SMPC Mission Stories – Dorvens Chancy Part I An Introduction

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Tell us about yourself.

I was born in a small community called Bayonnais in Haiti, which is a couple of miles from Gonaïves, the third largest city in Haiti. I came from a small family with five children. I have two brothers and two sisters. My older brother is an engineer. Right now, I have my older sister living here. I have one older sister and my twin brother living in Haiti.

My mother works as a cook at the OFCB school where I went. I got to see my mother when I am at school and got to see my father back when I got home.

What we depend on there is agriculture. My father is a farmer. That's pretty much everything most of the parents over there do. Sometimes, I would help my father in the garden. Sometimes we woke up really early, like around five or six, to go to the garden and then work for about two hours, then come back home, then get ready to go to school.

He has more than one farm. So, some of them are really close, like one mile or less than a mile away. Some of them are really, really, really far away, like in the mountains, really far away. In Haiti we like rice, corn, beans, and these are things that we grow and then we consume them. But we have green peppers that we grow and then we sell them to other people coming from Port-au-Prince and other cities. This is what we make money out of. Just green peppers.

My earliest memories of going to school was like every children in Bayonnais. We always excited to go back to school because this is when we can see how we're friends for a long time and then know that we're gonna go up to a higher grade. I was pretty serious about my studying. I would study my lessons and then do my assignment, play with my friends for a little bit. I love playing soccer, so I played a lot of soccer and sometimes I would just hang out with my friends

What challenges do students face?

Some challenges were students that have to walk long distance from home to get to school, especially when it rains, you have to walk in the muddy streets to get to school. Then also financial challenges were if you don't have a sponsor, your parents have to pay the whole

fee. As well as what the students have to eat. Sometimes, it's all they can eat is like the food they get at the school. Sometimes when you get home you don't have a light to study. By the time you get dark you don't really have that much time that you need to study so it was a light challenge.

What else would you like to share?

Personally, when I was there, it was always great to know that I have a sponsor that is thinking about me. I was very lucky to get to write letters sent to my sponsor and then get a response from them. This is something every student over there dream of to have a sponsor; somebody they can talk to and then just to communicate with them. So every student would really appreciate that.