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Children in Labaleine, Haiti at the Tree of Life School.

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Haiti Scholarship Program

MAMA Project began scholarship programs when Faye Zeigler, a MAMA Board Member, went to Honduras in 1989. While there she saw all of the children that were unable to attend school due to not having the funds to pay for uniforms, shoes, and supplies. Faye discussed the need with the Board and it was agreed that a scholarship program should begin. Then about ten years later, Faye was in Haiti and saw the same need. As a result, she led the MAMA Board to expand the scholarship program to Haiti in 1999.

Faye directed the program for many years but decided to step down in 2013. Another volunteer, Lee Edsill, was able to take over for about a year. Then in late 2013 the MAMA Office sent out an email to the sponsors of the Scholarship Program stating that they were looking for another volunteer. Bob Delp contacted the Office shortly afterwards.



(Left to Right) Richard, Director of Tree of Life School, Bob Delp, MAMA's Scholarship Coordinator, and Bienne, Elementary Director of School

Bob and his wife, Nancy, live in Gilbertsville, PA and have been sponsoring children through the Haiti program for about 3 years. After Bob's initial phonecall about being interested in the Scholarship Coordinator position, some discussions about the position and a presentation to the MAMA Board, he was accepted as the new Scholarship Coordinator.

Bob and Nancy have three children. Their son, Deric, and his wife, Kaili, live in Atlanta. Their son, Jordan, lives at home and daughter, Tahnee, lives in Silver Spring, MD. Bob and Nancy attend Swamp Mennonite Church. He feels that the Lord put it on his heart to serve in this capacity. To learn more about the program, Bob and his daughter, Tahnee, went to Haiti in February 2014. This is Bob's Report on his first trip to Haiti:

Tahnee and I arrived in Port-au-Prince and traveled about 3 hours to the Tree of Life School in Labaleine, Haiti. The school is organized and directed by *Haitian Relief & Missions* (Ohio). MAMA Project provides the scholarships for about 95 of the 500 students. There are other organizations, as well, in this community, providing much needed aid - from water wells to coffee plantations.

Labaleine is an area that demonstrates how poverty can be evident even in the most beautiful areas. The school is basically the center of the community. Children might walk up to an hour (about 5 kilometers) to get to school from their homes close to the ocean.





The school children gather in the schoolyard in the mornings and then leave for their classes. The school holds primary and secondary children. In the past few years, as the school has grown, students are able to graduate from High School, and some of the MAMA Scholarships are now helping to send students to the University.

While Tahnee and I walked around the school, we got to meet with students and learn more about the programs there. Many of the teachers at the school were students at the school before and went through the Scholarship Program themselves.

Mothers were working at the school, helping prepare the food. A meal was given to the students once a day. For many of those children, this would be their only healthy meal for that day. Some of the food is provided from the gardens (shown below) that was cared for by each grade level.

The children that are chosen for receiving an educational scholarship typically come from the largest families. One way to fight poverty in communities is through education. The Director of the School explained that they see a direct correlation through the women that are well educated and the number

of children that they are having. Having fewer children allows for a better chance at providing well for each one. Many of the families at the school live in small homes, some of them the size of our shed in our backyard. The homes may be made from cement or



wood with mud. The only electricity in the community is provided by the generator at the school. A few streetlights in town are solar-powered.

Gradually we're working to provide hope for the children and families in Labaleine. The cost of the sponsorships is minimal compared to the costs in the USA. We'll continue giving education to as many children as we can, knowing that the future is these children!

Thanks!
Bob Delp, MAMA Project Haiti Scholarship Coordinator



Sponsor a Child Today!

The need is great! We have over 60 kids needing to be sponsored. Please contact Bob Delp at BNDElp456@gmail.com today to start your sponsorship. Check out our website at www.MAMAProject.org for pictures of some of the kids needing sponsors.

\$25 for primary students (Grades K-6)

\$40 for secondary students (Grades 7-12)

\$60 for 13th grade (pre-college)

\$150 a month for college students.

One-time donations are welcome, as well.

Thank you for considering being a part of our Scholarship Program!



Honduran children often don't get enough healthy food to eat. But MAMA has an easy, economical way to help them!

A **mini-scoop** (shown above) of micronutrients added to food can help the children go from being tired and malnourished to healthy and eager to play.

*For just **\$5**, you can provide enough micronutrients for **one child for one year!***

Please consider this for a Offering Project for your Sunday School Class, Vacation Bible School, or Service Organization. Contact the MAMA Office for more information.

Upcoming Events

Tuesdays from May to October: Donations can be dropped off at the MAMA Warehouse from 9AM-2PM. See website or call for more details.

June 6, 2014: Golf Outing at Butter Valley Golf Port. Details on next page.

June 14, 2014: Team Orientation at Perkiomenville Mennonite Church (PA).

August & September: Mission Teams during these two months are looking for more team members. If you interested in joining a team, contact our Office at 215-679-4338 or info@mamaproject.org

August 24, 2014: Pennsburg Half Marathon. Interested in joining a running group and supporting MAMA Project? If so, contact Amanda at amandasagastume@gmail.com for more information. Training will begin in mid or late May.

September 12-13, 2014: Child Survival Training.

November 8, 2014: Annual Banquet & Silent Auction at Quakertown Christian School. We are now collecting items or gift certificates for the Silent Auction.

Updated Website



Have you seen our updated website? If not, go over to www.MAMAPROJECT.org and explore the new website.

Some things to look for:

- On the Haiti Scholarships page, see pictures of the children needing sponsors.
- On the Service Team page, the Team Manual has been updated for 2015 teams.
- Check out "A Micronutrient Story"

video on the Honduras page, to see how we're educating families in Honduras on using micronutrients.

- Make a donation via paypal on the Home page.

7th Annual Golf Outing

Friday, June 6,
2014

8AM Shotgun
Start

Butter Valley Golf Port
www.ButterValley.com
Bally, PA

Players' Fee includes greens fee, golf cart, snack, goody bag, buffet lunch, and a chance at prizes.

Registration Form

Return this form to MAMA Project by May 30, 2014.

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

Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

_____ Player(s) @\$100 each

_____ Hole(s) @\$250
(one player included)

_____ Event Sponsor @\$1,200
(foursome included)

_____ Lunch Guest @\$25 each

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 info@mamaproject.org with any questions.