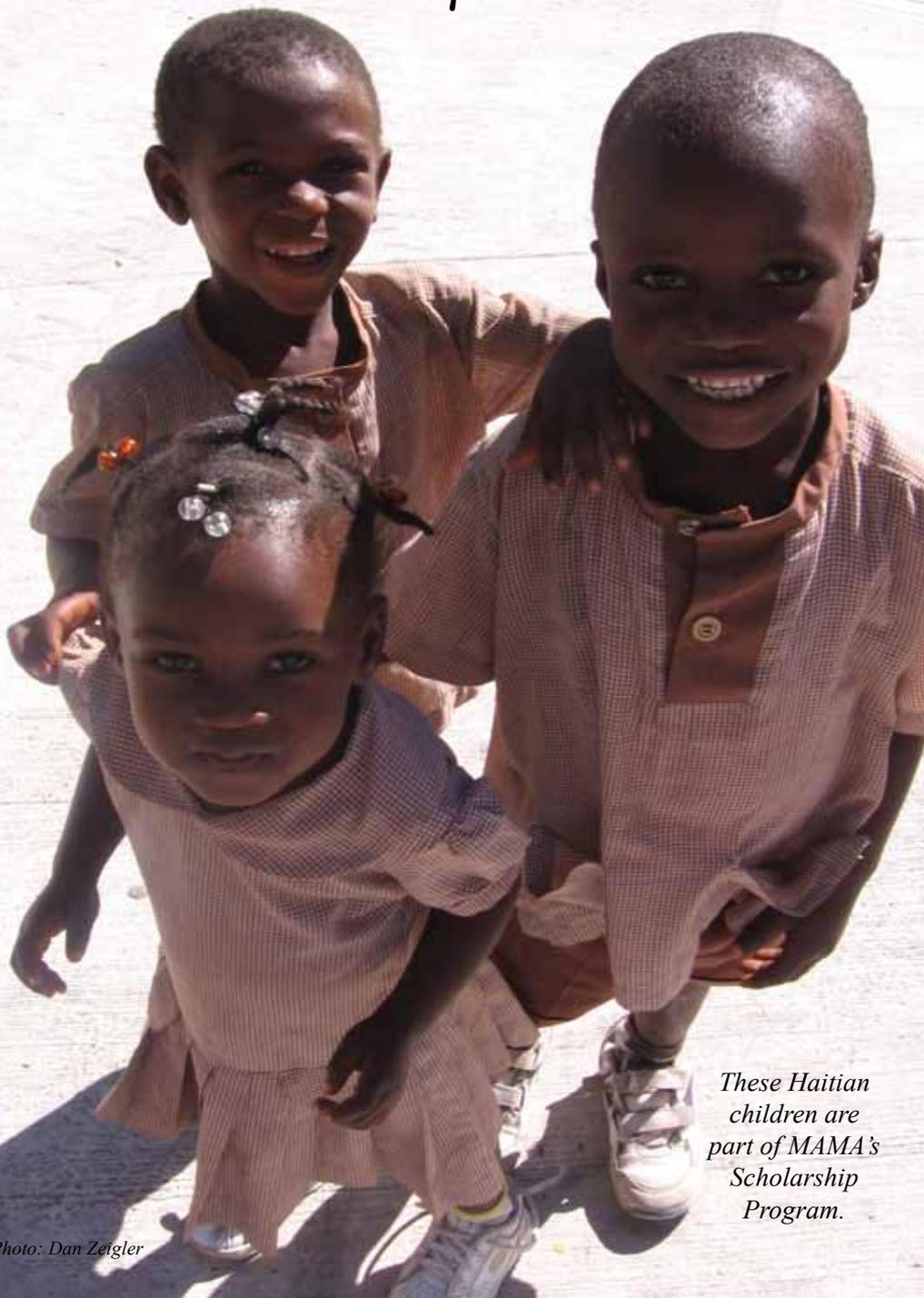


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These Haitian children are part of MAMA's Scholarship Program.

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MAMA's Haiti Scholarship Coordinator, Faye Zeigler, Resigns After More Than 20 Years of Service

By Faye Zeigler

I was not called to be a Missionary in the field but upon my first visit to Honduras in 1990 and seeing the need for children to be in school; I followed the call from MAMA Project to be an at-home missionary and start the Scholarship Program for the children.

Now this was not the beginning of missions for me. There were things in my life that prompted a desire to be a bit mission minded. Missions was an important part of my Wesleyan and Nazarene backgrounds as well as when I came to the Mennonite Church. Early on in our marriage we became affiliated with many International Students from Philadelphia, permitting them to see America by having them visit in our home and not just through political eyes; thus also exposing our children to many cultures. There was a tremendous rapport between the students and our children. And later on, having other cultures live in our home was highly



Faye Zeigler with students in Haiti.

educational and rewarding. So when I saw the children in Honduras not in school, my first thought was, 'Why aren't these children in school?'

Ken and I came home from that trip and attended a MAMA Board meeting to share of our trip.

I put that question to the board and asked if they would be able to start such a program? That is when the MAMA Board approached me about starting the Scholarship Program and being a member of the Board (for about 10 years). It has been a wonderful, eye opening experience, one that I will always cherish and be thankful that I was able to be a small part of the children's lives in Honduras. Then starting in 1998 Walter Sawatzky asked if MAMA could promote scholarships in Haiti.

By January 1992 we were ready to officially start the program. I worked with Linda Robelo, in San Pedro Sula Honduras, who gave me 9 names for the first year. Sponsors signed up quickly. By 1997 we had 112 students enrolled. Then by 1999 we had 168 students enrolled. It was exciting to see the pictures of the students as they came to me and to know that each child was precious in God's eyes and deserved to receive any help that was possible. When we were asked to sponsor in Haiti, Cindy Detwiler took over the Honduras scholarships for 2 years before she moved and it was returned to me. Each year more and more students were added until we reached 300 or more students. At that point we turned the program over to MCC Global family program which sponsors students in many countries. By then the Haiti Scholarship Program was growing also. To date we have 117 students enrolled in the scholarship program. Thanks to all the sponsors who have faithfully supported these children in both countries. God blesses the gift and the Giver.



Photo: Courtney Moyer

I continued for 22 1/2 years, this spring, because I saw the need, I heeded the call. I just read recently in the “Grand Weaver”, that when the Scripture calls us to ‘be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect,’ (Matthew 5:48) that “perfection is not a change in the essential character but in the completion of a course. This is precisely what Jesus must have meant when He admonished both his disciples and us to ‘be perfect’...We can never be who God is, but we can complete the task he assigns us to do.” My desire was to work at this as long as I could. It is with mixed feelings that I feel it is time to turn the program over to the next person who feels that God can use them in this capacity.

It is sincerely and lovingly with prayers and special feelings for the children and their families in these countries who long for peace, education, better living conditions and who appreciate life even in their circumstances and are joyful at the abundance of love and support that you, the sponsors, have given to them over these many years. I urge you to continue and for others to get involved.

The Zeigler Family Legacy of Serving Others Continues

Ken and Faye Zeigler have four children that have learned to serve others through their example. Each one has been involved with missions through the years, many of them beginning when they were young. Deb, Dan, Brad & Kim have served in other countries. All of them have served in Haiti using their God-given gifts to share the word of Christ through understanding and working through the needs of different cultures.



Deb, pictured left, is a schoolteacher in Virginia. After her trip to Haiti, she began raising funds through reading programs at her school. The funds raised help provide school supplies for the students in MAMA’s scholarship program.

Photos: Dan Zeigler



Kim and Brad served on church group outreach programs in Haiti.



“Hope for Health” Team in Haiti

Dan and his family spent time in the early years of 2000 to 2004 with the elders of the village of Labaleine, Haiti in aiding their quest of wanting to bridge the needs to accommodate church work groups in their village.

Their prayers continue to be answered as they build relationships that allow them to organize a Haitian transportation crew, housing and meal accommodations for visiting groups. Dan has used his mechanics skills to redesign and adapt Jeeps for the challenges of Haitian mountain roads. He also uses his business experience to promote economic projects in Haiti.



Dan (left) and his wife, Lucinda (right).

Each year the village of Labaleine can house and transport 6 to 8 work groups. One such group is the “Hope for Health” MAMA team pictured left.



Brittany (left) and Luke (right) in Haiti.

The Zeigler family mission and a life of understanding other cultures, allows them all to engage, receive and bring the word of Christ to others.

NEW SCHOLARSHIP COORDINATOR

As of March 2013, Lee Edsill has taken over the responsibility of being the Haiti Scholarship Coordinator.

Lee was introduced to MAMA Project in January 2011 when her church, with Mary Benner, began MAMA medical clinics in Haiti. Lee and Mary now organize approximately 4 teams a year. While in Haiti, they stay in a building close to the Labaleine School and are able to meet and interact with some of the students.

When Lee was asked about volunteering as the Scholarship Coordinator, she was enthusiastic in doing so. She already has contact with these students and looks forward to sharing with both the sponsors and the students. Lee will match new sponsors with students as well as coordinate communication each year. One of her goals is to take pictures of the students in Haiti and provide them for their sponsors annually.



All financial matters having to do with the Haiti Scholarships will be through Amanda Sagastume at the MAMA Office.

If you are currently a sponsor for a student and would like to send a letter to Haiti or would like an updated picture, feel free to contact Lee at ledsill@comcast.net

Photo: Joanna Benner

HAITI SCHOLARSHIPS

Interested in sponsoring a student in Haiti?

\$25/month for Primary Students

\$40/month for Secondary Students

\$60/month for Pre-College Students

\$150/month for University Students

This is a great way for families, Sunday School classes, service groups, and more to get involved with helping a student who otherwise wouldn't be able to receive an education.

Contact Amanda at 215-679-4338 or amandasagastume@gmail.com to make a one-time gift or a monthly donation to the Scholarship Program.

*(Below) Some of the sponsored school children.
Photos by Joanna Benner*



MAMA Project's 6th Annual Spring Golf Outing

Butter Valley Golf Port

www.buttervalley.com

South 5th St

Bally, PA

Friday, June 7, 2013

7:30AM Registration

8:00AM Shotgun Start



Players' Fee includes greens fee, golf cart, mid-round food, goody bag, buffet lunch, and a chance at prizes.

Registration Form

Return this form to MAMA Project by May 31, 2013.

Enclosed is a check for the total amount of \$ _____ for:

Name: _____

_____ Player(s) @\$100 each

_____ Hole(s) @\$250

(one player included)

Company Name: _____

_____ Event Sponsor @\$1,200

(foursome included)

Phone: _____

_____ Lunch Guest @\$25 each

Email: _____

Payments must be included with registration form.

For event or hole sponsors, please include a business card.

Please make checks payable to MAMA Project.

Please contact Amanda at 215-679-4338 or amandasagastume@gmail.com with any questions.