## Viello Spring Newsletter

Walking Together: Getting to Know the People of Viello





The group above are our outstanding teachers at Viello School.

## My name is Exantus Mercidieu and I teach the 6<sup>th</sup> grade at the Viello school.

I live in the village as well, and my wife and I have five children.

I love my career as a teacher. It is very rewarding to see the children learning new things. They enjoy being at school, playing with their friends, and having a hot meal every day at lunch. It is very satisfying to be a part of their lives.

I am very fortunate that I have been given the opportunity to work with Disciples' Village. There are not many jobs in Haiti where you can earn enough money to take care of your family and supply their needs. I am very blessed and proud to belong to the Disciples' Village teaching staff.



Teaching is more than imparting knowledge; it is inspiring change.



Hello to all our Disciples' Village Family! I am Pastor Job and I greet you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. I am happy to give you an update on our church, school, and community of Viello.

We are having many people join us in church these days. We rejoice that people are coming to church to worship our Lord. It is a blessing to see our church full on most Sundays.

Our original school was built in 2008. Prior to this, the closet school was in Pierre Payan. It was two or more miles for our students to walk to school. Many of the children didn't return home until after dark due to the distance. Our school was built out of thatch which protected the children from the sun. We were very excited to have a school in our village.

In 2015, Pastor Bill and Pastor Dorcean with Disciples' Village, came to the area of Viello. Disciples' Village, along with American missionaries, built a new church/school in 2016 that was even stronger than the original school. It was made of metal which was sturdier and could withstand harder rains than the thatched roofs in the original school. This was the year that our village children started having American sponsors. This program would allow us to enroll more students in our school.

We currently have 133 students that are receiving an education and a hot meal each day. What a blessing! We are so grateful to the sponsors of Viello Village school. With your support, the children in our village are receiving an excellent education. Disciples' Village has placed teachers in our school that love teaching the students. They are making a difference in our children's lives.



My name is Franceline Sejour. I am 15 years old and I am in the 5th grade.

My mother and I live together in an older house in the village. She sells bananas in the supermarket and I help her when I am not in school.

I live a long way from the school and it takes me a a couple of hours to walk there. Sometimes, I arrive late because of the distance. But I love school. I enjoy learning and playing with my friends at school. I am very grateful that I have the opportunity to attend a school and get an education. My name is Exantus Donbertin. I am 13 years old and I am in the 6th grade.



I live with my mother, Osilias Senelus. Bandits invaded the area we use to live in but then we moved to the village of Viello. We feel much safer in this area.

It has been difficult since moving because all of my family is living in one room. But we are all together which is good. I love the school in Viello. I am making new friends and I am learning a lot. We also are fed lunch everyday and it is very good.

## VILLAGE SCHOOL PHOTOS



Paster Job asks you to join him in prayer for these things:

- · That peace will be restored in our country
- · That the Lord will continue to provide protection and provision over our community
- That we will make a difference in the lives of our village children by being Godly examples (And please remember my family in your prayers.)
- · That we will stand firm in our faith no matter the circumstances
- $\cdot$   $\,$  That we will continue to be an example of Jesus Christ and offer encouragement and support to our community
- · That the Lord will guide me in how to best serve our church and village members

Thank you for supporting Viello Village School!

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