



# CHALLENGE

## World of God in Bayonnais

When you meet the World of God staff in Bayonnais you will see on the faces of Sylvio, Presly, Yvolene, and Josue the dedication, enthusiasm, and love they have for our sponsored children. They are our link; connecting sponsors, students, and teachers. We have recently instituted a system assigning about 125 students to each of the four staff members. We believe this will further reinforce our objective of creating a mentor relationship with students. In a typical week, some will travel by motorcycle bouncing along rocky footpaths and avoiding large potholes filled with rainwater, traveling to the schools in Zorange and Nicolas, while others will work at the main campus. They meet with students and teachers learning of each child's progress or challenges. Some of the students will be writing letters to sponsors and others will have received a letter and need help with a reply.

Since there is no mail service to this area of Haiti, many of the students have never received or written a letter and are unfamiliar with the idea of letter writing.



**World of God Staff (from left to right):  
Sylvio Jeune, Presly Fils-Alme, Yvolene Sylvestre, Josue Jean**



Sometimes our staff will find a student has been absent from school and they will attempt to learn of any problems with the child or family. Often they will discover that the entire family has moved, seeking a better opportunity. They encourage older students to complete their education, as some are tempted to join relatives in Brazil or Chile. Sometimes they will learn that a student is ill and make an effort to have them visit the Medical Clinic. World of God is in process of establishing a "Medical Fund" enabling our staff to provide for basic medical treatment when needed.

Sponsor dollars are used for the benefit of the entire school. All students are asked to pay a small tuition amount for the entire school year, averaging about \$12 for elementary and \$60 for high school. Sponsored students who are able, can pay a discounted rate. If the family cannot afford any tuition either the student or the family are offered a work scholarship in which they can contribute to the school's operations. Importantly, all sponsored students have an opportunity to attend school, regardless of their financial ability.

Visiting your sponsored child in Haiti is a very special event, both for the child and the sponsor. World of God wants to encourage you to join a scheduled trip to Haiti to personally witness how your dollars are being used to provide a high quality education for the young people of Haiti.

You can find a schedule of planned trips here: [www.worldofgod.org/Go.php](http://www.worldofgod.org/Go.php)

## Brenda McKay and Glenna Cook in Bayonnais

Nurses Glenna Cook (First Pres Uptown) and Brenda McKay (Sardis Pres) are spending three weeks in Bayonnais, January 15 February 6. The goal and intention of their trip is to follow God's call in the world and to share His amazing love with our sisters and brothers in Bayonnais. Recognizing the high incidence of maternal and infant mortality in Haiti, they will explore causes for this as they visit pregnant women in the clinic and community, provide education, discuss why prenatal care increases their chances of having a healthy birth, promote breastfeeding, and encourage them to come to the clinic for care. They are prepared to provide information regarding labor, birth, preeclampsia, postpartum care, breastfeeding, and infant care.



Glenna and Brenda In Bayonnais



Outpost Clinic



Based on information received from twenty pregnant women who met at the clinic in November, Glenna and Brenda will be giving out lightweight blankets and hooded towels. When they return to Charlotte they will be asking women's groups to sew, or donate these items, to have available in the clinic for new mother's.



### Coming Soon!

Information about Actionnel's visit to the U.S. this spring. We will share the dates of the trip along with the priorities soon!



### New Website Design

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