



*Learn, Grow, Succeed
Bouqueronne*



Built the first school in the town of Bouqueronne, Haiti, which enables 350 students to learn, grow and succeed.
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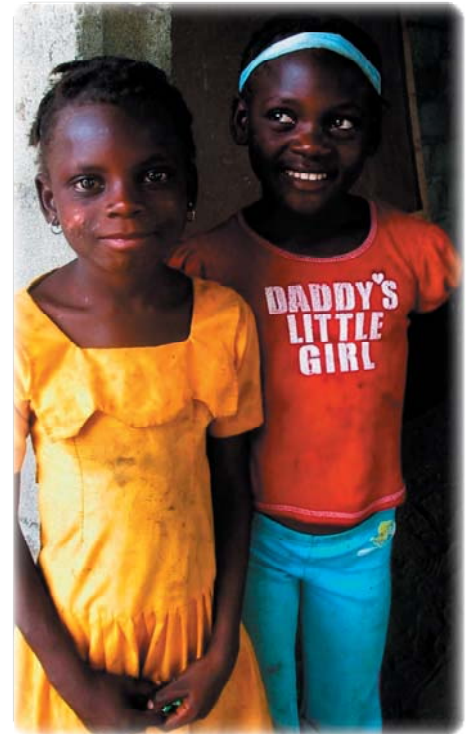
Bouqueronne School, Haiti

BOUQUERONNE

Bouqueronne, Haiti, is a small village located 4-5 miles from Pignon. Until incredible individuals like Luke Drayer, Craig Bouslough and all at the Drayer Physical Therapy Institute (Drayer) built the Bouqueronne School in September 2008, no school existed; the few children who attended school had to travel great distances. Also, there was no central water source until support through friends of Drayer made a completed well possible. In addition, most school-age children depend upon school-sponsored meals for regular sustenance. Before the feeding program sponsored by Drayer and Community Coalition for Haiti (CCH), severe hunger and malnutrition existed for school-aged children here, as in much of Haiti.

GOALS

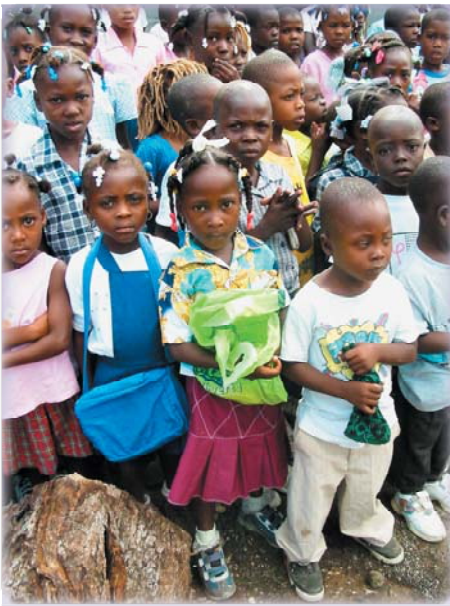
CCH, Drayer Physical Therapy Institute, and Luke Drayer and Craig Bouslough have built and maintained the Bouqueronne School. The school's goals are to provide education, nutrition, clean water and fellowship for a desperately poor community.



STUDENT SPONSORSHIP

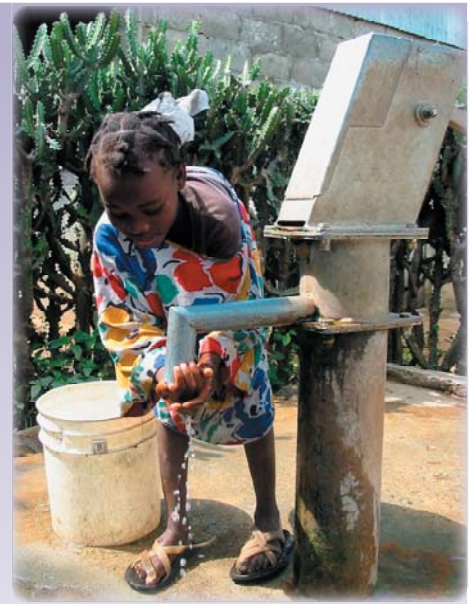
CCH and Drayer have partnered with H.E.L.P. (Haitian Education & Literacy Program) to provide scholarships for hundreds of the 350 primary education students. HELP's goal is to connect students and sponsors so that children attending the school may be educated, receive regular and balanced nutrition, and relieve families of the financial burden of education, which would otherwise prevent children from attending school at all. Scholarships are given to the poorest families in the area, chosen by the community and local Haitian Education Ministry. Included in each scholarship are free dental care/exams, uniforms, books, and funds to feed other members of the student's family, as well as teacher salaries.

The program is designed so that sponsors receive reports of student progress and information about their families. Scholarship costs are \$100/year (primary school) and \$290/year (secondary school). Feeding a child five hot meals a week is an additional \$40 per year.



FACILITY

This school facility utilizes the recently-completed well that it shares with the community for clean water and prevention of water-borne diseases for children and families. The school has eight rooms, capable of serving approximately 300-400 students, plus a small building for food preparation, storage and distribution, as well as a latrine. Currently, 280 children attend Bouqueronne for primary education. The school will expand to educate 350 children per year.

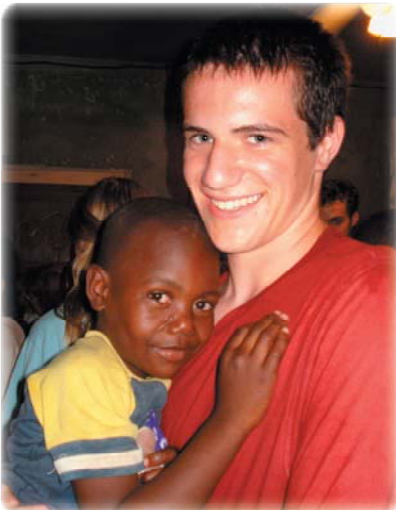


FEEDING

Five days a week, children are fed a hot, nutritious lunch to ensure their growth in mind, body and soul. A school garden has been established to provide 4th-6th graders the education necessary to help their families grow their own food. School lunches are fortified with the addition of vegetables from this garden; some of the produce is sold to earn income for local families.

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

The Bouqueronne School uses a curriculum developed by U.S. educators and approved by Haiti's Ministry of Education. This curriculum is Christian based and includes Bible lessons. Many local children are victims of voodoo ceremonies and retributive schemes of those who practice voodoo. It is our prayer to educate a whole new generation about the hope of salvation and freedom that only Jesus Christ can provide.



VISION

CCH and Drayer Physical Therapy Institute's vision is to:

- Create a model school that shows God's love by aiding the poor with education, clean water, food security, agriculture training and economic development;
- Transfer knowledge and provide life skills aimed at dispelling reliance on voodoo; and
- Prevent the selling of children into the Restavek or Child Slavery System.

PROJECT UPDATE—AUGUST 2010: THE SCHOOL IS FINISHED!

1) During July, two CCH construction teams painted the school inside and out, finished the kitchen, latrine and storage area, and delivered school supplies. Bouqueronne is now finished! Thank you for making the dream of an education come true. Currently, 280 students have enrolled.

2) Within two weeks of the January earthquake, CCH provided food, medical and humanitarian services to Bouqueronne. Though the village is located 81 miles from Port-au-Prince, the earthquake's epicenter, it still felt some of the largest aftershocks. CCH provided ongoing services for displaced quake victims, as well as community residents, for weeks. Now, seven months later, families all over Haiti continue to be affected. "Everyone in Haiti knows someone who has died in the earthquake" is a common theme we hear. Certainly the whole country has been impacted—whether from refugees pouring in, unavailability of food, or loss of loved ones/shelter. Bouqueronne has seen many refugee families; several refugee children will attend the school this year.

3) In July, CCH held two weeks of Vacation Bible School at Bouqueronne. Over 350 children participated. Even the teens and adults enjoyed it! We danced, sang, learned Bible verses, colored, made crafts, distributed seeds and held soccer games. As part of Bible School, CCH fed each child and adult in attendance.

4) Bouqueronne has essentially become a community center for learning. CCH Project Manager for animal and agricultural projects, Rubinste St. Louis, has had phenomenal success introducing



new organic gardening techniques to the students at Bouqueronne. In July, we helped install a community garden to teach adults how to grow vegetables to support their families. Many areas like Bouqueronne have little agriculture knowledge and therefore do not produce a variety of foods, nor are they able to attain multiple harvests. With a bit of training, families can triple their agriculture output and go from barely surviving to thriving.

5) The CCH Pig Project has expanded to Bouqueronne. So far, six groups of families are participating in raising and breeding Creole pigs. What a tremendous gift to be able to earn more income this way!



ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

- 1) Building construction: Completed and in use.
- 2) Well: Completed and in use.
- 3) Kitchen: Completed and in use.
- 4) Latrine: Completed and in use.
- 5) Desks: Completed and in use.
- 6) School garden program: Implemented and continuous; now in the second year of teaching organic gardening.
- 7) School lunch program: Implemented and providing hot lunches to every student, five days a week.
- 8) School and Vacation Bible School painting: Completed.
- 9) Demonstration garden for adult vocational learning: Completed and in use.
- 10) Bouqueronne storage room enclosure: Completed and in use.

FUTURE PLANS

Provide scholarships for 75 students this year, then an additional 25 students next year.

On behalf of the children and families of Bouqueronne, thank you for making a difference. Without you, there would be fewer smiles and giggles and fewer children reaching their God-given potential. God bless you for giving of yourselves so that others may learn, grow and succeed!

Karen H. Carr, Director

COMMUNITY COALITION FOR HAITI



CCH has a long history of involvement in Haiti. Based in Vienna,

Virginia, this interdenominational nonprofit organization is devoted to the physical, educational, economic and spiritual development in Haiti's northern plateau. CCH partners with local community groups to support a 90-bed Haitian-run hospital, children's education programs, clean water projects, agricultural training and community outreach. CCH relies on monetary and in-kind contributions to support communities in helping themselves.

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