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Dyite (Dignity)

“No work is insignificant. All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence.”

Martin Luther King Jr.

In the U.S we don't talk much about dignity. This is because most of us have accomplished something that creates a sense of personal pride or self-respect. We've obtained an education, established a career, cared well for our families, served our communities, etc.

Most of us experience dignity and because it is commonplace we don't think or talk about it much. We take dignity for granted. We often lose sight of its importance in our lives. This is not the case in Haiti.

Because many Haitians lack educational and job opportunities and are not able to care well for their families or serve their communities, dignity (dyite) is a topic of discussion. Not only is it talked about, it is referenced in many unexpected places throughout Haiti – “Dyite” is painted boldly and brightly on taxis, buildings, advertising signs, etc.

We believe that Haitians think and talk about dignity because so few genuinely experience it. At John 6:35 Ministries we understand that providing opportunities for Haitians to experience genuine dignity through work is important and necessary - to uplift, restore, and heal – individuals, families, communities, and country.

Dignity is so important and necessary, in fact, that it is a stated outcome of our mission – to promote Jesus (Hope) and jobs (dignity) in Haiti.

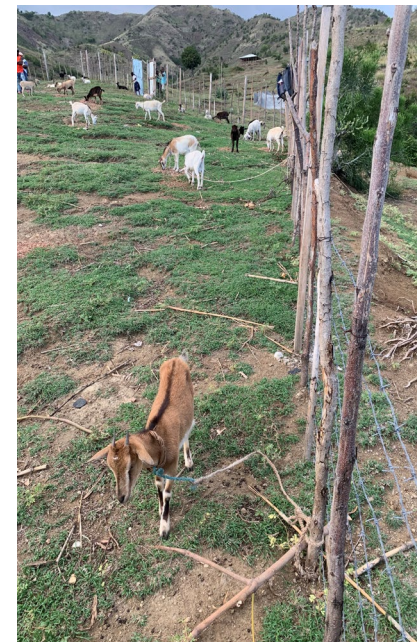
If you have a heart for the people of Haiti or if you believe that dignity is an important part of the human experience we urge you to support our mission.

Your support will be used in its entirety to spread the Gospel Message of Jesus Christ in southern Haiti and to create jobs where few jobs exist. Amen!

In His Service,

Rick

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J635 Mission

The mission of John 6:35 Ministries is to spread the good news of Jesus Christ to the people of Haiti using a marketplace evangelism model and to provide impoverished Christ-followers with job training, employment, and business ownership opportunities.



The market at Les Anglais, Haiti

Praise Report!

Praise God for the many blessings He provided to J635 in 2019, including

- Total giving exceeded our annual budget projection by 219%.
- Our *GoatFundMe* Campaign prospered - 80 breeder goats were sponsored.
- The Kabrit Lavi (Life Goats) goat farm was established on a 3-acre tract northwest of Les Anglais.
- Six Haitian men experienced 12-months of FT employment for the first time in their lives.
- Two moto taxi services were established (Les Anglais and Port Au Prince) to supplement employee income.
- Our team in Les Anglais served daily – feeding the hungry, repairing homes, meeting many small needs.
- *We shared Jesus with an estimated 1,200 people in the Les Anglais region! Amen!*

Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. John 6:35



Board Spotlight

Sharon Santa
Board Vice President/Treasurer, Maineville, Ohio

Sharon is described by all who know her as the "nicest person in the world." She loves the Lord deeply and loves her family (husband Rick and children Hayes and Grace) almost as much. She has traveled to and served in Haiti since 2012. Her passion is loving people and she has an incredibly big heart for toddlers and widows. Sharon works as an Underwriting Manager for Great American Insurance and attends Rivers Crossing Community Church, Mason, Ohio.

The Impact of Your Support

Your gift, regardless of size, makes a big Kingdom impact in Haiti:

- \$10 = Creole bible for goat meat customer
- \$25 = Feeding bottle and powdered milk for newborn goat
- \$60 = Breeding goat for Kabrit Lavi goat farm
- \$100 = One month of J635 worker pay
- \$150 = 500 Creole gospel message tracts
- \$250 = Fencing expansion Kabrit Lavi goat farm
- \$400 = Fishing nets for commercial fishing
- \$500 = Solar powered goat meat freezer
- \$900 = Moto (scooter) for J635 taxi service
- \$2,500 = Moto trike for hauling goat meat and fish
- \$3,500 = Motorized boat for commercial fishing
- \$5,000 = J635 Les Anglais depot (production building)

Thank you so much (mès anpil) for your support!

Our Church Support

Thank you to the following churches that support the mission of J635:

Grace Covenant Church, Cincinnati, Ohio
(www.gracecincinnati.com)

College Hill Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio
(www.chpc.org)

May God continue to bless you for your generosity and obedience to God's call!

Gifts Made in Honor

Eric and Kirstin Santa

Reverend Alan Gibson



Ministry Update

- Our Life Rice business in Les Anglais, Diri Lavi, (temporarily) ceased operation during spring 2019. Rising raw material prices and distribution problems caused by widespread civil unrest caused the business to be unprofitable. Two of the three DL employees transitioned to doing J635 taxi work, as well as construction work for partnering ministries in Les Anglais. A third DL employee accepted a position on the J635 goat farm. When and if the Haitian economy improves, we will attempt to re-start this business.
- In August 2019 we established our first goat farm, Kabrit Lavi, near Vilaj Bondje in Les Anglais. We began by leasing three acres of pastureland, constructing a goat fold, and hiring three full-time herdsman. During fall 2019 we introduced our GoatFundMe sponsorship program (Thank you sponsors!) which allowed us to purchase 80 breeder goats and provide veterinary care for our goats. By God's grace, Kabrit Lavi should be producing 8-10 meat goats per month by summer 2020.



- During January 2020 we began research regarding the establishment of a deep-water commercial fishing operation in Les Anglais. There are few deep-water fishing operations in the Les Anglais region; most local fishermen use small wooden boats and shallow nets and so the type and size of fish caught and sold is limited. We are hoping to one day soon begin a deep-water operation using a motorized boat and specialized nets. We are also investigating the possibility of shipping (solar) refrigerated fish and goat meat to surrounding community markets.
- During February 2020 College Hill Presbyterian Church generously provided J635 with a grant to construct a goat shelter building. This building, which will be constructed on the grounds of the Kabrit Lavi goat farm, will be used to shelter sick, pregnant, birthing, and newborn goats. Thank you CHPC for this incredible blessing – we appreciate more than you know!

Support

If you would like to support John 6:35 Ministries you can do so by making an on-line gift at www.j635haiti.org/our-support.html) or by mailing a check or money order to John 6:35 Ministries, P.O. Box 343, Maineville, Ohio 45039.

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