



*Lagossette
Christian School*
École L'Amour de Dieu



Children of the
Promise

2018-2019 School Year Update

Jwa Jwa Jwa

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“Mwen genyen jwa, jwa, jwa jwa andan ké mwen” is Creole for “I’ve got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart”. What a joy to walk into the schoolyard at 8 am and meet with students and teachers as they arrive at school. High 5’s, hugs, greetings of “Bonjou! Koman ou ye?” and big smiles along with laughter and happy chatter bring a sense of joy to the day. After a time of worship together, children from Preschool 1 through Grade 6 and their teachers file into their classrooms to begin the lessons of the day. Reading, writing, grammar, French, math, Bible, history, science, and geography are all areas of study in which students explore God’s amazing work in creation through the love of our Savior Jesus Christ!



Pascal Nery Jean-Charles
Director of Family Strengthening Programs



Duchange St. Amour
School Principal

Lagossette Christian School is one area of the Family Strengthening Program at Children of the Promise with Pascal Nery Jean-Charles as its Program Director. Pascal works closely with the school’s principal, Duchange St Amour in leading the school. Pascal is an advocate of leadership training and opens up many opportunities for teachers to grow professionally. As teachers build their teaching skills and perspectives to be relevant in today’s world, student learning also takes on new meaning and significance in the world in which they live. He leads work-

shops with teachers on teamwork and child development. He also trains teachers in using technology in their teaching practices. This summer, he has made it possible for teachers and staff at LCS to be enrolled in a week-long Educator and Leadership Institute (ELI) in Cap Haitian along with many other educators in Northern Haiti. The Institute, sponsored and led by Wilfred Laurier University, Ontario, Canada, supports educators in science, mathematics, critical literacy, early learning, special education and school leadership.



Interns Bring Art Therapy to LCS

This year we have focused on supporting students who struggle academically. The After School Support Class continues to provide help for students who do not pass their exams. Approximately 60 students stay for an hour after school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays for extra instruction and practice led by four of the LCS teachers. In April, LCS entered into a partnership with the Education Department of the Université Franco Haitian in Cap Haitien. Several Master's level students

are completing their internship at LCS during the After School Support Class scheduled times. They conduct assessments on students with exceptionalities and then lead Art Therapy classes directed at specific learning needs. The interns also coach the teachers in helping them to understand different styles of teaching and learning that best help students to learn. What a joy to see that students are being seen as God has created them... 'fearfully and wonderfully made' (Psalm 139).



Breakfast Program Making a Difference

Students at LCS have always been served a nutritious hot lunch of rice and beans. Beginning this school year, they now also receive a vitamamba bar each morning as they arrive at school. For many students, this is the first food they receive for the day and it provides nutrition, energy, and focus they need to learn. We are so thankful for MFK (Meds and Food for Kids) who have partnered with us to provide this daily healthy snack.



Technology Makes its way into Lagossette Christian

Technology in learning is becoming a reality at LCS! Teachers have access to a video series called 'Lakou Kajou', which supports studies in Science and other subjects. Lakou Kajou is an innovative educational media program designed for young Haitian children. Designed and produced in Haiti by Muska Group, LAKOU KAJOU features animated brother-sister twins Lili and Tilou, who encounter fun adventures in and around their family's lakou (Haitian Creole for courtyard).

Students watch the video in the classroom at COTP, and then return to class to learn more about the topic. Teachers are trained to integrate the videos into their teaching using them as an added resource.

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"I like the packets because each morning we all eat them. I am hungry when I come to school but I am not hungry after I eat the packet. It also helps me pay better attention in class."

-Lara Pierre, 1st Grade



"The mamba helps give me strength and energy to learn better in class. This is the first thing I eat in the day. If I do not receive it then the lunch meal is the first food I eat that day."

-Kendi Joseph, 6th Grade