



Haiti is one of the poorest and most under-developed countries in the world.

Rotary has already completed significant projects there to provide safe water and other sustainable services to the people of Haiti. Through partnerships with non-governmental organizations (NGO's) such as *Haiti Outreach*, Rotary is helping Haitians save lives and create a brighter long-term future for Haiti.

Formed in 2008, the "Rotary Partnership For Haiti" is a voluntary group of clubs from Minnesota, Wisconsin and Germany which came together in order to take on large projects in Haiti that clubs would not be able to address individually.

Funds were raised to build a public secondary school in the town of La Viktwa that opened in 2010! Now the partnership group hopes to expand with additional clubs and build another school to make a real, sustainable difference in the lives of many children in Haiti.



**Desk building crew for new La Viktwa school**

**This is the next project of an innovative multi-year Rotary partnership ... Making the Impact of the Whole Greater than the Sum of the Parts**

## The Need

Illiteracy is a significant problem in Haiti, where only 55% of the population can read or write and where there are public secondary schools for only 10% of students. The Central Plateau region of Haiti has a population of over 500,000 people, but has only four public secondary schools. Without schools, students are unable to continue education beyond the 6<sup>th</sup> grade.



To meet additional needs beyond Rotary's safe water program and to support real growth and sustainability, an educated population is critical for a brighter future in Haiti. Essential to this is providing opportunities to educate the youth of even the most remote regions of the country.



The Haitian people place a very high value on education

## The Opportunity

After we built the public secondary school in La Viktwa in 2010, the people in the neighboring town of Rankit have made a request to build a public secondary school in their town. They are eager and organized to have as many as 840 teenage students in 2 shifts at their own public school.



*Haiti Outreach* has now constructed three public schools in La Jeune, Pignon and La Viktwa. In their relationship with local community leaders, they have a solid understanding of the needs in the area and they know what it takes to get work accomplished in the country. *Haiti Outreach* is based in Minnesota and is managed by a Rotarian.



**Changing Lives—Creating Futures**

## Will You Join?

Can you join our Rotary partnership and provide support either as an individual or as a Rotary Club?



*These Children need a chance at Life. But to get an Education, they NEED a School.*

**Sponsor a classroom, a desk or a student**

- **\$43,000** per **Classroom**
- **\$2,200** per **Desk** (three students per desk)
- **\$360** per **Student**

The goal is to break ground on the school in early 2012.

Please note that all donated funds are tax deductible through the Rotary District 5950 Foundation, which is a 501(c)3 organization.



**Will you join us to BUILD a School for these Children?**

## FAQ's—Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: What are the schools like in Haiti and why is there such a need?**

**A:** Schools are available for only 62% of the elementary school students and only 18% of the secondary school students. Only 10% of Haiti's schools are public - the rest are private. Most people cannot afford private schools and the government has little resources to build schools.

**Q: Why was Rankit selected as the location?**

**A:** Rankit is about 10 miles from Haiti Outreach headquarters in Pignon and from the last school we built in La Viktwa. Leaders in Rankit have asked Haiti Outreach for help to build a public secondary school in their community, as the majority of families cannot afford to send their teenagers to private schools. There is a public primary in the town.

**Q: How large will the school be?**

**A:** The design is similar to other schools already built by Haiti Outreach, which is quite simple and made of concrete and steel. The design calls for seven classrooms, each with a capacity of up to 60 students.

This community says there will be enough interest to have 2 shifts of classes, so as many as 840 students will attend once it is completed,

**Q: The Haitian Government hasn't always been very stable. What impact does this have on the project?**

**A:** The people and government of Haiti respect the importance of education very much. Even in the most unstable times, the government has done what it can to pay the teachers and administrators to keep the schools open. There has never been any question by any faction or party that the education of their children has primary importance.

**Without schools, the Children of Haiti have little chance for a future!**

### When We Build It ....

- ✓ The School will serve over 800 low-income students with no other access to public secondary schools
- ✓ The Haitian Education Ministry will staff, support and maintain the school once it is built
- ✓ The initiative also includes a safe-water project
- ✓ It will be constructed using local labor, managed by Minnesota based *Haiti Outreach* staff based in Haiti
- ✓ It will quickly make a real difference through a focused and achievable goal
- ✓ Multi-club partnership
- ✓ Serve as a prototype for other club collaborations in the future
- ✓ Deliver life-changing results for thousands of students for years to come



**Rotary Partnership for Haiti**  
*Changing Lives - Creating Futures*



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**Contact us to contribute, participate on a trip to Haiti or have us come and speak at your Club!**



**Rotary Partnership For Haiti**



*Join In and Contribute to the Rotary Club Partnership*

- **\$43,000 per Classroom**
  - **\$2,200 per Desk** (three students per desk)
  - **\$360 per Student**
- Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Make Checks Payable to:**

**Rotary District 5950 Foundation**

Put "Rankit School" in memo section

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