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PARTNERS

ANNUAL REPORT 2015

*In all things proclaim the love of God; if necessary, use words.
Francis of Assisi*



MEN ANPIL - CHAY PALOU!
“Many hands make the load lighter”

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A Note From Our Board

Friends,
Men anpil, chay palou. We live this Haitian proverb every day because of the trust and generosity that you have shown La Gonâve Haiti Partners over the past year.

One of the burdens that we carry when we return from Haiti is the difficulty in expressing the gratitude of people touched by the many programs that you support.

As the Board of Directors for La Gonâve Haiti Partners, it is an honor to serve as the conduit for your generosity and caring. We see first-hand the amazing change that your gifts make. People we meet on la Gonâve often tell how life has been changed through your helping hands.

One of our goals this year is a redesigned website to improve your access to the stories and photographs of the people and communities that are directly impacted by your gifts. We hope to ensure that you continue to feel connected to the hard work and struggles of our Haitian friends.

In addition, we have better donor tracking information in development for 2016. As we begin the new year, we want you to know that your generosity is indispensable, it is appreciated and it is life-giving.

A 500 year history of colonization and oppression is not easily overcome. Haiti has a young and evolving democracy with a multitude of challenges inherent in the complex process. "Men anpil, chay palou" simply describes how we best ease one another's burdens. "The poor and needy search... but I, the Lord will answer them, I will not forsake them" (Isaiah 41:17). Your gifts participate in God's promise to never forsake our partners in Haiti.

Here is what you have helped to accomplish this year:

- Education and lunch for 1700 children
- Teacher's training for 96 teachers
- Jobs for 215 people on an island with 98% unemployment
- Prenatal and postnatal care for over 500 women and newborns in remote villages
- Medika Mamba treatment for over 60 severely malnourished children under the age of 5
- A pregnant goat and the training to care for it for 48 families
- Adult literacy training for 257 women and men
- Expanded micro-finance programs and economic development for women and men
- Support the spiritual life of the 10 island church communities by providing materials and worshipping together with the Priest in Charge and the lay leaders



Deborah Griffin
Chair, La Gonâve Haiti Partners



A Note From Our Partner in Haiti



Brothers and Sisters, Friends in Jesus Christ

My name is Rev. Vil Jean Mardoché, and I am the priest in charge of the parish of St. Francis of Assisi in la Gonâve.

In the name of the people of la Gonâve, I extend my gratitude to each of you, members of the Board, partners from various sister churches, friends, and benefactors, for all the effort you put forth to support la Gonâve. We are incredibly grateful to you. Thank you.

EDUCATION

This past school year was a success, and we witnessed progress at various levels. We bear in mind that each of you have worked very hard to provide our schools with the necessary means to offer a quality education.

This year you have allowed us once again to:

- Distribute texts and materials to pre-school and elementary school students.
- Organize a training session for prospective teachers, which we held last August.
- Extend the school lunch program to all ten schools in the partnership.
- Maintain our school for adults.
- Fund teacher salaries.

These are the types of precious and indispensable services that any well-known academic institution should provide.

HEALTHCARE

This past year we were visited by numerous medical groups, which allowed the people living in remote zones to have access to medical care. We take this moment to address our thanks to all those who have visited and have given their support to the clinic. The medical groups have given medicine and other equipment.

Repair and construction work has been completed at the clinic thanks to your financial support and the quality of the services that the clinic provides has improved tremendously. The employees of the clinic are all paid on time, and they work to their fullest, giving the best of themselves.

AGRICULTURE, GOAT FARMING, MICRO-FINANCE

We are in the process of re-thinking the agricultural system. As for the goat program, we have finished training a new series of beneficiaries. In order to provide better support to the various participants in this program, several medical visits have taken place. A big thank you to partners who support these programs, for having sent the appropriate medicines to care for the baby goats.

The microfinance program has gained strength in numbers, as more community members are taking part. Two new communities have joined the program: Trou Jacques and Nan Mango. Thank you to the partners of these communities.

It is by the grace of God that we are called to give our assistance, our joy, and our love to the most vulnerable among us. If you know this to be true, and you feel moved by this noble cause, please do not hesitate to join the partnership, because there are many people who live in very difficult conditions in Haiti, and they count on your support. You lose nothing when you give your support to those less fortunate than yourself, because he or she who gives to the least among us gives also to God.



Père Vil Jean Mardoché
Episcopal Diocese of Haiti, La Gonâve Parish

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Partner Communities and Schools on Île de la Gonâve



Google earth



Anse-a-Galet and St. Francis d'Assisi 411 Students	Nouvelle Cité and Holy Cross 196 Students	Ti Cotelette and Holy Innocents 109 Students	Nan Mango and St. Bartholomew 174 Students	Trou Jacques and St. Philip and St. James 97 Students
Plaine Mapou and St. John the Baptist 137 Students	Bois Brule and St. James 247 Students	Lotore and St. Barnabas 145 Students	Gros Mangles and Holy Spirit 133 Students	Platon Balais and St. Simon and St. Jude 145 Students

Thanks to many supporters 337,500 school lunches were served in 2014-15.

Learn more at lagonavepartners.org

Education



••• Our History

La Gonâve Haiti Partners began its service in 1989 when a relationship between Presbyterian congregations in Atlanta, Georgia, Episcopal congregations in coastal South Carolina and the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti was formed. As its mission to the remote island of la Gonâve, the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti planted churches in 10 communities. Churches in the United States partnered with the la Gonâve churches to learn about one another and how to best match needs with resources. Relationships with individual communities developed and deepened. In addition to worship and education, the communities requested assistance with healthcare. In 2000, the Bill Rice Community Health Center opened to provide basic medical care for surrounding communities.

Healthcare



Partners fund the health center's full time staff of a medical director, nurses, midwives, lab technician and pharmacist. The building is now home to a variety of mobile health programs. Each week a Bill Rice team travels to a distant community to deliver pre and post-natal care and to combat childhood malnutrition with the Medika Mamba program. Additionally the partners fund 20 birth attendants and 20 community health workers that form a network of care in the 10 partner communities. All health care staff use the Bill Rice Clinic as their headquarters for continued training, collaboration and supplies.

Economic Opportunity



Education continues a priority for La Gonâve Haiti Partners. A robust system of 10 schools has evolved with ten primary schools (pre-kindergarten through 6th grade) and a "central high" school at St Francis d' Assisi. Teacher and staff salaries, materials, and a daily lunch program are supported through the partnership. In 2014, a centralized training program was established to provide continuing teacher education.

Communities also appealed for assistance with adult education. In the 3 years since its inception, 800 la Gonâvians have participated in the adult literacy program; classes are enthusiastic and active in all 10 partner communities.

The La Gonâve Goat Project graduated its first class of farmers in 2002. Approximately 350 families now have been trained in goat farming. They continue to receive ongoing breeding and veterinary care as they grow their herds. These

farmers are building a business which provides food for their families and education for their children. They experience the self-respect earned from hard work and the confidence from being self-sufficient.

Today La Gonâve Haiti Partners is a 501(c)3 entity with an expanding partnership of US churches, schools, organizations and donors. New programs being developed for clean water, energy and micro-finance build upon the core focus of education, healthcare and economic development. La Gonâve Haiti Partners continue to walk with the people of la Gonâve, in successes and set backs, always encouraging, always loving, always hoping. ●

Meet Edit, a teacher and leader of the children's choir in the community of Nan Mango. When a women's sewing group was started as a way for the women to make extra income, she was chosen by her peers to be their leader and spokesperson. Deadlines were set for when the sewing was to be picked up. Edit always had the goods ready. They would be counted and she would know exactly what the group was owed. She was always fair and determined in her negotiations. Shortly after she began making some extra income she went to Port au Prince and bought school supplies to keep in her home and sell to students and neighbors who might need them. Edit had found a way to take her new earnings and multiply them. Soon she moved her family from the mountains to the larger town of Anse-a-Galet for better schooling for her young child and a better paying job for herself. In town she organized a small group of women into a sewing group and began to help them make money as well.



Our Mission ● ● ●

La Gonâve Haiti Partners joins the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti in a mutual relationship of supporting education for children and adults, improving access to healthcare and nutrition, and assisting with economic development in ten communities on la Gonâve. The partnership responds to the needs identified by our Haitian partners by contributing financial support and helping to define programs and projects that empower Haitians in the building of sustainable communities and developing a skilled work force. ●

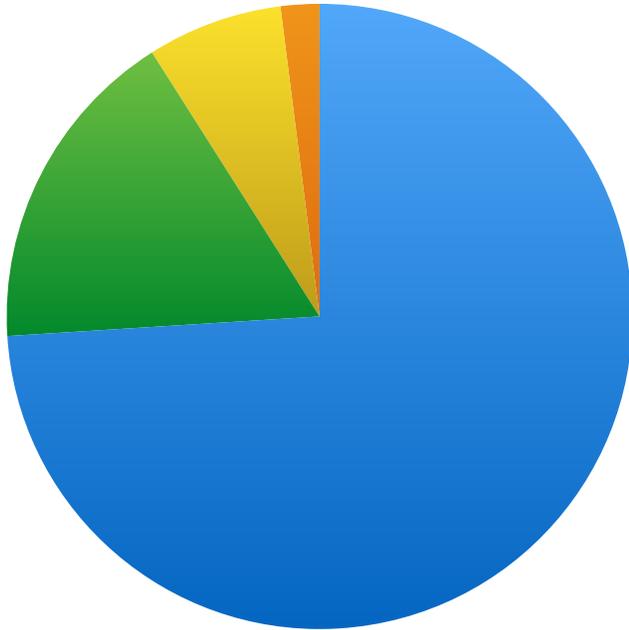
Meet Mrs. O, a 44 year old who lives in a remote mountainous neighborhood. She would come with her shy, sweet smile to the mobile clinics, complaining of abdominal pain and fatigue. Unable to do a full examination and with limited tests available, the doctors could only treat her high blood pressure and anemia. They told her to return if the medicines didn't help. She would walk out to her husband, shaking her head. He would take her arm and the two would set off down the dusty road for the 2 hour walk back home. But she always came back. Then everything changed ... an OB/GYN doctor from the states on a medical mission trip to la Gonâve was able to find a large, pelvic mass using the ultrasound donated to the Bill Rice Community Health Center. Nine months later, Mrs. O was scheduled for her surgery when another OB/GYN from Atlanta traveled to the island and the large mass was successfully removed. Mrs. O's hard work to get medical care, the collaboration of the visiting medical teams, and the generosity of donors give the story a happy ending.



Financials •

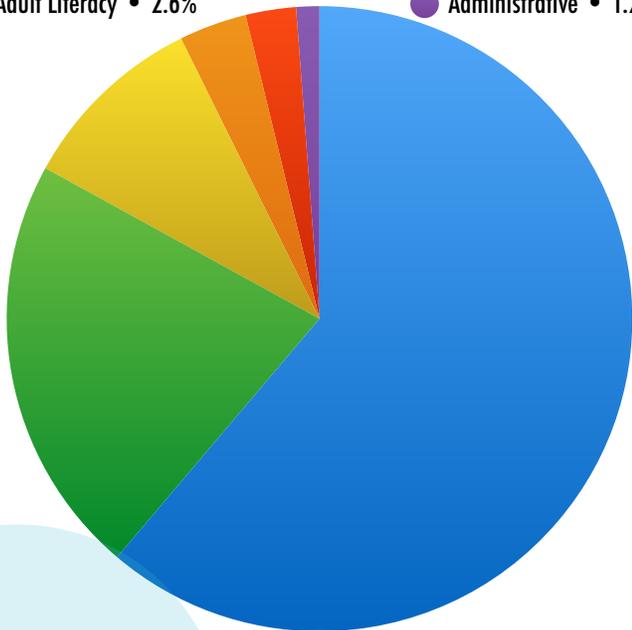
Total Revenue: \$496,820

- Partner Churches • 74%
- Institutions/Foundations/Other Churches • 7%
- Individuals • 17%
- Crowd-Funding • 2%



Total Expenses: \$457,385

- Schools/Community Support • 61.2%
- Lunch Program • 9.7%
- Adult Literacy • 2.6%
- Healthcare • 21.8%
- Goat/Agriculture • 3.5%
- Administrative • 1.2%



• Partners

La Gonève Haiti Partners works with the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti to promote sustainable growth and development for the people of La Gonève.

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 First Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA
 McDonough Presbyterian Church, McDonough, GA
 Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, Atlanta, GA
 Shallowford Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA
 Trinity Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA

Missouri

Christ Church Episcopal, Springfield, MO

North Carolina

Episcopal Church of the Advocate, Chapel Hill, NC
 St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Hickory, NC

South Carolina

All Saints Church, Pawleys Island, SC
 Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant, SC
 Doulos Disciples, Charleston, SC
 First (Scots) Presbyterian, Charleston, SC
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www.childspringintl.org
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 Trinity Presbyterian Church *

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 Alpharetta Presbyterian Church *
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 Beatitudes, Inc.

** Indicates Partnership Church*





MESI ANPIL!
"Thank You Very Much"

Meet Yaya. She graduated from the first goat farmer class in 2002. She did not want to be dependent on her neighbors for help. By raising goats, she was able to put food on her family's table and to provide an education for her two grandsons..

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