITI CAMPAIGN" (AND ASKING FOR YOUR HELP)

OVERALL PROJECT COSTS: \$351,477 | AMOUNT REALIZED TO DATE: \$186,000 | **CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$165,000**

Dear Friends of Fontaine,

"Sad stories" don't have to have a "sad ending," and with your help, this one won't.

As part of the long-range plan to ensure the success of St. Gabriel's School in Haiti, the next phase of development was going to be the building of a pavilion, new sanitation station (latrines, showers, and washroom), and a pumping system to bring water from a nearby river to the school. However, when the exterior of the existing school building was recently inspected, large fractures in the walls, probably initiated by the 2018 earthquake, were found. Further inspection revealed that the school's foundation had settled unevenly over the years adding further stress to the walls. Finally, the walls were undoubtedly fatally weakened by two minor earthquakes this past Fall. Deemed a major structural flaw, and too costly to repair, engineers reinforced the walls for this school

year, but the building must be replaced to ensure the long-term safety of the students, staff, and visitors.

The pressing need to replace the school building and the current situation in Haiti suggested to the Board it might be time to bring our mission in Haiti to a close. However, St. Gabriel's has been a **beacon of hope** in a country where hope is in short supply. With that in mind, the Board have decided to press on with plans to build the pavilion with current funds, but also to make an appeal to the community to help us replace the present school building with two, single-story, steel-framed, classroom buildings, and fund the sanitation station and pumping projects.

So, starting immediately, we're kicking off our **"RENEWING HOPE IN HAITI CAMPAIGN."** If successful, we will have enough funds for two new school buildings, a sanitation system, and a river water pumping station.



YOU'LL BE PART OF THIS URGENTLY NEEDED PROJECT BY **FILLING OUT THE ENCLOSED FORM.** IF YOU WISH TO DIRECT YOUR DONATION TO A SPECIFIC PROJECT, YOU CAN INDICATE THAT ON THE FORM.

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RIVER WATER PUMPING PROJECT

Our first project in Fontaine in 2011 was digging a well. When our well began to fail in 2019, we built a 190,000-gallon underground reservoir to harvest water during Haiti's "rainy seasons" to irrigate the school's garden and meet our domestic needs.

However, climate change and our location in a rain-shallow part of Haiti have challenged us. We hope to augment our rain harvesting system from the roof of the new pavilion and find a secure water source. With the help of a donor, we've begun a project connecting the school to a river ¼ mile away. With your help, we can complete this project with solar power and a purification system which will provide Fontaine with an unlimited water supply for irrigating gardens and domestic use during droughts.



RENDERING OF THE NEW PAVILION



PAVILION PROJECT

Over the years, a portion of your donations to St. Gabriel's were set aside to serve as a "Future Fund." Last year we decided to use those funds to undertake a much-needed development project. So, this year, we hope to finish construction on a pavilion that will accommodate 320 people. This pavilion will be used as the school's cafeteria, as well as a study, and assembly area for the students. It will also serve the community as a gathering place for religious events and other social and civic events. The pavilion will have four offices, a stage, ample storage room, and a covered walkway to allow food movement from the school's kitchen.

**YOUR PAST DONATIONS ARE BUILDING THE PAVILION
(Only Furnishings for the pavilion are a part of this project.)**

RENDERING OF THE NEW SANITATION SYSTEM

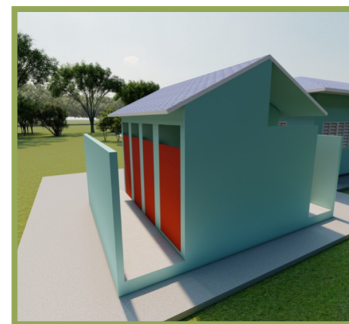
SANITATION SYSTEM PROJECT: CHALLENGE TO REDUCE DISEASE

When a team of doctors and medical students from the University of Buffalo at SUNY held their first clinic in Fontaine, they found our students suffering from infections spread by unsanitary latrines. Our school's present latrine has been part of the problem. So, we plan to build sanitary bathroom stalls and a hand-washing sink to significantly reduce the spread of infections by those who use the facility. In addition, the new facility will include showers which will replace the shower facilities in the old school building.

CURRENT TOILETS



RENDERING OF THE NEW SANITATION SYSTEM



RENDERING OF THE NEW ST. GABRIEL'S SCHOOL

ABOUT OUR STUDENTS

These are very difficult days in Haiti and student morale is down. However, they are still coming to school every day, learning, growing, getting a daily hot meal and finding strength and support in one another.



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Renewing Hope in Haiti Campaign



COST OF OVERALL PROJECTS

Demolition	\$7,384.00	Electrical Connection	\$5,000.00
Bathroom	\$35,213.00	Reservoir Plumbing	\$4,000.00
Standard Classrooms	\$148,630.00	Unforeseen	\$5,000.00
Smaller Classrooms	\$125,250.00	Total:	\$351,477.00
Pavilion Furnishings	\$18,000.00	REALIZED TO DATE:	\$186,477.00
Solar Rack	\$3,000.00	TO BE RAISED:	\$165,000.00