

♥ SMPC has a heart for Haiti ♥

1984 →

Helen Hunter, of Charlotte, travels to Haiti to visit her daughter who was volunteering at EbenEzer near Gonaïves, Haiti.

1985

Helen Hunter, volunteers to sponsor a young man named **Actionnel Fleurisma**, first for his last two high school years, a year of accounting in Gonaïves and for two years living with Helen and her husband, Ernest, while attending two years (1990-1992) at **CPCC** (Central Piedmont Community College) in Charlotte.

1991

Helen and Ernest Hunter, Actionnel Fleurisma, Judy and David Nichols become some of the **founding members of South Mecklenburg Presbyterian Church**.

1993 →

Actionnel Fleurisma and four friends found the **OFCB school** (Organisation de la Force Chrétienne du Bayonnais = Organization of the Christian Force of Bayonnais).

David and Judy Nichols have led numerous mission trips to Haiti for SMPC members. **Judy Jones** has led the student sponsorship program for 15 years. **Pastor Matt Brown and Donna** visited in 2017. **SMPC Youth** visited most recently in 2018.

Today:

OFCB Ministries' main goal is to build a self-sustaining Bayonnais community while offering hope and opportunity for all. Many of the school's **graduates return** to support the community.



Faith

1995: Actionnel Fleurisma attended seminary and was ordained. The non-denominational church at OFCB: l'Eglise Evangelique de Bayonnais was founded.



Education

2,500 students in grades Pk - 13 on four campuses: Cathor, Nicolas, Zoranger and Bois-Neuf. Actionnel dreams of sponsorship for 1,000 students. Currently, there are 619 EWO student sponsorships.



Agriculture

The agronomy program offers workshops on soil conservation, erosion control, composting, insecticides and farming techniques.



Medical Care

Bethesda Health Center of Bayonnais includes an in-house pharmacy and laboratory that serves approximately 80,000 people, or 200 patients a month.



Special Projects

Friends Empowering Haiti, churches, civic groups and other international aid organizations have supported bridge building, hunger relief, road repair, transportation, fresh water, generators and solar power.

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<https://ewohaiti.org/campaign.php?org=SMPC>

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Haiti is the poorest country in the Western hemisphere. With 11.2 million people, 80% live in poverty.

In spite of the odds, our friends in Bayonnais at OFCB Ministries continue to fight against the odds through education, medical facilities, agronomy programs and entrepreneurial projects.



Helen Hunter sponsored Actionnel Fleurisma 1985-1992.



Remembers weekly in prayer:

Our mission partners in Bayonnais, Haiti.



Judy and David Nichols with Fausten Charles' sisters. They have visited Haiti more than 20 times.

Political and economic instability are at historic highs. Law and order and food supplies are daily challenges.

SMPC has not been able to visit Bayonnais since before the Covid pandemic. We continue to pray for our mission partners, supporting financially where possible and seeking safety in the storm.

South Mecklenburg Presbyterian Church supports the OFCB schools and community projects in Bayonnais through prayer and through funding from the Missions Outreach funds as well as special drives. Many SMPC members are student sponsors (\$40 month) through Ewo and/or donate to special projects through Friends Empowering Haiti. The SMPC Alternative Gift Market provides opportunities for families and children to support schooling and other community needs in Bayonnais. The Missions Outreach and Capital Project provide additional funding for OFCB Ministries in Bayonnais.



Pastors **Matt Brown** and **Actionnel Fleurisma** 2017



Janet & Bryce Morgan, Carol Morgan, David and Alix Phillips 2019



Student sponsorships and special donations provide education, lunch, supplies and uniforms.



Fundraising supports the schools, food, agronomy program, medical clinic and special projects.

This flier

<https://bit.ly/SMPCheart4Haiti>



Judy Jones meets Anne Junie who studied nursing and helped save 1,000 lives in the cholera outbreak. 2010



Carol Morgan with the student she sponsored. 6 trips from 2014-2019.



Anna Zagora meets school children. 2018



Shelby Ullman shows students her iPad. 2012



Maddie Dellinger holds a baby at the clinic. 2018



Collin Cushman bids farewell to Yolande Fleurisma 2018

