



SUMMER 2014 UPDATES

Dear Friends,

As usual, there is lots of exciting news to announce from Haiti. In recent years, we have considerably expanded our summer internship program and this year a record 40 students are working at HELP and with local businesses, NGOs, and even the Ministry of Energy. In this issue, we highlight three students whose summer internships brought them as far as New York City and Green Bay, Wisconsin!

On the PR front, in June we hosted our first-ever reception for our supporters in Haiti, where we screened a rough cut of our new promotional film, the final version of which you can watch below. We hope it captures the mission and methods of HELP, and we hope you will let us know what you think.

Lastly, we are excited to announce a benefit concert on September 26th in New York City, featuring some of the finest jazz musicians on the planet, all of whom have Haitian roots or a strong connection with Haiti. Several HELP students will also be in attendance. This concert is a great way to introduce friends to all the good things that are happening at HELP, so please spread the word to anyone who might be interested. And of course, we hope that many of you will join us to enjoy beautiful music and contribute to producing even more good news from HELP and Haiti.

Thank you for making everything we do possible,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name "Conor", written in a cursive style.

Conor

HELP on Film



Daphnée Charles
HELP Graduate
Program Officer, Panos Caribbean

We are delighted to share our very own, and very first, film telling the story of HELP.

[Watch now and be part of the premiere!](#)

Student Center Reception: Recognizing Local Partners



(L-R): Valencia Prisca BRUTUS (management '18), Auguste JACQUET (management '16), Peterson JEAN (computer science '16), and Nephthaly PIERRE-LOUIS (economics '17) share a toast following the local donor reception!

As an institution dedicated to the advancement of Haitians and Haiti, HELP recognizes that our partnerships with Haitian institutions are important for our long-term success, so in June, HELP hosted a reception at the Student Center to thank our in-country supporters. The event included music by the traditional troubadour group Ti Coca, remarks by Anne-Martine AUGUSTIN (engineering '15), the premiere of HELP's first

promotional video, as well as the opportunity for guests to meet and mingle with staff and students over food and drinks – the latter generously donated by HELP sponsors BRANA and Barbancourt. We were honored to be joined by Minister of Energy Security Rene Jean-Jumeau as well as representatives from E-Power, Mennonite Central Committee, Capital Bank, the Information Science Institute of Haiti (ESIH), the Inter-American Development Bank, the U.S. Embassy Office of Public Diplomacy, among others.

José Magloire-van der Vossen, Disaster Response Coordinator for the Mennonite Central Committee, said, “We had the opportunity to catch up with many others

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**September 26, 2014:
An Evening of Jazz
for HELP in NYC**

Mark your calendars, spread the word, and [purchase your tickets today](#) for HELP's benefit jazz concert on September 26th in New York City.

[Aaron Goldberg](#), preeminent jazz pianist and longtime friend of HELP, has put together a world-class line-up of Haitian-American artists featuring vocalist [Cecile McLori Salvant](#), with [Jean Caze](#) (trumpet), [Godwin Louis](#) (alto sax), [Jonathan Michel](#) (bass), and [Obed Calvaire](#) (drums). [Learn more about the artists here.](#)

Those of you who heard Aaron's quartet at our 2011 event will not have forgotten and those who weren't able to make it will not want to miss them this time around.

Event Details

September 26, 2014
7:00pm cocktails
8:00pm concert

**The DiMenna Center for
Classical Music**
450 W. 37th Street
(between 9th & 10th Ave)

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(646) 485-8667 with any questions**

from the MCC-HELP network at this excellent and cheerful reception, and even added some new ones to it as well. We are definitely proud to be partnering!"

A huge thank-you once again to our supporters in Haiti, and to all of our partners and friends who make HELP's work, and our students' achievements, possible!

Learning with Libra

Student Summer Internship In the U.S.



Elice, Nemdia, and Ginel visiting the New York Stock Exchange

This summer, three graduating seniors sent two months in the U.S., interning with the Libra Group, a multinational business with interests in shipping, aviation, real estate, hospitality, and energy, as well as a number of "diversified" businesses.



Elice working on pellet manufacturing equipment on the production floor at Greenwood Energy.

Libra launched their internship program for university students in 2011 and this is the first time that Haitian students have had the opportunity to participate. Nemdia DACENEY (economics '14) and Ginel DORLEON (computer science '14) interned at Libra's headquarters in New York City, Ginel in the IT department and Nemdia working in support of Libra's many education initiatives. Elice ORESTE (industrial engineering '14) worked in the production department at Greenwood Energy in Green Bay, WI, which produces pellets from industrial waste to be used as a coal alternative.



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HELP will be featured at the Clinton Global Initiative Annual Meeting in New York City on September 24th.

Nemdia DACENEY ('14) will be a panelist for the [Haiti session](#), along with Haitian Prime Minister Laurent Lamothe, Digicel founder and Chairman Denis O'Brien, and Partners in Health's Paul Farmer.

Watch the panel live on the [CGI website](#) at 11:00 EST on 9/24!

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Greenwood tasked Elice with researching a proposal to reposition magnets on a main conveyor belt, and he was part of a Greenwood delegation that travelled to the University of Notre Dame in Indiana to test the pellets as a fuel source for the university's electric power plant. "It was great spending time on the production floor and learning about all the different equipment," he says. "I appreciated the opportunity to really get my hands dirty with this new technology." At the end of his internship, Elice travelled to Minnesota to meet with Haiti Reconstruction International, a non-profit he worked with to install solar-powered water pumps in Elice's remote hometown in southern Haiti, where people often had to make an hour long round-trip journey to get water. Many thanks to Libra for making these opportunities possible for HELP students.



Nemdia with Haiti's Minister of Economy & Finance, Marie Carmelle Jean-Marie, at the Happy Hearts Foundation gala.

