

# Spreading Good News

Nord Est Haiti  
Lutheran Mission

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## In Haiti

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To the NEHLM board, and all our supporters: spiritually and economically,

Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen!

All the glory is to God who his love endures forever. God is good and all the time. Thanks ever so much to all of you: for your love, for your generosity and for your economic and spiritual supports throughout the year. You make us not only exist but also feel loved in spite of all political difficulties or hardships facing Haiti now a days. The Lord has worked through you so that our institution can stand. We are moving forward from year to year. Your contributions have been meaningful to us.

In spite of all the construction works that have been doing in the school yard, in the office and at Baja, we also can Look at these university students in Santiago, these people to be fed at MADO, so many kids who have been receiving education at CELO, over 60 workers who are able to care for themselves and their families and the word of God have been preached.

On behalf of, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the generous sponsorship that you provided to our school CELO, congregations ELCH and orphanages MADO. I am happy to report that your generous and selfless support is extremely wonderful and help us achieve more than we ever imagined. Kindly, these would not be possible without your intervention. We deeply appreciate your willingness and determination.

Dear brethren in the Lord, May God bless each one of you always so that you always be a blessing for us. Haiti for Christ and Christ for Haiti.

Sincerely,

Pastor Daniel Paul

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### Acronyms:

ELCH: "Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti" which is in altar and pulpit fellowship with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

MADO: "La Maison de Agneaux de Dieu Orphelinat" translated as "The House of the Lambs of God Orphanage."

CELO: College Evangelique le Lutherien de Ouanaminthe.



# Changing with the Times



*School Courtyard before concrete slab was installed*

## Changes in Sponsorship

Many of our sponsors recently received letters and photos. These letters helped to explain the end to the student sponsorship program due to challenges of increased transient student populations and challenges with a lack of a US liaison. We have felt the change coming as the Haitian ministry has grown the school to a full school offering classes from Pre-school to Philo (13th grade). The Board has provided supporters with a list of some of the costs related to the education at the CELO. As we move forward, we seek to support the education at Ouanaminthe and Baja through regular monthly education gifts and education support drives. As donors are led, the gifts given to education will be utilized for services, such as listed below:

- \$30 provides ministry's portion\* for daily meals for a student per year. (\*Trinity Hope Feeding Program is an organization that supports schools in Haiti with a portion of the food costs.)
- \$275.00 provides uniform, books & supplies for an elementary student per year.
- \$400.00 provides uniform, books & supplies for a secondary student per year.
- \$ 75.00 provides compensation for an elementary teacher per month.
- \$150.00 to provide compensation for a secondary teacher per month.

*Note: These values are good estimates as of November 2022. The Haitian economy is very unstable, and the inflation rate for these items is presently close to 30%*

Many people have wondered if this has changed other sponsorships. No, our orphan sponsorship is continuing. As we have been doing the sponsorship program for 15 years, many of the children have graduated out of the sponsorship program. Some have moved on to support the community or extended family. Others have stayed close to the ministry, serving as "house parents," teachers, facilities support, and still others have taken on further education ventures. We are blessed to see how these young adults are impacting their communities.

Thank you to those who have committed to a regular donation for sponsorship or education. These gifts help to maintain monthly support for MADO at the present time.



CELO has proudly reached having a Philo class or 13th class. An amazing accomplishment to have successfully added this level of education to a Lutheran school in Haiti. CELO now offers Primary through Philo. Our first 13th class pictures.



# Treasurer's Report

As many of us in the US face some challenges as prices for goods and resources increase; we can sympathize with the Haitians as their country faces exaggerated costs for goods. God continues to strengthen Rev. Daniel Paul in his abilities to utilize the gifts given. During this past year, several construction projects were completed at the complexes. In June, we were excited to hear that the office building at the boys complex was completed. This project was started by mission teams several years ago and now is able to be used for security and housing. Additionally, a driveway and courtyard were started and completed at the school. This allows for cleanliness and sports activities at the school. We are blessed by the numerous gifts for projects such as these as well as for agricultural projects. Your gifts allow for the board to support the ministry in projects, but also support the regular daily needs and enrichment of the members of the ministry. This summer, many young adults were able to attend a Lutheran gathering in Haiti. These gatherings allow the young adults and youth to fellowship with other Lutheran ministries in Haiti.

We thank you for your gifts. As we reach the end of year, we ask you to prayerfully consider a gift to NEHLM. The board has designated year-end giving to offset the increases in feeding costs.



*Concrete slab work at the School*



*A new office is being completed at the boys Ophanage*

## How You Can Help

**I prefer to support ongoing work of the Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission (NEHLM) by:**

Sponsoring an orphan (\$600 per year/ \$50 per month)  boy  girl

One Time Gift General Funds

Regular monthly donor amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please see our website for other ways to give and current projects.

**Make checks payable to:** Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission (NEHLM) and mail to  
c/o Faith Lutheran Church, 104 South 12<sup>th</sup> Street, La Grande, OR 97850

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional notes: \_\_\_\_\_

See our website for information about using **PayPal** or setting up **automatic withdrawal** of funds.



**Experience the blessing of sharing the gospel with children in Haiti. Sponsor a student, an orphan, or a class.**





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Ce mardi 3 mai 2022, au Parc St-Pierre, la révélation championnat de volleyball interscolaire: le Collège Évangélique le Luthérien (CELO) remporte le pour la première fois ce titre officiel en catégorie junior fille.

## News Update From Yves

We cover ourselves in the precious Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We would like to thank you for your support in the community of Baja, especially in school and church activities. We hope that Almighty God looks with favor and abundantly on you and on your family. We do not have enough words to better explain our contentment for all things that we have received from you, therefore, your help, your love, encourages us day by day in stronger ministry. At the Baja school, we are gradually moving forward; each year we are increasing a new class. We now have 8 classes from first grade kindergarten to 5th grade fundamental, but for this year we don't have enough classroom available for the 6th year. We are forced to send them to another school. Last year (2021-2022), we had 105 pupils in the school. They like the space of the school very much; they learned to read and write very well. The community loves the work we were doing at school and at the church.

The time of a regular opening of classes takes place in September, but for this year so far the school in Haiti is not yet functioning because of political problem, inflation on the market, the fuel problem; we do not have a stable government that can make a decision for the proper functioning of public and non-public institutions. So for CELO, we work with the children of MAD0 and the others who do not live too far while waiting for the decision from the government for the 2022-2023 school year.

The CELO school in Ouanaminthe, we have 75 students from 1st year kindergarten to 3rd kindergarten, first year fundamental to 6th year 110 students, secondary 1 to secondary III, 82 students, so we have 267 students in Ouanaminthe.

We greet you fraternally, God bless you. Yves

*Rev. Daniel Paul in recent communication with Rev. Sam Wiseman stated school has begun!  
~Newsletter Editor*

*Translation of the above article: Volleyball School— On the 3rd of May, 2022, at St. Pierre Park, reveals the winner of the Volleyball Interschool Championship: The le College Evangelique le Luthérien (CELO, that's our school!) wins the Championship title for the first time in the Junior Girls category. This prestigious school sport activity rewards and validates the best teams that will participate in the regional school championship. CELO, in its first participation since its founding, won the championship title in volleyball by beating le college Univers (the other school's name in the finals), 3 sets to 2 (20-25, 25-21, 25-21, 22-25, 15-12) Remember that CELO had to finish all the brackets. With 14/15 points, Congratulations to Dianelie, MVP and Best Striker of the Youth Easter Tournament as well as Wislene, they fully deserve this title.*



Cette prestigieuse activité de sport scolaire récompense et valide les meilleures équipes qui participeront en championnat régional scolaire.

CELO, pour sa première participation depuis son existence a remporté le titre champion en volley scolaire en battant le collège Univers 3 set à 2 (20-25 ; 25-21 ; 25-21 ; 22-25 ; 15-12). Rappelons que CELO avait terminé la phase de poule

avec 14/15 points.

Félicitations à Dianelie, MVP et meilleure Attaquante du tournoi de Pâques de la Jeune aussi bien qu'à Wislene, elles méritent amplement ce titre.

### NEHLM Board Members:

President: Ernie Frederickson  
Treasurer: Jennifer Yancey  
Adviser: Rev. Sam Wiseman

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Former Liaisons: Ben Wiseman and Emily Yancy

## MADO a Refuge in an Unstable Haiti

2022 was a year of crises in various regions of the world; in Haiti the destabilizing global trends prodded an instable country into crises. Amidst the insecurity, the Lutheran church in Ouanaminthe continues its work caring for vulnerable children, educating children, and gathering a religious community. As a witness to the extreme conditions under which the church gathers in Ouanaminthe, we offer a brief news roundup from the last year.

In July of 2021 Haiti's president Jovenel Moïse was assassinated. At the time of his assassination, the legislative body was not functioning because most of the legislators' terms had expired and no elections had been held to replace them. Without a functional legislature, President Moïse was ruling by decree. After his assassination, the newly appointed prime minister, Ariel Henry, took over the president's role on an interim basis with the expectation of organizing elections to replace the president and repopulate the legislature. However, political turmoil, insecurity, and a faltering government continue to delay elections.

As government institutions faltered, gangs increased their power. Homicides and kidnappings were common in Port au Prince, often being motivated by political and financial gain. In months of extreme violence, entire neighborhoods became unlivable, and families fled to shelters in other parts of the city, other regions of the country, or endured extreme risk attempting to reach other countries.

A huge fuel blockade from September to November 2022 brought unlivable conditions to many Haitians throughout the country. Food and other critical items were stuck in ports and depots, generator-run cell phone towers and water pumps were turned off, schools closed, hospitals closed or reduced services. With almost impossible access to clean water in many neighborhoods, cholera reemerged. For the first time ever, the UN reported catastrophic hunger in Haiti, the most severe rating indicating famine or catastrophe.

While Ouanaminthe is separated from the most harrowing conditions in Port-au-Prince, the instability brought hardship to Ouanaminthe as well. Displaced people from Port-au-Prince came to Ouanaminthe to live with family or make new lives. Increased tension with the Dominican Republic reduced commerce in Ouanaminthe, a border town with an economy dependent on trade with the DR. The DR has increased deportations of Haitians, and these deportees often arrived in Ouanaminthe with little resources to help them resettle in Haiti. The UN reported 1,800 unaccompanied children deported from the Dominican Republic to Haiti between January and November of this year.

This year of crises in Haiti highlights that Ouanaminthe is a critical place to have a refuge for vulnerable children. The ministry of the Lutheran church in Ouanaminthe reaches a small portion of that need. It is a responsibility and a blessing to walk in fellowship with the church in Ouanaminthe as they bear witness in such extreme circumstances. We welcome you joining us in support of the Lutheran church of Haiti and their ministries to the children and community of Ouanaminthe.

**Stay up to date** with news in Haiti. Follow with more details of the country's issues than the ones high-lighted in your bi-monthly NEHLM email. Check out news sources such as The Haitian Times (<https://haitiantimes.com>) and The Miami Herald (<https://www.miamiherald.com>).



*Teachers's Appreciation Meal*

*Student enjoying the new concrete slab*



*Blessed to be able to go to school*

*Happy to have school open again!*

