

Give before the end of 2025 to ensure the mission of the St. Joseph Family continues



With the many challenges facing our friends in Haiti — ongoing gang violence, widespread unemployment, sky-rocketing costs, political instability, natural disasters — the St. Joseph Family is a bright light in the darkness. Despite the many challenges they face each day, the SJF continues to serve those in the most need, caring for those with disabilities and educating young people.

Friends of SJF has made a commitment to walk alongside the SJF in their mission and to help provide much-needed funds to allow it to continue to touch so many lives. We can

only do that with your help.

Please give before the end of the year to help us provide for the daily needs of the SJF, and to give us the resources to continue our support into 2026. Please consider how donations to Friends of SJF can be a part of your 2026 budget, whether on a monthly basis or gifts throughout the year, so we can continue our support of the SJF.

We know times are uncertain and budgets are tight, and we appreciate your support and your care for our friends at the St. Joseph Family.



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Another year of learning starts

In early October, the students returned to Lekòl Sen Trinite for another year of learning and growing.

There are 220 students attending LST for the 2025-2026 school year, from preschool/kindergarten to ninth grade.

The quality of education provided at LST is evidenced by the fact that for the third year in a row 100% of the ninth-grade graduates passed their state exams this summer. This difficult multi-day test is required of

all graduating ninth graders and determines their ability to attend secondary school. The national average pass rate is 50-70%. The fact that every LST graduate for the past three years has passed that exam is remarkable.

Besides their academics, students at LST have after-school programs in the arts (drawing/painting, dance, drumming, music), cooking class and karate. The tuition-free school also provides a hot lunch each day. For many of the students it is their only meal of the day.



Wings photographers share Haiti through their eyes



Photo by Wislene



Photo by Frank Ely



Photo by Sarafina



Photo by David



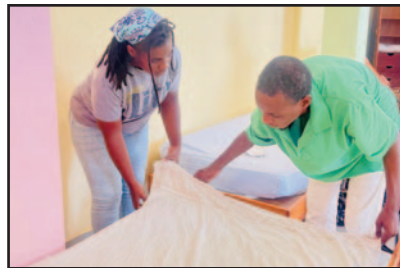
Photo by Teddy

Support and encourage the Wings student photographers, and put a piece of Haiti in your home by **purchasing a photo** at our Etsy store. www.etsy.com/shop/lmajHaiti

Life lessons build independence and confidence

Learning new skills and building confidence and independence are important life lessons. This summer, the residents at Wings of Hope had many opportunities to continue to grow in their abilities and increase their self-confidence through Life Skills classes.

The Wings of Hope residents worked on their independence



skills by practicing how to make beds, fold clothes, wash dishes and clean different areas of the house. They learned all aspects of nutrition by planting and maintaining a garden, and then learning to cook meals featuring the vegetables they harvested.

There were also opportunities to have fun and build skills in the

arts, with photography, art and crafts, dancing, drumming and music classes.

Every skill built, every lesson learned, every experience enjoyed lives out the motto of Wings of Hope:

Possibilities for ALL Abilities!



Hurricane Melissa hits Jacmel

Hurricane Melissa hit the Jacmel area hard in late October.

Fortunately, no one was injured at the SJF missions, but a large tree was toppled



causing property damage, and both buildings sustained water damage.

The intensity of the storm and the fact that it was sustained for more than a week led to leaks at both Wings of Hope and LST that now need to be fixed before the next storm can cause further damage.

The road going into Jacmel was washed out due

to flash flooding. This will cause issues for a long time and complicate the supply chain. The SJF is anticipating rising costs and less availability of food and supplies because of this.

