

Prior to 2022, the St. Francis school system had only one middle school and one high school to serve its 10 primary schools.

Located on the main campus in Anse-à-Galets, the St. Francis middle and high school served the most densely populated area of La Gonâve, but most rural St. Francis students had to end their education after the 6th grade. In 2018, La Gonâve Haiti Partners voted to address this educational dead end; five years later a second middle school—St. Marthe and St. Marie Middle School campus—was built and opened in the rural community of Palma. A new grade level has been added each year and this past July 2025, the first 9th grade class graduated with a 100% pass rate!

The school has been a smashing success for the students and their families, who begged administrators, “Please, we want to continue in our beloved school!”



Middle school students in class at St. M & M



The middle/high school building has 6 classrooms

In October 2025, the first high school class was admitted at St. Marthe and St. Marie High School and now has 42 students in the 10th grade.



New computers start the year off right!

Over Christmas break, the computer classroom at St. Marthe powered up! Twenty laptops were installed and connected to Starlink internet and solar power. The school now offers a curriculum for computer literacy and new resources for teachers.

There are a few construction projects in the works around the island; in Ti Cotelette, the foundation is being laid for a new classroom building. The parish broke ground at the Professional Center for the new cosmetology building. Construction projects are difficult because transporting materials across the water takes time. We look forward to seeing these projects develop!



So much support for the Christmas Competition!



Les Saints Innocentes Church on New Year's Eve

In Ti Cotelette, the church rang in the New Year with a lively celebration of its Feast Day. Haitian Independence Day is January 1st, so celebrations for the New Year and Independence Day make for a lively end to the year.



The winners of the singing contest!

The Christmas Songwriting Contest, organized at St. Francis by artist Porchal Show, announced its winner: Ms. Christerlandie Norbrun. She won a motorcycle, a scholarship for a year of high school at St. Francis and a year of classes at the Professional Center, and gift certificates for food. Ms. Norbrun sang an original composition about hardship and perseverance on La Gonâve. The contest served as a message of hope to families during these difficult times Haiti is facing. Joy in the face of struggle is an act of resilience!

Thanks to everyone who gave to make our 2025 Annual Fund the most successful ever. Your generosity blew us past our \$75,000 goal; together we raised \$92,000! These dollars provide flexibility to meet the constantly changing circumstances in Haiti. Your gifts assure that we can continue to teach, feed, and treat the people (and their animals) on La Gonâve. Follow along on our Facebook or Instagram for weekly updates about La Gonâve in 2026!