

Grant Proposal for Funding “Foi et Joie Haiti” Schools in Haiti

Area: Ouanaminthe, Northeast Haiti

Concerning: Education

Finances: Estimated: \$75,000 per school building and \$20,000 for furniture and supplies.

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Executive Summary

ShowYourGoodness.com helps Haitian Jesuits construct and launch pre-schools for poor children in northeastern Haiti. In October, 2012, the first school funded by donors to Show Your Goodness was completed in Ouanaminthe, Haiti. Our goal is to construct additional schools to meet the needs of disadvantaged Haitian students. We seek the support of Magis Americas to continue the construction of additional schools.

Background

The earthquake on January 12, 2012 marked a new point of reference in the history of Haiti. This catastrophe, natural but also socio-political, highlighted the systemic evils that have plagued our nation for centuries. With this in mind, “Show Your Goodness” and Foi et Joie joined forces to address one of Haiti's main problems: education. Representing these two institutions, Fr. William Johnson, S.J. and Fr. Ambroise Dorino Gabriel, S.J., visited a number of communities in and around Ouanaminthe to explore the best way to improve education among disadvantaged Haitian children.

After exploring several possibilities, we decided to build and give systemic support to a string of preschools along the Northeast border of Haiti. We have decided on the first five communities on which we will concentrate our efforts for the next five years. Building a network of quality preschools in marginal areas means creating opportunities in one of the weakest and most vulnerable areas of Haiti. The children on the outskirts and in rural areas have not had a decent childhood; one

with hope, plans, and a sense of belonging. Their world is limited and is growing smaller with passing years. Schools to support these students will provide them with structure, hope, and community.

We ask that Magis Americas fund the next year of this project to bring schools to disadvantaged Haitian children. We propose that initial funds be used to help us build schools to change these students' lives for the better.

Proposal

General Objective: To promote quality education to the most vulnerable people of Haiti.

Specific Objective: Building 5 preschools at the rural area of Ouanaminthe for the following three years (at least three classrooms per year) in Northeastern of Haiti

TARGET GROUP

DIRECT BENEFICIARIES

Kids	600 (40 kids for each classroom)
	350 Girls
	250 Boys

The direct recipients might increase to **1000 kids** because there are not many schools in the five rural communities where Foi et Joie works so that many times the Institution had to accommodate more children than the national standards in their classrooms

Teachers	30
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ULTIMATE BENEFICIARIES

Community of Welsh:	12,138
Community of Carice:	12,382

	10,000
Community of Dilaire:	
	3,500
Community of Bassin Grand-Chemin:	
	2,000
Community Bedou:	

TOTAL BENEFICIARIES

40,650

SUSTAINABILITY OF THE PROJECT

The continuation of benefits from this intervention after major development assistance will be assured by Foi et Joie Haiti in all these sectors:

1. **Social sustainability**: One of the goals of this project is to mobilize the five communities around increased access to education for their children. The communities play also an active role in the planning and implementation of the construction project by providing leadership, local materials and unskilled labor.

2. **Financial sustainability**: Foi et Joie Haïti sees education as a part of a political proposal for social transformation rooted in the local communities. The Institution share with the Haitian Government this vision through the Ministry of Education and they signed an Institutional agreement in order to support the salaries of Foi et Joie teachers. Until this agreement becomes effective, it is, unfortunately, the poor families of the communities that have to be the main source of incomes for the schools .

3. **Institutional sustainability**:
 Foi et Joie is a international popular Movement for Integral Popular Education and Social Development. Foi et Joie began in Latin American countries in 1955 and in Haiti in 2005. Foi et Joie Haiti promotes the formation of persons who are conscious of their own potential and of the reality about them; who are free, committed and open to transcendence; and who seek to be protagonists in their own development. This mission will be to stand sure for the success of the project.