



Canaan

Village Partnership- WNY District

Canaan is in the commune of Croix-des-Bouquets located to the northeast of Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Many people resettled in this area from tent cities after the earthquake in 2010. The population is estimated at 289,000 people and around 5,000 people live in the hillside area surrounding the partner church.

The community's land is very dry and few crops are grown here. Some families raise goats. The biggest challenge is access to clean drinking water. Many people purchase water which is difficult with the small amount of income families earn. As a result, people often collect rain water and do not filter it properly causing diseases. There are few latrines so most people use the bush. The closest hospital serves 100,000 people and access to health services is limited.

The majority of the community members identify themselves as Roman Catholics and the rest as Protestants. Many families also practice voodoo, which is a mixture of Caribbean and African practices. Pastor Lea Dominique leads the congregation at the newly built Wesleyan church. The church is very active in the community with Sunday services, midweek services, Bible studies, children's activities and home visits for prayer.



School Construction

The Wesleyan partner school is currently utilizing the church building while waiting for the new school building on the property to be finished through the WHI village partnership program. Partitions are used to separate classes from Pre-K to Grade 7. There are 100 kids registered at the school. There is a functioning flush-able toilet on the property and a cistern which is filled with purchased water delivered in a truck. A well was drilled in March 2019, however, it was salty and can only be used for washing. WHI is currently exploring other solutions to provide clean drinking water.





Meet Thony, Program Manager

Thony Querette is a great blessing to the WHI staff! Having been sponsored himself at a young age through WHI, Thony believes in the life-changing direction sponsorship can have on children and youth to encourage them in their education. Thony has a heart for people and uses his God-given talents to foster relationships with schools, churches and communities. Thony is married and has a young son. Learn more about Thony and Child Sponsorship in Haiti in this video: <https://goo.gl/rSK5KU>

Child Sponsorship in Canaan

There are currently 16 sponsored kids in Canaan. Sponsorship covers the costs of tuition, as well as the cost of school supplies, a uniform and the support of a World Hope trained mentor. But more than that, when a child is sponsored, it confirms they are known and loved. Through sponsorship, God's love pours out of the sponsor – right into the sponsored child – in the form of encouragement, prayers and opportunity. With education, confidence and hope for the future, this child has been launched on a journey to live to his or her fullest, God-given potential!

**WHI is grateful for the opportunity to serve the Canaan community with you!
The Village Partnership Program allows for a continuous process of improvement for an impoverished community delivering opportunity, dignity, and hope.**

Thank you for partnering with us in this life-changing ministry!

Prayer Requests:

- Health and provision for the children and their families
- Guidance and strength for the school leadership including Pastor Lea
- Completion of the school
- Safety for the children, their families, and the WHI staff during this period of increased violence
- For peace and stability across Haiti

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