

The Benevolence School is now Grace and Glory Academy and Technic.

What does this mean? Grace and Glory has financially supported the Benevolence School through its partnership with the previous school director since 2014. As of October 2020, Grace and Glory Academy is now operated entirely by Grace and Glory and our staff in Haiti. This change allows us to better care for the students and their educational needs. The Academy now offers Pre-K through 9th grade completing requirements for being a primary school in Haiti.

Technic stands for Technical school. It is Grace and Glory's hope that in the future our building will be used as a technical school in the evenings. Many students are not able to go to University in Haiti and we are thrilled to provide another option for them and their families to further their education.

Grace and Glory's hope has always been to give our students a quality education while feeding their minds, hearts, and we can't forget their tummies! With 300 students in attendance the needs are great. Grace and Glory runs a sponsorship program to provide the funds needed to provide a daily meal, a uniform, schoolbooks, and medicine to each student and collectively cover the teacher's salaries. If you're interested in sponsoring a student, please visit <u>https://graceglorykids.org/sponsor-a-student/</u>.

The 2019/2020 school year was met with many obstacles such as coronavirus and political unrest in Haiti. We were met with multiple school closures. Many safety measures have been taken at school to combat coronavirus such as masks for the kids and extra hand washing stations. So far we have not had any major concerns and this year we have been getting the students back on track with their studies.

On October 1, 2020 the economy shifted in Haiti, decreasing the value of the US Dollar. Our budget nearly doubled overnight leaving us and many nonprofits in Haiti hurting. We must pay twice as much so that our teachers and staff in Haiti receive the same amount. Nothing has changed about the cost of goods in Haiti. It is frustrating to say the least. As a part of the Christmas Eve offering Providence graciously covered the costs of our meals for the students this year and we continue pursuing additional support to meet our monthly budget. Our biggest prayer is that things will return to normal soon.

We are so grateful to our Providence friends for supporting us through the nine years we have been in operation! **Enjoy the photos on the page that follows.**

Tanna Clark Founder and President











