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**Salut! (Hello) Fellow Sponsors and Supporters,**

We are excited to share some updates from the mission field:

- David Compere, Damou's new pastor, is making an impact! He has been able to pull the church congregation together in unity. David is also the director of our high school classes and has made many positive changes in our school. Under him, the percent of passing students has risen 12%, discipline has been effective and well-managed, and parents are refocused on furthering the future for their children.
- This year the school has added music and physical education to the curriculum. Both have been well-received by the students and a huge success as students have learned valuable skills, excelled, and built confidence.
- The school's water purification system has allowed students access to daily, free, and clean drinking water.
- 100% of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class passed their second semester exams.
- Damou's director of 29 years, Tony Jean Baptiste, will be retiring after this school year.
- Many of our supporters donated to make the annual Christmas party a festive success. Each child got to experience the love of Christ as they received a special gift. Love and laughter were evident that day.
- The IDES Wellness program continues to grow. Currently, there are over 120 women and children coming each Tuesday to hear the Word of God, receive food and milk for the babies, basic medical support, clothing, hygiene products and encouragement.
- Damou continues to be a pillar in the community through community outreach, service projects and praying for those in need. The church offers spiritual revivals and the mission home opens its doors every Friday for prayer services.
- Let the numbers speak! Damou Christian Mission School has: 489 students enrolled for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, 42 full-time and part-time teachers on staff, 9 full-time administrators, 2 grounds keepers, and 5 kitchen staff.

Damou has many ongoing needs. Here are a couple we could use your help with. Would you consider donating towards schoolbooks (\$8,000)? Education reduces poverty and increases the opportunity for a healthy life and a future of hope. Schoolbooks are a necessary part of education and we need your help to purchase new ones.

Finally, we need your help sponsoring children for school. Currently only 45% of students are sponsored. If you would like to sponsor a child, it is only \$30 monthly—a dollar a day! The school gives children a Christ-centered education and provides daily food so they can remain focused. Many students graduate and go on to become doctors, engineers, nurses and lawyers. This is such a tangible way to be a part of the change in Haiti and these children's lives. Please visit our webpage and set up your donation. We will then send you a child sponsorship packet.

We can never express enough gratitude and appreciation for your prayers and partnership with the mission. If you feel led to contribute to the needs above, we would be so grateful. Please remit check to address above.

Love,  
Eugene Family Mission Directors

