



The Haiti Connection



News from the
St. Patrick's – St. Etienne Partnership

After the hurricane, life continues

We all know that to live in Haiti is to fight against the power of despair. For 37 years, the community of St. Patrick's Church and Day School has partnered with the families of St. Etienne in that fight.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew in October, the St. Patrick's community came together with emergency support for our friends. We raised almost \$20,000 to assist families who depend on crops that were destroyed, repair damage to the church and school, replace roofs of homes of community members, and temporarily expand our existing school lunch program.

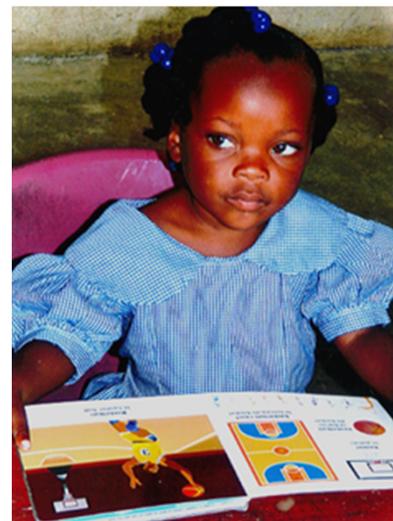
But there is a story about Haiti beyond disasters, disease, and destruction. We celebrate the beauty of a culture, the heart of a village, and a relationship between communities which has spanned almost four decades. Your donation does not simply support statistics – it supports names and faces and families and teachers and students. We know each other and we have grown together.

"I was overwhelmed with the poverty as we drove through Port-Au-Prince. My heart hurt for this country.

I began to worry that this trip was just going to beat me up emotionally. As we reached St. Etienne, I began to meet some local Haitians. These were not a sad, bitter people. This community was vivacious, full of faith, and the amount of gratitude they felt for everything they did have was inspiring.

We as Americans could learn a thing or two from their priorities.

- Caitlin Kiley



I remember the feeling of the warmth I felt when I walked into the St. Etienne School, and how much the kids reminded me of my own students. I remember thinking how amazing it is that even though we're so far away and a part of such different realities, students have the same hopes and dreams all over the world. At St. Etienne, I saw students that are full of life and in love with learning, just as my students are here. I saw eyes full of hope and excitement and teachers that are just as in love with teaching as we are.

- Victoria Gangotena

There is still tremendous need. The hurricane did not destroy the need for education and food supplies. Each year, St. Patrick's sends almost \$50,000 to St. Etienne to support ongoing operations – teacher salaries, school lunches, books and supplies. When disaster strikes, there are many who are ready to help, and for that we are always thankful. But we remain especially grateful to you, our dedicated and steadfast donors, who allow the work of the Partnership to continue during the quiet times of everyday life.

In the past, your generosity built a school, a library, a cistern, and a kitchen. The next chapter must now be dedicated to rebuilding lives. Your donation will allow us to continue to spread hope.

Please consider supporting St. Patrick's work in Haiti with your gift today.





Yes, I want to help!



Many things have changed over 37 years,
but one thing has not:
100 percent of your gift to the St. Patrick's Haiti Partnership
goes directly to helping the children and families
of St. Etienne.

Teacher salaries range \$150-\$175/month
School tuition is \$100/\$150/child/year
Books cost \$50/child/year
Lunch costs \$1/day/child

\$1000	
\$500	
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\$50	
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