



CHALLENGE

OFCB (l'Organisation de la Force Chrétienne de Bayonnais) Newsletter

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Thank You!

Greetings from Bayonnais! We are pleased to report that the generous Christians living in the US who have partnered with us in our mission of providing education, and life skills to the children of Bayonnais, Nicolas, and Zorange have showered us with gifts during the Christmas season in abundance, providing goats, farm implements, and other outpouring evidence of love and affection for those of us in Haiti. We are grateful your generosity outside of the regular consistent support for the school, clinic, and agronomy project in Bayonnais. Blessings to all who were a part of this!



Hearts for Haiti

Myers Park United Methodist Church has again undertaken a campaign to sponsor students in Bayonnais, Nicolas, and Zorange. The most recent campaign (Myers Park's third) is focused on sponsoring as many of the approximately 400 kindergarten/pre-kindergarten children as possible. The creativity and energy, care and concern exhibited by the ministers, staff, and members of Myers Park United Methodist Church has been a strong positive influence upon us in Haiti and is an encouragement that our efforts are not only in God's will but worthy of support. We pray that other churches will join in sponsoring our students and that those existing churches who currently sponsor students will increase their sponsorship.



World of God News

There is an excitement around the offices at World of God, as evidenced by the addition of three new Board Members. Jim Gray, Amy LaCount, and Eleanor Norman, joined in the Board in January 2016 and have hit the ground running. *(Learn about our new board members on page 2.)*

The Board has begun 2016 with renewed enthusiasm and confidence that God is leading World of God to expand its positive impact upon the mountain villages of Bayonnais, Nicolas, and Zorange, Haiti. Restructuring its efforts with an emphasis on strengthening the relationships between sponsors and sponsored students, the Bayonnais Advisory Council has changed its name to the Bayonnais Advocacy Council in order to advocate for solutions for the needs of these communities. This continues to send a strong message that we are in this for the long haul. Through God's leading and mutual cooperation, we are steadfastly involved in the business of providing hope for the future and working toward sustainability in the mountainous region of Haiti. We, at World of God, are excited about 2016 and where God will take this ministry. May each of you who partners with us be blessed in your efforts.

Meet the New World of God Board Members

The **REVEREND ELEANOR R. NORMAN**, C.F.R.E. is a Certified Fund Raising Executive, a trained Intentional Interim Minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and a certified Appreciative Inquiry Facilitator. She has successful assisted churches in VA and NC thrive during leadership transitions. In addition to her work in the church, she works as a Non-Profit Fundraising and Strategic Planning consultant.



Eleanor has a heart for serving her community. An active Junior League Member, Eleanor has served in leadership roles in Junior Leagues in Pensacola, Hampton Roads, and Charlotte. A twenty-six year Lupus thriver, Eleanor actively volunteers with the Lupus Foundation of NC. Eleanor serves on the Advisory Board of Girls on the Run Charlotte and as Vice-President of the University of Georgia Alumni Association. She is also an active member of The Robin Center for Civic Leadership and Association of Fundraising Professionals.

Eleanor enjoys hosting legionary tailgates and crawfish boils, watercolor painting, cooking, and traveling. She was born and raised in Pensacola, FL.

JIM GRAY has been in the Automotive Aftermarket for over 35 years. He was transferred to Mooresville NC in 1997 where he and his wife Sandy Tabor – Gray chose to stay and raise their three children.

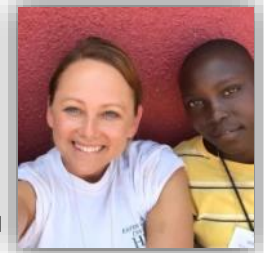


Jim is a member at Williamson’s Chapel United Methodist Church where he and his family have been active in youth groups, mission trips and Bible studies throughout the years. He has served as a lay leader and currently resides on the Mission Council.

He has been a Board Member for Solace for the Children, Mooresville Christian Mission and several automotive associations as well as a Public Safety Diver for the Mooresville Rescue Squad.

He volunteers to serve where ever possible in the area of helping people locally and abroad as well as those struggling with alcohol and drug addiction.

AMY LACOUNT was born and raised in the Bluegrass State of Kentucky. She completed her undergraduate and graduate degrees at Eastern Kentucky University. Go Colonels! Amy has a background in Public Health but switched to ministry in May of 2014.



Amy is responsible for leading volunteers and missions at Williamsons Chapel UMC in Mooresville, NC. She loves serving others, working with volunteers, making a difference and most of all sharing Gods love.

Amy has traveled to various places across the globe and has had life-changing experiences on mission trips. She knows firsthand how powerful they can be, not only for those that are served but for the volunteers themselves. Amy and her husband, Shane, have two wonderful children – Avery & JP.

Returning Board Members

All with a passion and enthusiasm for educating children!



Dow Bauknight: Chairperson



David Nichols



Marc Stevens



Alan Palmer



Joe Bubenzer



Jim Blane



Michelle Campbell



Allen Smith



World of God provides young people with a quality education that shapes their future, enables their success and transforms their communities. Through education, World of God envisions a future in which its students graduate with the skills needed to foster local sustainability, alleviate severe poverty and restore community prosperity.

Support a Student | Shape a Future