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PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING...

- For God's love to be clearly displayed in all we do and say
- For wisdom, direction, and strength to fulfill our responsibilities
- For every teacher, student, and staff member and the role they fill at RVS

GOD IS FAITHFUL

GOD IS FAITHFUL— over and over and over again — even in the hard things and especially in the hard things! In many ways we are in a quieter season right now. The school is established and we're putting our hearts and minds into the classes that we have and striving for the best.

GOD HAS BEEN SO GOOD! We rejoice to see a new year, but we want to pause and just give thanks for the things that God has done. In 2017, we had around 150 students come to the classes here at RVS, and a dozen that graduated in September. In 2017, our faithful missionaries went home. Even though we still feel like we need them — God has been faithful.

We are excited to introduce our staff to you in this newsletter. Some of

these teachers have only been here for a few months and others have been with us since the beginning. Many times, our missionaries are the ones who receive more recognition but in reality

most of our Haitian staff has served longer. We want to appreciate and recognize the gifts that they have brought to this ministry.

Wismith & Rebecca Joseph



SEWING

JESUMENE OMILUS (left) and **OCTALIA VOLCY** (right) have been teaching the sewing class for RVS since 2012! Jesumene's quiet, steady presence has been blessing our sewing students for over 5 years now. Her personality is complemented by Octalia's more forceful leadership. We enjoy getting to know and teach new students every year – watching them go from having no idea how to run a sewing machine to confidently making their own patterns and sewing their own clothing.



ENGLISH

We started an English class in 2012 when the school first opened. We have had more staff turn-over for this class than any of our other classes. We've had some great teachers during that time, but our current English teacher is **FRITZ DORCILUS**. He's been with us for about a year now.



COMPUTER



In December 2014, just before returning to the USA, Aaron Lavy partnered with RVS to begin a Computer Class. When he left, we did not know how we would keep the class going. Wismith asked one of his local friends to teach him how to teach the class. His friend, **JEAN BAPTISTE MORELUS** (LEFT) ended up teaching for us and has been teaching our computer class ever since. He is great with the students and his students are more consistently graduating than any of our other classes.

SAMUEL NELSON (BELOW) has also joined our staff in the past year. He used to come fix our computers whenever we needed him. The first class he taught was Computer Repair, but he is currently teaching one of our regular computer classes.



AUTO MECHANICS

We started the Auto Mechanic classes 2 years ago in January 2016. Michael Galdonik is a great mechanic and he poured a lot into his students — 3 of whom (right) are running the mechanic shop today: **JUDE FEDELUS, CLIFF THE-SALUS, & TOUSSAINT SMITH.**

Jude was in the first mechanic class and he helps keep the mechanic shop clean and tools in order, while also helping with repairs and communicating with customers.



Toussaint is one of our oldest students to graduate. He was very interested in the mechanic class and passionate about the RVS shop becoming the best in the areas. Since he graduated, he often helps with the mechanic work, even though he is not officially on staff. He pastors one of the local churches.



Cliff has been a cheerful presence here at the school since the beginning. He is one of Wismith's nephews and has graduated all the classes, except for sewing. He has been a faithful errand runner and all around fill in here at the school until last year when he became a full-time mechanic at the RVS Mechanic Shop.



We are so thankful for the time these 3 men were able to spend learning from and working with such a gifted mechanic as Michael Galdonik!

Also helping in the mechanic shop is **MERCURE FILCIDOR.** He had been living and working in Brazil. Since returning to Haiti, he has been helping to coordinate everyone and everything in the shop.



PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR AN EXPERIENCED MECHANIC TO MENTOR AND WORK ALONGSIDE OUR MECHANIC SHOP STAFF.

AUTO MECHANICS

Since Michael Galdonik's departure, we have been working hard to find a Haitian mechanic to teach the classroom portion of the Auto Mechanics class. Because most qualified teachers are based in Port-au-Prince, it has proved challenging to find someone willing and able to come to Fond Parisien 2-3 days per week to teach. The condition of public transportation, roads, and traffic in Haiti, make this commute difficult.

In the past year, we had four different teachers. The current teacher is **ROBERT DABADY**, and he has been with us less than a year.

This is a very needful class and many men in our community are interested in receiving this training. Please pray for God's provision so this program can continue to move forward and grow.



SUPPORT PERSONNEL



LEMANN MIRAELE has done occasional work for RVS since we started, but he's been employed full-time for at least 3 years now. He keeps the yard clean, monitors whoever comes to the school property, monitors the phone charging happening on the porch, as well as providing basic security. For living in Haiti, we have found that our best security plan is simply to commit everything into God's hands and have someone present at all times. Lemann comes from the mountain region behind RVS, but lives on the school property. He has been a valuable support to the school.



OFFICE

It is difficult to know exactly when **GEORDANIS JOSEPH** officially came on board as RVS staff. From the beginning he often helped with projects and worked with our students. Officially we call him the secretary because he works in the school office, but he also helps with teaching whenever and wherever he is needed. He is also usually the person who gets the students together and pulls off the graduation every year. We appreciate his great smile and good humor.



MERONEL DEXTRA joined us a few years ago and he also helps out in the office registering students for classes, answering questions, occasionally substitute teaching, etc. He and Wismith were classmates growing up and we very much appreciate his steady presence here at the school.



HERODE FEVRY was a part of our first English class and we also attend the same church. He has helped RVS with his masonry skills many times. This summer he officially joined our staff as a summer English teacher and is now working in the school office as well. We very much appreciate his quiet, dependable character.



A VERY BIG THANK YOU...

**TO EVERY PERSON WHO PRAYS, VISITS, DONATES,
ENCOURAGES, AND SHARES ABOUT RVS**

FOR INVESTING A PORTION OF YOUR LIVES IN HELPING RVS FULFILL GOD'S PURPOSES IN FOND PARISIEN, HAITI

◀◀◀ MAY GOD BLESS AND KEEP YOU ALWAYS ▶▶▶



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