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The Guerrier Institute Opens for the 2012-2013 School Year

October 1st was the first day of school for students attending the Guerrier Institute. Both parents and students began arriving for the first day before the bell even began ringing to call them to school. The school serves over seventy students in Pre-K through 5th grade.



Standing in straight rows, wearing their uniforms, they stood at attention as the Haitian flag was raised and the anthem sung. Before hurrying off to their classes, they were welcomed to the new school year by Benis.



Each Friday, the students attend chapel services. There, they recite the pledge to the

Bible and the Christian flag in both English and French.



The students sing songs, read scripture, and recite memorized Bible verses before getting back to the school day.



The flag is raised on the first day of classes. ↑ Several of the teachers at the school also line up, eager to get the day started. ↓



With Love, From California

In October, a team from Imperial Valley, California, visited Mapou for a few days. They had been hosting a Vacation Bible School for children on the mainland and wanted to drop by to perform for the people of our village. Their puppet show performance was enthusiastically loved by all, entertaining both young and old with songs and crafts. After training IMoH staff in how to operate the puppets, the team graciously gifted two puppets to be used for the ministry here.





Villagers line up to receive food during the storm.

Hurricane Sandy decided to visit Mapou and stayed for a few days. The sudden onslaught of rain filled the cisterns to overflowing, so much so that the water began to flood down the mountain and had to be diverted with sandbags. A major effect of the flooding is that many families were forced out of their homes during the storm and took refuge at the church. IMoH set up a makeshift kitchen to feed all of the villagers affected by the storm.

For several days, families were living in the classrooms

because they were not able to get back into their homes. Please pray for the clean-up/repair. Benis is currently designing a new project to structurally improve the homes in Mapou so they will be able to hold up better in storms.



Families flooded out of their homes take shelter in the church classrooms.

Hurricane Sandy

UPCOMING

A team from Canyon Bible Church in Prescott, Arizona, will be coming to Mapou to host a Leadership/Discipleship Seminar for the churches of the island. The seminar will be held December 6-8 and approximately 300 people are expected to attend.

Ministry Needs

- A boat that can hold 20-30 passengers and their luggage. This will cut down on transportation costs between the island and the mainland for ministry teams.
- Financial supporters to help us run the Guerrier Institute. It costs \$2000 a month for the school to operate.

Prayer Request

Pray for the Leadership/Discipleship seminar coming up. Pray that God would mature the young leaders coming to learn God's Word and for safety for the team from Arizona travelling to host the event.



Missionaries Benis and Dominique Guerrier and family are full-time missionaries living in Mapou Village on the island of La Gonave off of the western coast of Haiti. Their ministries to the people of the island include church-planting, education, feeding the hungry, medical/dental clinics, and leadership training.

Sponsor a Student at the Guerrier Institute!

The Guerrier Institute, founded in 2009, is the only school on the island that is free to attend. Benis and Dominique recognize the importance of education, not only for future success but also for being able to read the Bible and mature as a Christian. Over the years, the school has developed a sterling reputation throughout the country of Haiti. However, the school receives no government funding and relies solely on donations. One way that you can support the school is by sponsoring one of the students that attend. For \$20 a month, you will help clothe, feed, and educate an individual child like Giloverson (pictured to the right) who would not be financially able to attend school elsewhere. For more information or to sponsor a student, please email Benis at Benis@imofh.org.

