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Annual Report

Opportunities through education help our Haitian neighbors address long-term problems.

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Loving Our Neighbors (Education As Love)

by Kent Annan, co-director



Micah Scholars like Keda Gustave and Romane Israel are learning from the example of Martin Luther King Jr. and the civil rights movement—while growing as young leaders engaged for the gospel and for justice.

was the neighbor to the beaten-up man and sets them up to give the answer: “The person who showed him mercy.”

It’s a story with a profoundly demanding ethic: our neighbors aren’t just people in our tribe or nationality, not just nearby or with similar beliefs. Our neighbor is defined much more broadly—and as those who show mercy to us and to whom we’re to show mercy.

Martin Luther King Jr. added a thought to the story in his outline for a sermon in 1955 titled “The One-Sided Approach of the Good Samaritan”:

“Now, without a doubt, Christian social responsibility includes the sort of thing the good Samaritan

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Both my daughter and son had a period as three-year-olds when their favorite story, the picture book they would request nightly, was Jesus’ story of the Good Samaritan. But before this proves them as cherubs, some details.

It’s not a good version of the story—not well written and illustrated in a heavy-handed style. The bad guys are way more interesting than the good guys. The story is that a man is beaten up and left by the side of the road. Our kids were fascinated by this early exposure to people

being cruel to each other. The should-be-good religious folks walk by him and don’t help. The looked-down-upon foreigner does help.

Our version concludes with the good guys talking in saccharine clichés. My wife, Shelly, and I cringed having to read it yet again. Hopefully the ultimate message was sinking in.

So what is the message?

In our children’s book the grand conclusion is, “A friend in need is a friend indeed.” Jesus’ original is better. He asks his disciples who



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did...Like the good Samaritan we must always stand ready to descend to the depth of human need. The person who fails to look with compassion upon the thousands of individuals left wounded by life's many roadsides is not only unethical, but ungodly. Every Christian should play the good Samaritan."

King went on to point to a reason that people like you, who are helping through Haiti Partners, invest in education so people can shape their own futures. We're addressing immediate problems, but with an eye towards providing opportunities for people to address their own long-term problems. King continued:

Education is such a meaningful way to love our neighbors in Haiti.

"But there is another aspect to Christian responsibility which is just as compelling [as helping the person in crisis]. It seeks to tear down unjust conditions and build anew instead of patching things up. It seeks to clear the Jericho road of its robbers as well as caring for the victims of robbery."

That is a way of expressing our desire to love our neighbors through providing education: to "clear the Jericho road." For Haiti Partners, this means clearing the way for opportunity:

Opportunity for more than 1,000 school children to receive a high quality education.

Opportunity for teachers to receive training so they can flourish as educators and nourish their students' potential.

Opportunity for businesses to be established that can locally support these schools.

Opportunity for 37 gifted young leaders to attend seminary for their undergraduate degrees and develop as a transformative generation working for mercy and justice.

Opportunity for churches to engage in training that mobilizes them to protect the most vulnerable, exploited children in their society.

Opportunity for people in Haiti, the U.S., Canada, and elsewhere to deepen in how they follow Jesus and engage for justice.

Opportunity to provide more opportunities for our neighbors who deserve them.

In this way my children's interest in the disturbing part of the story is natural—and even good. We should work to understand what's going wrong. Then we should help toward long-term solutions.

You'll read in this annual report about how you're helping to do this in Haiti through education. What a profound way to love our neighbors—to clear that Jericho road to a better, flourishing future. Thank you. We're so grateful you've chosen to love your neighbors in Haiti through us. We look forward with hope and determination.

Schools
Innovative, Inspiring, Lifelong Learning

Churches
Deepening Faith, Pursuing Justice

Organizations
Grassroots Education, Collaborative Leadership



Schools Program

The “Circle of Love” is what we call the activity that begins each day for preschoolers at our Children’s Academy and Learning Center. In this activity, students learn—quite literally—how to become loving, caring people.

Through practice and strong modeling by their teachers, they learn to care for and respect each other, listen to one another, express themselves, and encourage others to express themselves too. All with joy!

The Circle of Love is just one of the ways that we try to spread love through the education we provide in Haiti. We trust that with this core value, our students will be ready to lead their communities to a brighter future.

In the past year we:

- ❖ Provided quality education to over 1,000 students at 6 partner schools and the Children’s Academy.
- ❖ Completed and dedicated the first building of the Children’s Academy (see photo below).
- ❖ Saw 30 preschoolers through their first year at the Children’s Academy and welcomed a second class of 30 for this year.
- ❖ Trained and supported over 60 teachers in our partner schools and Children’s Academy.
- ❖ Founded and started construction on 3 social businesses to help our

schools work toward financial independence.

- ❖ Partnered with Extollo International to provide vocational training to dozens of people in earthquake- and hurricane-resistant construction techniques.

In the coming year, we will complete construction on a second Children’s Academy building, which will house a social business bakery, training facility, and guesthouse. All 3 of our social businesses will launch. We will build on our training program to support our 60 teachers and improve our evaluation techniques.



The students love it in the classroom of the newly inaugurated Children’s Academy...but they also love going out for recess!

Churches Program

When we met Erwin in 2011, she was a shy, timid student. We had trouble hearing her, much less envisioning her as a courageous Christian leader. But in her two years as a Micah Scholar, she’s become exactly that as she has mobilized her church and seminary for justice on behalf of *restaveks* (200,000 vulnerable children in Haiti exploited as labor and living away from their families). With other Micah Scholars, Erwin is studying for her bachelor’s degree, apprenticing with Haiti Partners, and learning how to lead in the way of Jesus. They and our church trainers are helping Haitian churches deepen their faith and engage for justice.



Christians in southern Haiti receive Bibles as part of trainings on Bible study and children’s rights.

In the past year:

- ❖ 1,124 pastors and leaders were trained to take action on behalf of *restavek* children—the most vulnerable of our neighbors—across Haiti. These participants reported dozens of children returning to their families and receiving better treatment.
- ❖ Our staff and Micah Scholars distributed 7,030 Haitian-Creole Bibles to churches and institutions in Haiti, alongside the training with education materials we’ve created for Bible study, theological discussion, and children’s rights.
- ❖ Added 10 new Micah Scholars. All 25 first and second year students successfully completed the academic year, interned in our work, and attended an excellent year-end retreat.

In the coming year, we’re adding 12 new Micah Scholars (for a current total of 37), who represent our partner organizations in the movement to end the *restavek* system, developing resources to help churches take action for women’s rights, strengthening the ways in which we measure program impact, and training thousands of pastors and lay leaders across the country.



Organizations Program

Haiti's history is scarred by colonization, slavery, and dictatorship. Despite the recent move toward democracy, this history is still apparent in authoritarian leadership where the abuse of power is often the norm. This often results in organizations that are dysfunctional and ineffective.

This program teaches Haitian grassroots and organizational leaders how to lead with their hearts, through approaches that are collaborative, democratic, and serve others. They learn to earn trust and to engage people's creativity, good will, and energy toward seizing opportunities and overcoming challenges.

In the past year we:

- ❖ Provided training for 140 residents of a new 300-home Habitat for Humanity village and supported their forming a self-governing homeowners association.
- ❖ Led a 6-month training for 35 teachers from 6 schools that are new to our network. Led a training on text-production for 14 of our most advanced trainers.
- ❖ Organized Haiti's 13th Annual Open Space Conference with over 60 grassroots leaders and educators from around the country on the theme of social business as a motor of development for schools, churches, and communities.

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In the coming year, we will continue to leverage our 20-plus years of experience in Haiti with local and international organizations like Habitat For Humanity and USAID that are slated to contract our services this year.

Partners Program

❖ Joel Dixon (see photo) has been supporting education in Haiti for the past several years and wanted to connect with like-minded people and organizations. At our Partner's Retreat, he collaborated with many of our closest colleagues and friends.



Laura Timm (Haiti Partners board member) and Joel Dixon at our Partners Retreat.

- ❖ Wellshire Presbyterian Church in Colorado, Calvary Church in Michigan, and Matthew's United Methodist in North Carolina, all helped at the Children's Academy alongside Haitians in the community. California-based BAR Architects, Miyamoto International, and Architecture for Humanity generously worked pro-bono on the Children's Academy structures. Nicole Groves, a student at Baylor University, volunteered for six weeks. Professors Sara Koenig (Seattle Pacific University) and Kenyatta Gilbert (Howard University School of Divinity) led a retreat with our Micah Scholars. These are some of the 100 people who visited our work this year.
- ❖ Our co-director John Engle received a Lifetime Achievement Award from WorldBlu for his work in Haiti, and

member companies gave \$25,000 to honor the achievement. Our co-director Kent Annan wrote a cover story for *Christianity Today* and gave the Settles Lecture at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

- ❖ People generously prayed, gave, volunteered, and participated in luncheons, fundraising events, correspondence, and many other activities that nourish Haiti Partners' relationships and work.

Additional Partnerships

- ❖ *Meeting Health Needs:* A new partnership with Haiti Clinic at the Children's Academy provides regular health care for the community by a part-time Haitian doctor and nurse that is complemented by free clinics by visiting doctors, nurses, and technicians.
- ❖ *Vocational Training:* Our partner Extollo International has expertise in training Haitian tradespeople. Dozens have already received training in earthquake- and hurricane-resistant construction techniques. Jobs are also being created. (See photo on page 6.)
- ❖ *Building:* The Kenbe La Foundation built three earthquake and hurricane resistant classrooms at Henri Christophe School.
- ❖ *Bibles:* The Canadian Bible Society gave 10,000 Bibles in Haitian Creole for our trainings around the country.
- ❖ *Social Businesses:* In partnership with Yunus Social Business, \$700,000 (in addition to our budget on page 5) has been secured to launch 3 social businesses (two poultry farms and a bakery). They will provide jobs and support our partner schools and Children's Academy.

To follow these stories, connect with us through Facebook and Twitter.





Financial Report

We thank each of you, our friends and partners, who have graciously made all the work in this annual report possible. We thank God for the chance to love our neighbors together with you.

In the past year, you gave a total of \$1,291,292. Your generosity is humbling and inspiring – and makes a difference every day. We hope you find the efforts of our students, teachers, leaders, and Micah Scholars inspiring too!

This page shows 2012/2013 income, capital expenditures (construction and computers), and expenses. It also shows our projected expenses and giving opportunities for the year ahead.

Your help is needed more than ever. Education is such a meaningful way to love our neighbors in Haiti!

You are one of 714 individuals, families, churches, schools, businesses, and foundations who generously gave last year.

Gifts Received and Expenses

Gifts Received	2011/2012	2012/2013
	\$1,234,058	\$1,291,292
Expenses	2011/2012	2012/2013
	\$1,257,546	\$1,287,410

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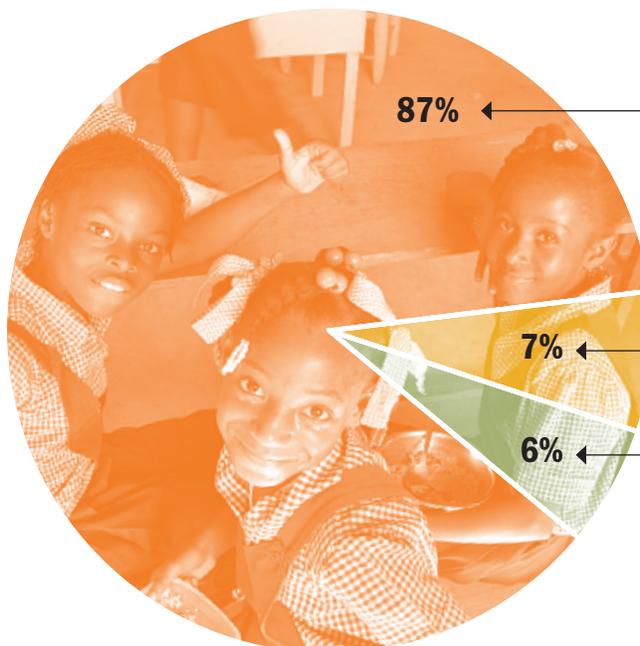
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2013/2014 Haiti Partners Projected Budget

Giving Opportunities: \$1,596,284

Your support is making a difference for people in Haiti. Thank you!



Programming 87%	\$1,401,471
Schools Program	\$788,342
Churches Program	\$402,261
Organizations Program	\$62,293
Partners Program	\$148,575
Management 7%	\$102,123
Fundraising 6%	\$92,690
Giving Opportunities for 2013/2014:	\$1,596,284



Four Ways to Make a Difference Now

1 Become a \$1-a-day **Change for Haiti Partner**. This level of support can send a child to school or pay for training for church leaders. You can also double your impact at \$2-a-day.

2 **Visit Haiti** on a Partner's Trip. You'll cultivate new relationships, experience the culture, and connect with Haiti Partners' work to help long-term.

3 Strengthen your **church or small group** community and help in Haiti by hosting a Haiti Partners speaker, connecting with a Haitian school, sponsoring a pastor's seminary education, and/or reading co-director Kent Annan's books together.

4 Spread the word by liking us on **Facebook**, following us on **Twitter**, and reading our **blog**.

We're grateful

to be building something special with each of you who are giving, praying, volunteering, and helping in many ways to help people in Haiti through education. Thank you for making the work in this annual report possible. Thank you for helping people in Haiti find new opportunities through education. We invite you to continue to get more involved. We're excited about the year ahead together!



Rose-Bertha Meristal and Avery Pratt, a leader of our partner Extollo International, breaking ground on the Children's Academy campus for the building that will house a bakery, training center, and guesthouse.

Photo by Marc Steed

Haiti Partners' mission is to help Haitians change Haiti through education. We work with schools, churches, and organizations to transform communities.

For details about our staff in the U.S. and Haiti, our board, our audited financial statements, strategy, and much more, please visit HaitiPartners.org/who-we-are/

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