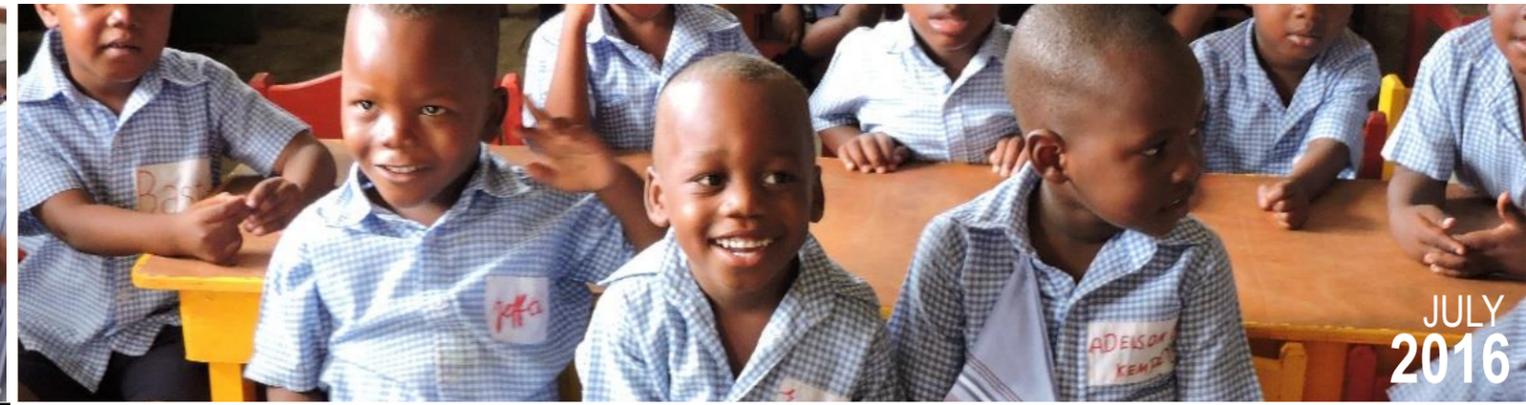


# 2015 numbers

Here are some details to show you how we put your contributions to work. You've changed the lives of so many Haitians and we hope you continue to feel this cause worthy of your support and dedication! As always, please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.



JULY  
2016

## 2015-2016 SCHOOL STATS

**799** STUDENTS ENROLLED 2015-2016

**201** Preschool  
**498** LBS  
**100** JSC

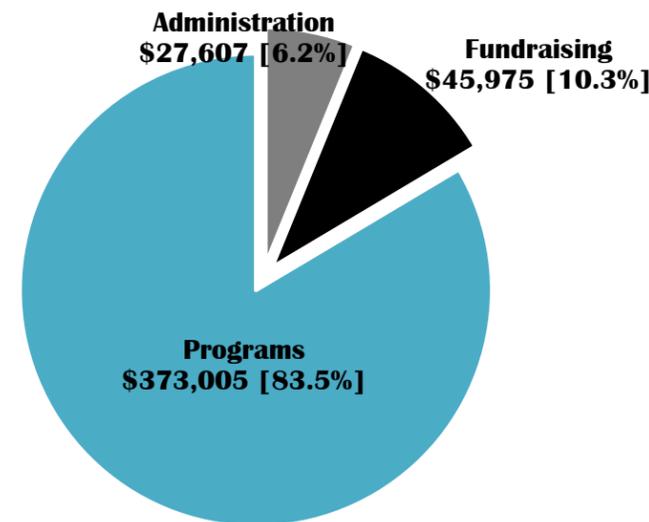
**6 OUT OF 10** STUDENTS SPONSORED

**39** GRADUATES FROM JSC (6 FORMER LBS)

## 2015 FISCAL YEAR FINANCIALS (7/1-6/30)

**\$ 391,568** CONTRIBUTIONS  
**446,587** EXPENSES  
**(55,019) DEFICIT**

### BREAKDOWN OF EXPENSES



An Annual Newsletter of the Mortel Family Charitable Foundation

# HIGH Hopes FOR Haiti

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*Many hands...  
make the load lighter.*  
--Haitian proverb

*Another school year come and gone! This year we opened our preschool with 201 children, we celebrated the Good Samaritans school's 15<sup>th</sup> year, and watched 39 students graduate from James Stine College!*

The 2015-2016 school year was our biggest year to date with the opening of our preschool. A total of 799 students to feed and educate sounds overwhelming at first, but as the Haitian proverb indicates, many hands help to lighten the load. Because of your support, we made it through another year with hope and confidence for what is to come.

What the world doesn't see is what happens from 7:30am to 2:00pm each day inside the oases of the Good Samaritans school (LBS) and James Stine College (JSC). Slowly, but surely, these children are being formed into the leaders their country needs. Leaders with compassion and a desire to serve, but also who have the opportunity to overcome the limitations into which they were born.

Haiti continues to be known for its poverty and lack of infrastructure. A lack which results in limited jobs, limited health care, and limited opportunities to change the course of the country. **That's where these schools come in. That's where you come in.** Education is the only tool that can affect long-term change in a country that has become the poster-child of the world's idea of poverty.

Thank you for providing these opportunities and for believing that the future of Haiti can be a different story than the one it has become. We are grateful for your dedication and support and we know that each student's smile in Haiti proves the worth of your investment. Read on to see what this school year has accomplished!

### upcoming events >>>



The 2015 High Hopes for Haiti 5k was such a blast-- not to mention a huge success! Thanks to your hard work and enthusiasm, we raised over \$25,000 to support the schools and students in Haiti! Let's do it again in 2016! Join us on **October 1<sup>st</sup>** for this year's race! Registration is open and we hope to see you there! Details at [www.HighHopesForHaiti.org/5k](http://www.HighHopesForHaiti.org/5k)

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## Hats off! 2016 Stine Graduation

On July 17, 39 students graduated from James Stine College in the school's second graduating class (pictured below). Of the 39, six students began their studies in kindergarten at the Good Samaritans school. We are so proud of all of their hard work and can't wait to see where they go from here. The graduation ceremony included songs, dance, and speeches from the principal as well as from this class's honorary sponsors, Dr. Mortel and Mrs. Anne Marie Jallon (far right), a long-time supporter of the schools and of the Foundation. Visit our website for more photos!



## Construction Zone

Construction on our preschool building is well underway! The school is being built just 3 doors down from the Good Samaritans elementary school and will host the 2-year preschool. We hope to welcome students into this facility in the fall of 2017. For this upcoming school year, our 200 3 & 4-year old preschoolers will remain in the rented facility a few minutes away.

### where are they now? >>>



## Haiti Alumni

Last year, we celebrated with the inaugural class of graduates from James Stine College. Four of the 41 students were members of the very first class to enter the Good Samaritans school in 2001. One of those four was Josué (pictured below). We are thrilled to inform you that Josué is now in Medical school in Port-au-Prince, pursuing his dream of becoming a doctor!



Adeline (pictured at right) was also one of the first students to enter the Good Samaritans school in 2001. Though she didn't continue her studies at James Stine College, she is currently one of the teacher's aides in our brand new preschool. For years she spoke of her dream to become a teacher and she is well on her way now, taking evening classes after a morning of shaping the young preschoolers into well-prepared first graders!



## U.S. Alumni

Since 2003, groups of American teens and young adults have traveled to Haiti to work with the students at our schools. It often has a lasting impact as it did for Sam & Elizabeth (pictured above). Sam is pursuing a degree in medicine and hopes to work with international organizations like Doctors without Borders. Elizabeth is pursuing nursing and participated in an internship in Ghana this summer. They both attribute their desire to serve the less-fortunate to their high school experience of traveling to Haiti with the Mortel Foundation.

## Why Sponsorship?

Did you know that the Mortel Foundation has been operating schools in Haiti since 2001? Did you also know that we have some supporters who have been with us for just as long? Here's one sponsor's testimonial...



The reason why I support the students of Haiti is 3 simple syllables: Rod Mortel. It is my privilege to know Dr. Mortel personally. What started out as a dream on paper has evolved into a vibrant organization that impacts the lives of countless numbers of young boys and girls every day. His foundation operates with integrity, creativity, and efficiency. Our 3 daughters have learned so much about gratitude through pictures, report cards, and notes from the students we have sponsored. I know of no other individual who has given so much of their energy, time and post-retirement years to create hope and make a difference for the poor in Haiti. It reminds me of a quotation from Anatole France: "To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe." We are honored to be a part of Dr. Mortel's dream!

*-Mary D., Pennsylvania*

Please consider joining our sponsorship family alongside Mary and many others! For more information, visit our website or give us a call. We couldn't do this without you!

### looking forward >>>

## Organization News!

We are excited to announce the next chapter in our growth and continued commitment to support our schools and programs in Haiti! The Mortel Foundation has been "Empowering through Education" in Haiti since 2001. As a 501(c)(3) private foundation, we are subject to several operating and funding restrictions that do not apply to a "public charity." To increase our opportunities for public grants and funding, we are in the process of creating a new, non-profit 501(c)(3) public charity named "The Mortel High Hopes for Haiti Foundation." We will continue to operate and sustain our mission as we always have with greater access to financial support. We are currently awaiting IRS final approval, after which a formal announcement will be made. As always, we appreciate your support and hope you will continue to accompany us on our mission!



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## Rotary Club Visit to Saint Marc

In January 2016, a group of nearly 20 Elizabethtown (PA) Rotarians visited Haiti. They toured the schools and also worked alongside students to pick up trash on the city streets of Saint Marc (pictured above). The service-based organization wanted to lead by example, bringing to light the health concerns of rampant trash.



## 15 Years of LBS

This year marked the 15<sup>th</sup> year of operation for the Good Samaritans school. The students celebrated with a massive parade through the streets, singing the school hymn constantly! They put together a variety show the same evening. The students and parents presented Dr. Mortel with a miniature bust and painted portrait to show their appreciation for the opportunities he has provided to them through these schools. With your help, we say- here's to another 15 more!