

## Small Business Grants Give Hope

Like most young people in Haiti, Mirlandie Germaine and Desilia Servine were not expected to complete high school. Mirlandie is one of four daughters. Her father died and her mother ekes out a living reselling goods at the market. The only daughter of six, Desilia's father is a subsistence farmer, and her mother is too sick to work. Neither family had the means to send their kids to school. Thanks to God's provision through the House of Hope, both Mirlandie and Desilia were able to complete 13th grade and pass the difficult government exam to graduate. When they were given the opportunity to apply for a small business grant from the House of Hope, they beat out many applicants to receive \$500 to start a small business. Mirlandie has started a

small clothing business, and Desilia takes in work sewing clothes and uniforms.

In exchange for the grants, the mission required them to volunteer their time and talents in their communities. Mirlandie volunteers teaching kindergarten, and Desilia teaches other young women to sew. Along with three other grant recipients, Mirlandie and Desilia are succeeding in their businesses. They know that it will be difficult in Haiti's economy, but they are determined to trust God with their futures. Desilia acknowledges God's work in her life: "God has influenced my vision and allowed me to undertake what I wish. I once asked God to guide my vision

and from that good thoughts of the future came into my mind. According to the Bible, the righteous live by faith. My faith has not let me down even for a day. Therefore my future is already assured because God is in control of all."

Mirlandie testifies to God's faithfulness, "God has always been at the center of my life and all I undertake. I believe he will always be at my side to guide me to success in my business and in my future."

We are excited about helping young people like Mirlandie & Desilia get a start on making a life for themselves, as well helping their families and others in their communities. Thank you for partnering with us to make it possible!



**"But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."**  
Isaiah 40:31



*Clockwise from top left: Mirlandie volunteers with kindergarten, she shows some of her shoes for sale; Desilia teaches young women to sew, some of the fabrics purchased for her sewing business.*





**We're back in school!**

Over a 150 students in our school sponsorship program received books, uniforms & shoes and free tuition this year and several hundred others attend our K-13 school for minimal cost. We also continue to pay the teacher salaries and help with school costs in two mountain villages.

*Pictured on this page are some of our sponsored kids with their new books and uniforms, and classrooms of kids in the mountain schools we support.*

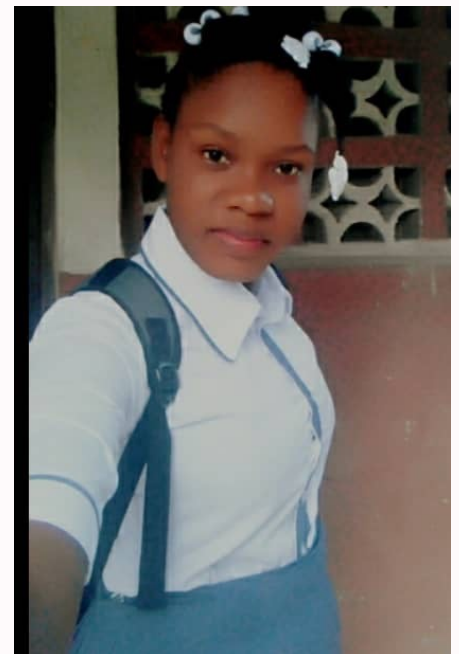
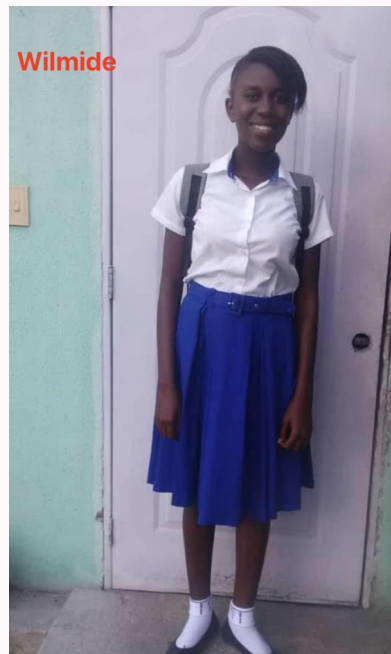




**“Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice!”  
Philippians 4:4**



***Congratulations!!*** The three young men above, Stanley, Julio, & Mackendy, are the first of the kids who lived at the Williamson orphanage to complete 13th grade and pass the government exam to graduate (all 42 of our graduates passed)! We are so proud of their dedication and hard work, especially this past year, when our school was forced to close much of the time. Stanley (top, far left), was orphaned when his father, the housefather in the boys' dorm, suddenly passed away. Stanley was a shy and serious boy, who determined to graduate, despite the obstacles and setbacks. Julio and Mackendy have been part of our family for many years now. They have both learned English well and have been a big help with the mission translating for groups and leading Bible studies. We are planning to help them attend university, and we are thankful for their sponsors who have invested their resources, love & prayers in their lives.



*We continue to assist the families of the kids who transitioned out of both of the orphanages with food, medical help, and education. This year, many of the kids' schools began later in the year because of all the unrest and lock downs. Above, left, siblings Penson, Paulson, Elsovens & Wesmania are ready for school. Center and right Wilmede and Nadia are thriving with food assistance and educational support. What beautiful young ladies!*





Despite a deepening economic and political crisis in Haiti, our school perseveres in serving the community. Gang violence and kidnappings are on the rise, and many kids face danger each day to come to school. Please pray for the safety and health of our teachers, students, and staff. Their dedication in spite of the many obstacles is truly inspiring. Thank you for your generosity and prayers!



*Clockwise from top left: High school students with our principal, Manache Jean; workers remove rocks and level the school grounds; painting classrooms. Over the years we have been able to improve the facilities, little by little. Our little school has come a long way, thanks to God's provision through our donors.*

#### Revenue & Expenditures YTD November 30, 2020

Revenue	\$ 172,618
Expenditures:	
Williamson K-13 & Mountain School operating expenses	64,063
Transitioning kids food assistance	12,788
Launching kids (school costs, medical, housing etc)	28,189
Community outreach food assistance	7,793
School sponsorship costs & small business grants	14,836
Haiti administration (bank fees, translating, transportation)	4,059
Bibles distributed	1,000
Out of pocket costs paid by volunteers for postage & printing	1,093
Improvements, furniture & equipment	16,337
Total Expenditures	\$ 157,157

Note: The above does not include the value of in-kind gifts given and distributed or the out-of-pocket expenses paid by volunteers for travel.

### How to Donate:

Find the "Donate" button on our website at  
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