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## *Let Your Light Shine . . .*

As you enter the OIH campus, you are greeted with smiles, waves and hugs from the staff and children. It does not take long to realize that God has blessed this remote mission project.

Everyone is very appreciative that the Seventh-day Adventist Church Conference has provided Pastor Maxonne and his wife Jolitha to serve this beautiful campus. Pastor Maxonne Auguste and Madam Jolitha Auguste serve as OIH orphanage leaders and OIH church pastor. Madam Jolitha is the principal of the OIH school. Under the leadership of Pastor Maxonne, the orphanage and school have grown to beyond full capacity. The school has seven grade levels with a total of 158 students. The classes are currently held in the wings of the church building.

Students and staff of OIH are letting their lights shine! All are included in every project on campus. These educational experiences prepare these young people with practical skills. This appears to be a way of life for Haitians.

While driving the roads in Haiti, one passes homes where the entire family is selling merchandise, repairing tires, motorcycles and other appliances, growing crops and building additions to their home. The people here are skilled, resourceful, very friendly, brilliant and capable of learning quickly. The OIH campus reflects this culture of participation by all age groups. The local people are hired for all of our building projects and, as a result, they feel that they are participating in God's blessing to them and the community. This is the type of mission project that the SDA church "Institute of World Mission" is currently promoting.

An engineer visiting the campus for the first time commented, "After reading the book 'Travesty in Haiti' and hearing about corruption in places here, I was apprehensive about supporting this mission. As I became friends with the hard working people at OIH and saw firsthand their strong commitment to Jesus, I have become assured that OIH is a place where young people in the school, orphans, and staff are bringing the truth of God to a country hungry for it. This is a place deserving of our full support."

Junior, our electrical contractor, is very excited about the planned innovation in solar and wind power planned for the OIH hospital. He is head of a team of electricians at a large company in Port-au-Prince that is participating in the development of a lithium battery system using the same batteries used in the Tesla electric car.



Junica is an awesome 11-year-old member of the OIH orphanage. She loves to read Bible stories to her fellow brothers and sisters and talk about the exciting things happening at OIH. She is in the fifth grade and is in top academic standing. Her favorite subject is math. Junica has agreed to try some new forms of math being developed such as MathML that can be shared by the internet or cell phone. This will help scientists to work together on math problems from all around the world. This method also enables blind students to participate in math. Junica proudly lets her light shine at OIH!



Every square inch of land on the OIH campus is utilized for growing beans, squash, yam, bananas, plantain, LAM (breadfruit), coconut, tomatoes, passion fruit, watermelon, mango, soursop and avocado. Locally grown brown rice, wheat and other commodities are purchased directly from surrounding farms. The availability of these fresh natural fruits, grains and vegetables on campus keeps the children and staff very strong and healthy. To my knowledge, no one here in NW Haiti was suffering from Covid.

**URGENT TECHNICAL NEEDS AT OIH:** Pastor Solid is serving as a teacher in the OIH school. He loves the students and his prayer meetings are filled with wonderful stories that inspire and excite everyone. To enhance the educational experience for the students, OIH is setting up some technology (computers, printers, internet access, etc.) for the students to use. Pastor Solid and Pastor Maxonne would benefit greatly if they had a large i-Pad and a portable LED projector as soon as possible. Many other technical needs are present in this place without access to electricity, but soon it will be available.



**OR**  
“Let your light shine --- and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” Matthew 5:14-16 NKJV



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