

## We Must Continue to Serve Even With Obstacles



Teachers preparing for students even when school is not in session due to protests. During the month of September, because school has not opened, teachers do not get paid.



A gentleman working on making school benches.

**RAW** honesty. this weekend. I received a message from Pastor Valcourt that

his community has been hit hard with rain. He reports homes are destroyed, but no one has been killed. Once again, and all too often, I feel the tremendous weight and hardships of Haiti. The hopelessness of not being able to do more. Protests are daily, and stores and banks are closed. If you find gas, the prices are astronomical. "Will this ever end?" I pray so and must trust.

The last thing I want to do is send another dismal email to you, but I feel it is important to always be upfront and honest. Because of this situation, our school is threatened not to open again in October. I hear the sadness in Pastor Valcourt's voice.

Recently, I had the privilege to share the Haiti Scholars' journey. I am in awe of what has been accomplished from afar. When we started Haiti Scholars, we envisioned trips where we would hug our friends and support teachers and students in person. But, our expectations and dreams of what was supposed to be, have morphed into something different.

So we hold on to the unbelievable programs implemented and trudge along doing what we can. We hold on to hope for a better future.

***Here are some of the new programs for this upcoming year.*** These programs happen because of the amazing board, dedicated volunteers, and financial support from our donors, and many prayers... ***Thank you.***

- *Sponsoring an additional 12 students, for a total of 60 students*
- *Implementing a food program for our sponsored students who are malnourished*
- *Supporting a full-time nurse*
- *Implementing home visits and educational training by Lea G, our full-time nurse, for our sponsored students' families*
- *Updating solar panels that need fixing*

As I write this letter, I received a video from Pastor Valcourt. Even though the teachers are not getting paid for September because there is no school, they are preparing for their students. I hear laughter in the background. Those teachers are relentless, and move forward even when their world is laced with hardships that are hard to imagine. Pastor Valcourt then sends me a second video of a man painting new benches for the school. My heart is smiling, I see and feel "hope" for a different Haiti.

In November, we are hosting HaitiFest, a fantastic event and our biggest fundraiser. We hope you can join us. It will be an evening filled with delicious Haitian food (guaranteed to be yummy), raffles, silent auctions, games, dance, and so much more. ***Please RSVP*** if you can come. We would appreciate you signing up to help us plan HaitiFest.

Please keep Haiti, our students, families, teachers, and the community in your prayers. In addition, please pray for Haiti Scholars to give us ways to continue to serve in such positive and beneficial ways. Lastly, please pray that school begins in October. These children need to be in school.

With all my heart  
Mesi Anpil  
Nicole Waite  
President of Haiti Scholars.

**Click on the button below to watch these awesome heroes. Stay to end for some hugs.**

One Minute Video-Watch Our Heroes!!!



**HaitiFest**  
6 -11 p.m.  
\$50 a person \$125 family  
Celebration-919 S. Washington St.

**12**  
NOVEMBER

**HAITIAN FUN**  
music, dance, games, raffles  
**HAITIAN FOOD**  
**HAITIAN SUPPORT**

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Haiti Scholars logo

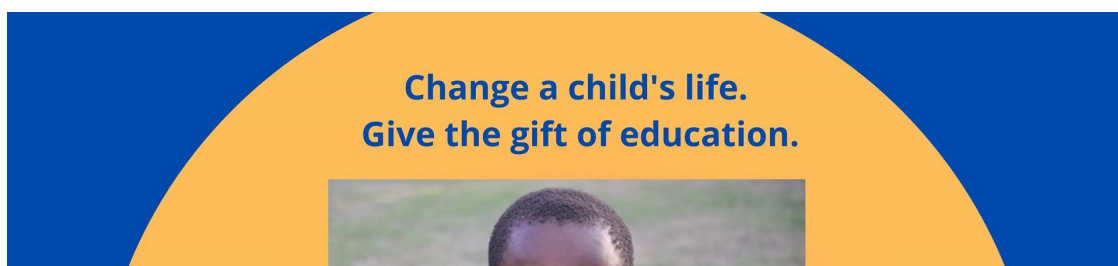
The banner features a blue background with a yellow map of Haiti in the top right. It includes two photos of children: one on the left showing three children at a table, and one on the right showing a group of children smiling. A central yellow circle contains the date '12 NOVEMBER'. Text on the banner lists event details, activities, and the Haiti Scholars logo.

**We would appreciate if you are planning to come, to sign up. It will help us plan.**

**Also, if you have any big items (sporting event tickets, weekend home getaways etc..) and are willing to donate for a great cause, please reach out to [Haitischolars@gmail.com](mailto:Haitischolars@gmail.com)**

**Thank you!!!**

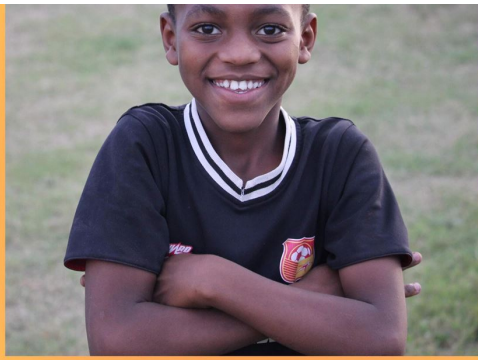
Sign Up For HaitiFest



**Change a child's life.**  
**Give the gift of education.**

Photo of a child's head

The banner has a blue background with a large yellow semi-circle at the bottom. The text is centered within the yellow area. Below the text is a small, partially visible photo of a child's head.



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or \$35 a month**

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