



LOVE TAKES ROOT

NEWSLETTER

LOVE TAKES FLIGHT

Our new LOVE Takes Flight pilot program has brought many meaningful lessons. Aimed at transitioning young adults from orphanage to independent living, here are a few updates as we've learned to navigate and adapt to nurturing a successful program.

The first candidates have been living independently in Jacmel. Three of them have continued high school and are one year from graduation. They have been gaining valuable experience working in our LOVE Takes Flight

businesses. These businesses include a water and pop stand, raising chickens for meat and selling phone minutes. Participants learn to budget their finances, prepare their own meals, take care of a shared apartment and manage their schedule.

This year we are thrilled to launch six more young adults, with hopes of affording a solar oven and add baking and selling bread to our businesses! We're also proud to expand our occupation launch with a tailor apprentice and a tee-shirt graphic apprentice. We appreciate your support!



BOARD RETREAT

This summer the LTR Board was able to meet in person for a retreat! It was so encouraging to see everyone in person. Because board members are from all over the U.S., we traditionally meet virtually. The LTR Advisory Board was also represented. Data was reviewed and future

LOVE TAKES FLIGHT SPOTLIGHT

Two young adults from another orphanage in the community have been added to our pilot program. We are excited to support them as they launch a soap-making and selling business. They will have a storefront to sell from and a sleeping space in the back.

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planning was discussed in depth. The focus of 'LOVE Takes Flight' emerged.

With numerous young adults coming from immense poverty and orphanages in Haiti, this is a set up to produce gang members. It was decided that LTR will work with the local Haitian community to assist in a transition program, hence the emphasis on our newest initiative mentioned above.

LOVE Takes Flight is an exciting but not typical program in Haiti. We are excited for this journey. **Join us!**

VOLUNTEER RACHEL BRESEE



My name is Rachel Bresee, I am 24 years old and I have been living and working in Haiti for the past 3 years. My work with Love Takes Root started as a 3-month internship in April of 2021 as an English Teacher at the La Concorde School. After those 3 months, I decided to become a long-term volunteer with LTR working as an English Program Director and Elementary English Teacher for the school, as well as an Information Liaison for the orphanage. I spent this past school

year fulfilling these roles and it was such an amazing experience that I plan to continue working with LTR this next school year. My goal for next year is to focus more on the development of the school's English Program as well as make an impact on the development of the school overall. I'm committed to long-term work of educating, nurturing, and transforming children's lives through consistent loving relationships.

MY MISSION

TO HELP THE CHILDREN OF HAITI RECEIVE THE HELP AND EDUCATION THEY NEED TO BECOME WORLD CHANGERS!



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UPDATES FROM HAITI



HAITI TODAY

The situation in Haiti continues to be extremely difficult for the people of Haiti.

There is no established government. The gangs have control of the Capital, ports and roadways. They have destroyed neighborhoods and communities. The cost of food, gasoline and housing is out of the budget of the majority of Haitians. There is an estimated 73% of the country living in poverty. Jacmel, where La Concorde is located, is not presently involved with gang violence, but the lack of supplies moving within the country has effected all. LOVE Takes Root will continue to journey with our Haitian partners through this difficult time. We appreciate your support!



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SCHOOL UPDATE

Education continues at La Concorde School. The school was open throughout the school year. There were 326 children attending. The students' scores for both semesters were a 100% pass rate!

The challenge this next school year will be for families to afford food and school for their children. The LTR Education Committee continues to work with teacher development and continuing education.

LOVE TAKES ROOT ON AMAZON SMILES

When you make a purchase on Amazon, they will donate a portion of your purchase price to a charity of your choosing! Search for LOVE Takes Root and donate with your next order!

MEDICAL CLINICS

The medical clinic is open at La Concorde. The public hospital is closed often because of no electricity and then no diesel fuel to run generators. LTR has two Haitian physicians and a Haitian nurse who run the clinic. They are discussing starting prenatal care and normal deliveries. We are blessed with solar power at La Concorde so have power most of the time. Follow our social media and website for project updates..

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LOCAL SPOTLIGHTS



CLAUDYSON BLANC

WHO ARE YOU?

I am Claudyson Blanc. I will be 17 in August.

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING THIS PAST YEAR?

This year I have been working with different mechanics here in Jacmel. Every day from 6am to about 5pm, I go to work to fix different things like fridges, cars, and motorcycles. I continue to participate in the soccer club here at LTR and I am very passionate about this hobby.

WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH THIS YEAR?

I would like to get better at mechanics and be able to work on almost anything that needs to be fixed. I will keep working hard so

that one day I could have my own business.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY TO THE SPONSORS OF LTR?

It is very difficult to be living in Haiti at this time, so please continue to think of each of the children in the orphanage. Without your support, we wouldn't be able to function. We wouldn't have water to drink, food to eat, or clothes to wear. To my sponsors... I hope to work hard enough and save money to buy my own phone and be able to talk to you more often!

EDOUARD MARIE DANIELLE

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS YEAR PERSONALLY AND AT THE ORPHANAGE?

I would like to make a good impression while I am working here. I would like to leave a mark and make a difference. In the orphanage, I would like to implement more structure and discipline. We are also planning on having a program this summer for the kids to learn life lessons, arts and crafts, and have fun while also learning.



WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY TO THE SPONSORS OF LTR?

I hope that you continue to support and motivate all the staff here at the orphanage. It is not easy to manage all these children and make sure that they all are being fed, doing their homework, studying, and doing their chores, while also having time to play around. Your support and prayers help give our staff strength and focus on their work!



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