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### A NOTE FROM OUR FOUNDERS

Recently Isaac, the father of two students at the Children's Academy, pulled me

(John) aside. "This is a new community. People have changed. There is hope and mutual respect that I didn't witness growing up here." It was a clear reminder of the transformation that's underway.

At the Children's Academy, we're building much more than a school. We're building a school-based community development model. As students receive a high quality education, learning locally relevant knowledge like permaculture gardening and how to compost, their parents discuss women's and children's rights, or participate in savings and loans groups, or visit the on-site health clinic, or contribute service hours. In the afternoons, local youth take language or entrepreneurship classes, or learn vocational skills working in the handmade paper social business.

Words fall short in expressing our gratitude to everyone who is making this important work possible. From the thousands of individuals, families, churches, companies, and foundations who are providing financial support and in-kind services, to the more than 100 US and Canadian volunteers that have invested more than 5,000 hours volunteering this last fiscal year, we humbly thank you.

You are walking alongside thousands of Haitians, like Isaac and his family, in a dynamic partnership that's realizing a brighter future for a country whose people have suffered tremendously, people who have been dealt a bad hand.

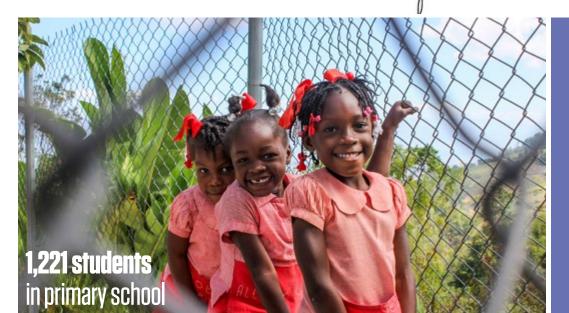
We hope that as you read this report you'll feel joyful knowing that you are positively changing lives. Thank you for helping Haitians change Haiti through education.

With love and gratitude,

John Engle

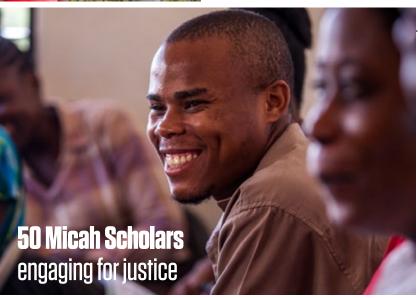
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SOME OF WHAT YOU MADE POSSIBLE THIS YEAR





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# **SCHOOLS** PROGRAM

The Children's Academy and Learning Center served 188 students in 5 grades from age 3 through 2nd grade.

**Parents provided over 73,000 service hours** doing everything from maintaining

the permaculture garden, serving as community health agents, working in the handmade paper social business, landscaping the school grounds, and more.

The handmade paper social business increased its production capacity, creating beautiful greeting cards that will be available in time for the holidays at haitipartners.org.

There are 7 savings and loan groups running out of the Children's Academy totalling 235 members. These groups encourage responsible financial management and make credit available to those without access to conventional loans.

42 teachers from our schools network received training



from 8 volunteers from Calvary CRC in Holland, MI at our 6th annual Teacher Summit. The training focused on a host of fun and effective student-centered teaching techniques.

Drawing on these trainings, our 6 partner schools educated 1033 students.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew, our partner school in Bèl Platon became the center of our recovery efforts on the island of La Gonave. As a result of this effort, 5 homes were built, 15 were repaired, cash disbursements were made to school staff to assure their security and facilitate the timely reopening of the school, and 120 goats were distributed to students' families.

## **CHURCHES** PROGRAM

**50 Micah Scholars**: 36 alumni and 14 students working on their undergraduate degrees in theology. 5 Micah Scholars returned to their alma matters to teach. 10 are church pastors. 2 teach in a women's prison. 9 are working in local or international nonprofits (NGOs).

Sadly, Miguel Mondesir, a Micah Scholar in his final year of school, died from cancer complications.

Our Micah Scholars are helping local churches engage faithfully for justice in the areas of: children's rights, women's rights, and the local environment. And most are youth leaders, worship leaders, and preach in their own local church.



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### THREE WAYS YOU CAN HELP

Give to support quality education in Haiti using the enclosed envelope.

Contact us to arrange a visit and come participate in this meaningful work.

Partner with us for a brighter future: become a recurring donor at haitipartners.org/donate





Check out our revised website! We've streamlined the user experience, vastly improved the donation page, and added an online store where you can order handmade cards from the Children's Academy for the holidays. Visit today at haitipartners.org

#### FINANCIAL **REPORT**



**REVENUE:** \$1.338.948

Schools and \$322,967 in Holistic Churches. The numbers reported here are based on a preliminary draft of our 2016-17 audited financials and may be



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