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Remove Barriers Nurture Potential

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In 11 communities across La Gonâve, St. Francis' team of leaders work hard to **remove barriers** to building a better island. In Anse-a-Galets, the Professional Training Center of St. Francis of Assisi (PTCSFA) instructs around 70 students each year in a chosen trade. Lead by Madame Nerline, the center provides the skills needed to find better jobs, or start a business. Culinary arts, restaurant, bar and banquet service, flower arranging, fashion, sewing, and cosmetology are all paths to a new future.



PTCSFA culinary students in class

This week, during mobile clinics, underweight infants were treated with Medika Mamba. Healthcare staff brought medicine to families and conducted check-ups. Almost 40 Community Healthcare Workers and Matrones mean that patient care is personal. Dr. Lazar and his team visited all 11 communities once per month in 2025 to conduct free mobile clinics—not an easy feat across rugged terrain!

This is all a testament to hope, to the incredibly capable leadership on La Gonâve, and to the knowledge that a better future is possible. Haitian and American partners have built a sense of trust and mutuality over the years that is the foundation to these successes.

In Planton Balais, a rural community on the western side of the island, St. Simon and St. Jude teaches 104 students, all of whom are fed a free lunch every single day. Mr. Jean Edbuche Foneis, Coordinator of the school system, makes sure that all 2,260 students have the tools they need to learn.



Students in Planton Balais say hello!

The parish maintains water catchment systems at each church and school. These provide water for the campus so that students and faculty don't have to worry about water while at school.



Mothers & their babies waiting to be seen by the doctor

As 2025 comes to a close, we're reflecting on the significant progress made on La Gonâve through your generous support and identifying needs for 2026. U.S. partners supply the funding for medication, salaries, materials, and so much more. Haitian partners work with these funds to serve their communities. Together, La Gonâve Haiti Partners care for and empower communities by improving healthcare, education, economic development, and infrastructure—against all odds!

Our Annual Fund is the cornerstone of our work, enabling life-changing impact in the 11 communities we partner with. Using unrestricted funds, LGHP can respond swiftly to urgent needs identified by our partners. Haitian and American partners can continue to share our hopes for the future and then craft a plan for how to realize them. From mobile clinics in hard-to-reach villages to education equipping the next generation to accessible clean water, every dollar you contribute creates hope and resilience on La Gonâve.

Despite the incredible progress our partnership supported this year, this is a critical time for La Gonâve. Political tension in Haiti continues to worsen. Gang presence prevents a free flow of travel & trade between La Gonâve and the mainland, causing prices to skyrocket. There is not enough food to feed everyone, or enough clean water for the parched. Cutoff and isolated, it has never been more important that La Gonâve is supported by our partnership.



Woman prepares lunch for 104 students



Feeding a malnourished baby Medika Mamba

This is a pivotal time for La Gonâve. Your contributions ensure that this island and its people continue to not just survive, but thrive. We've set a 2025 Annual Fund goal of \$75,000 to build on our amazing progress. Could you make a gift this year? Our Haitian partners have many barriers in their path -- you can be a part of removing them!