



## Summer 2011 Updates

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Dear Friends,

This newsletter features several of HELP's students and recent alumni who are already having a significant impact in Haiti. HELP is full of promising students, like Indieu Jules and Giovanni Diojene, who are achieving their potential through their studies in computer science and economics. Their success is only the first step in the work of our organization. It is gratifying to see our recent graduates take the second step: using their talents and training to address Haiti's longstanding inequities.

Smyrne Saintil (class of '08) started at HELP as an intern and rose quickly to Student Services Manager where she oversees the expanded services we now offer, including classes in IT, English, and Leadership. Far from the HELP Student Center, three doctors from the class of 2011, Marie-Dieumane, Ornella and Guielledana, are working in Haiti's rural Central Plateau, ground zero of Haiti's cholera outbreak.

I imagine a day when hundreds of HELP graduates like Smyrne and Ornella will be working around the country, as doctors and accountants, entrepreneurs, teachers, programmers, lawyers, government officials and, of course, HELP staff. Thanks to all of you for providing Haitians with the opportunity to turn back the tides of poverty and suffering in their country. As always, we are grateful for your support.

Sincerely,  
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### HELP Alumni Who Are Making a Difference



As the 2010-2011 school year draws to a close, all of us at HELP are very pleased to recognize 11 more graduates who have joined our growing community of alumni! And, in a country that has only three doctors per 10,000 Haitians, we are particularly delighted to highlight three female students who have earned their medical degree: Dr. Marie-Dieumane Chaperon, Dr. Ornella Sainterant, and Dr. Guielledana Paul (pictured). [Read More](#) »

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### New Leadership

We are pleased to introduce Danielle St. Germain-Gordon, the newest member of HELP's Board of Directors. Danielle -

## HP Helps HELP Rebuild Computer Lab



On a normal weekday, the computer lab at the HELP Student Center is full of students hard at work studying and completing assignments. Fortunately, at 4:53 on January 12, 2010, the lab had just emptied for the day when the earthquake hit. The ceiling collapsed and crushed the equipment below, destroying everything. Today, thanks to a partnership facilitated by the Clinton Global Initiative, HELP's computer lab is as good as new with 50 new laptops donated by [HP](#), along with two color printers and a supply of toner for each. This valuable in-kind technology donation is just in time for the start of the new academic year this fall. [Read More](#) »

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## Featured HELP Student: Indieu JULES



Third-year computer science student Indieu Jules says he was very nervous the first time he stood in front of a group of high school students on a HELP recruiting visit. But after watching a more experienced HELP student make her presentation, he quickly shed his shyness and went on to share his own story. Today, as a senior member of the HELP recruitment team, Indieu is now showing other recruiters how it is done. [Read More](#) »

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## HELP Staff Interview: Smyrne SAINTIL



As a HELP scholarship student who eventually became an intern, Student Advisor, and now Student Services Manager, Smyrne Saintil has seen the program from almost every angle. English teacher Micol Issa sat down with Smyrne to get her

currently the Chief Development Officer at the Arena Stage at the Mead Center in Washington, DC - brings a wealth of fundraising and management experience that will strengthen our capacity to offer more scholarships to deserving students. Read Danielle's full bio

When asked what she would like to accomplish in her first year on the board, Danielle replied: "On my 366th day as a HELP Board Member, I'd like to be able to celebrate that I helped secure a new funding source for this important work"



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teacher Micol Issa sat down with Smyrne to get her perspective on the importance of student advisors, the particular challenges students face, and what she likes about working with HELP. [Read More](#) »