

Dear First Presbyterian Church Concord Friends,

School bells are ringing and calendars are filling up, but amid the back-to-school rush, we have a beautiful reason to slow down. In just a few weeks, Pastor Actionnel will be arriving for his fall visit! Though the daily realities and hardships in Bayonnais remain heavy, his presence brings a wonderful opportunity for us to gather and strengthen the resilient bond we share. We are looking forward to welcoming him and rallying behind the ongoing ministry in Haiti. **We hope to see many of you during the visit, especially at our upcoming donor appreciation event, *Breaking Bread!*** Read on for more!!

HT Actionnel's Fall Visit

Actionnel Fleurisma, Pastor and Founder of OFCB, will be visiting the US, September 26th to October 18th. He is excited to connect with you and your church family! We look forward to helping you coordinate a visit, sponsorship event, meeting, or other gathering.

- Please note that Actionnel's **visa expires in November**. As of January 1, visa issuances to nationals of Haiti were fully suspended. This means his fall trip may be the last opportunity to visit with him for a while as we do not know when he might be able to get it renewed.
- We still have many opportunities for weekday and evening events. If you would like to schedule a visit, please fill out the form at <https://go.konpayon.org/Fall26>

Save the date!

We hope you will join us for this year's "Breaking Bread!" It will be a special evening to connect, reflect, and celebrate the incredible supporters of OFCB and Konpayon!

When: Thursday, October 8th at 6:30 PM

Where: SouthPark Church

Come enjoy delicious food, drinks, and fellowship with fellow friends of Bayonnais. What started over 15 years ago as a simple gathering has become a cherished yearly tradition. Please share the word with your congregations - we want this event to truly be a way to connect our community and say thank you.

Program Updates from Bayonnais

ICB School:

- **Sponsorship:** We currently have **721 students** sponsored and 44 come from your church! We are so grateful for the members of your congregation who make this possible!
- School is back in session for our rising 6th through 13th graders (excluding the 10th graders). They took their first assessments yesterday!
- We also have some incredible news to share: the 9th-grade results are in! Out of the 136 students who took the National Exam, 130 passed! That is a phenomenal **95.6% pass rate**, compared to the overall Artibonite department pass rate of just 80%. Congratulations to these hardworking students and to the ICB School staff for continuing to provide such high-quality education.
- School begins for the remainder of our students on **Tuesday, September 8th**. This also marks the official first day of school across the entire country of Haiti, as designated by the Ministry of Education.
- **Staffing:** Konpayon has some new faces we'd like to introduce to you!
 - **Sarah Lucas | Sponsorship Program Coordinator (US)**
Sarah brings over 12 years of experience in client relations, marketing, and community engagement. We first met Sarah back in March at our Gathering Together fundraiser, where she learned about the community of Bayonnais and even sponsored a student on the spot! She specializes in building strong relationships and bringing ideas to life.

Outside of work, Sarah is a wife, a mom of two, a Realtor, and an active community volunteer. She is excited to collaborate with our wonderful sponsors and partners!

o **Jeemy-Ska Maxius | Translator (Bayonnais)**

Jeemy-Ska joins the team as our newest translator. He is a 2022 ICB graduate and studied English at the POH Institute in Gonaïves. He will be working closely with our Translator Team Lead, Israel Fils-Aime, and Michelet Charles to translate letters between sponsors and students.

 Bethesda Medical Clinic:

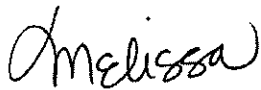
- Both patient count and revenue for the clinic were up.
- **Medical:** Dr. Gregory treated 425 patients.
- **Dental:** Dr. Simon saw 25 patients.
- **Staffing:** The search for a clinic midwife has officially resumed! We are so excited about the positive impact this new hire will make for the women and families in our community.

 Agronomy Program:

- The farmers in Bayonnais continue to use the land next to the Bethesda Medical Clinic as well as lease land locally due to the increased cost of food.
- The rice crops are growing beautifully and will likely be harvested between late October and early November.
- Plantains have been planted, with an expected harvest this October.

At Konpayon, we believe lasting change happens through trust, presence, and long-term relationships with our brothers and sisters in Bayonnais. As we walk alongside this community, your partnership is the steady hand that allows us to keep pace with their vision for a thriving future. We are so grateful for you! As a reminder, if you need updated brochures, stickers, business cards, or digital logos for your church or website, please let me know! I'd love to get any or all of these to you. If you have any questions, big or small, I am happy to answer them! Thank you again for walking with our brothers and sisters in Bayonnais. We are glad to be Konpayons with you.

Gratefully yours,



Konpayon is a US-based 501(c)3 nonprofit organization walking alongside Haitian leaders of OFCB in Bayonnais through trust, presence, and long-term relationships.
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