



## Act-for-the-Future

Building Haiti's Future Through Youth Education



### GREETINGS FROM THE DIRECTOR!

On behalf of Act-For-The-Future's Board of Directors, I greet you and thank you for supporting our organization. You are receiving this newsletter because you have either donated or expressed interest in hearing more about what we are doing in Gros-Morne, Haiti. Special thanks to the Zion Ladies Aid, Tommie Sue Montgomery, and St Mark's Church for your contributions. On behalf of all our students in Haiti we want to thank you for answering God's call, opening your heart, and donating to our cause. Please read below for updates and contact us if you would like to become even more involved.

Sincerely,

*Jacky*

### ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES!

Act-For-The-Future (AFTF) became a 501c3 in November 2015, we now have a 100% volunteer Board of Directors: Jacky Meremable (Executive Director), Dave Hartman (Assistant Director), Tim Krueger (Secretary), Jean Berg (Treasurer), Anna Meremable (Director of Marketing), and Mary Andridge (Member at Large). Many hands make light work, and we have been blessed by the work of our board members. In Haiti, Jacky's brother Rene has been running the school since we started three years ago. He is working with a committee of other Haitians, including his wife Nadege (our instructor) to handle day-to-day operations. The committee also includes Remy Meremable, Man Louicius, and another volunteer instructor.

A lot of improvements have been made since we started. The school is now housed in a rented three room facility, a small office and two classrooms. One classroom is used for theory teaching and has a chalkboard and chairs, so the students can sit down and take notes. The other classroom has the sewing machines and a table to cut materials. We recently bought two additional sewing machines to bring our total machines to 5, which is helping the students to get more practice time on the machines. We also grew our student body: we now have 34 students, which is exactly double the size of our first class. The girls are outnumbering the boys at 28:6 this time. This second group can be seen in the included pictures wearing the uniforms that they each designed and sewed as one of their assignments— for the boys, the pants and shirt and for the girls, the skirt and shirt.

### CONTACT US!

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## MOVING FORWARD!

In Act-For-The-Future we are always looking for ways to improve and carry out the message of Jesus Christ by loving and caring for our brothers and sisters who need our help. We are looking for ways that we can serve people in Haiti and offer professions other than sewing. Because while we understand the need to help the youth get an education, we can see clearly there is a need among the adult population. So, offering other professions that fit the needs of adults would be a great relief for the Gros-Morne community.

The board has been looking into finding someone with the skills in Haiti/USA to go in Gros-Morne to teach our people how to make shoes. We are confident and think that would make a big difference since Haiti does not manufacture shoes for its 12 million people.



## WAYS YOU CAN HELP!

### PRAY!

We cannot do this without God. Pray that God would be glorified through our works and that our students would see Him and not any of us.

In Psalm 127:1 we read: "Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain."

Pray that our students grow and live for the Lord.

Pray that the Lord would provide for their needs by bringing people to donate the necessary resources for the school to fully function.

### GET INVOLVED!

One way you can get involved is by becoming an Act-For-The-Future Rep. Talk about us at your church, school, work and in your community. Help educate the people around you on the needs of the teenagers in Haiti. Like us on facebook! Share our posts and make comments. We love to hear from you! Send us an email! (Believe it when we say we love to hear from you!)

### DONATE!

We are a non-profit organization and we rely on donations to keep the school running. Our board of directors and Haitian Committee are both 100% volunteer so that 100% of our donations go directly to help our students.

Our current and ongoing needs:

- Instructor Salary (\$150/Month)
- Rent (\$50/Month)
- School Supplies (\$145/Month)
- Upkeep (i.e. fixing machines)

Because of our large class size this year, we do have another instructor who has been volunteering his time with us for the past few months. We would like to pay him if we had the capacity to do so. He is a local tailoring shop owner and is willing to hire some students after they graduate. We also hope to pay our school administrator, Rene, as well. He has been volunteering at the school since we started 3 years ago. He runs the day-to-day operations and does everything from fixing the machines to buying materials to enrolling the students.

### DONATE BY:

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