



# ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24



# OUR REACH IN 2023-24

## Mission Statement

Lumen Vitae accompanies young people, especially those who find themselves hindered by poverty in marginalized situations around the world, on a path to abundant life. Through education, practical support, and mentorship, we empower young people to realize their dreams and shape the future of their communities.



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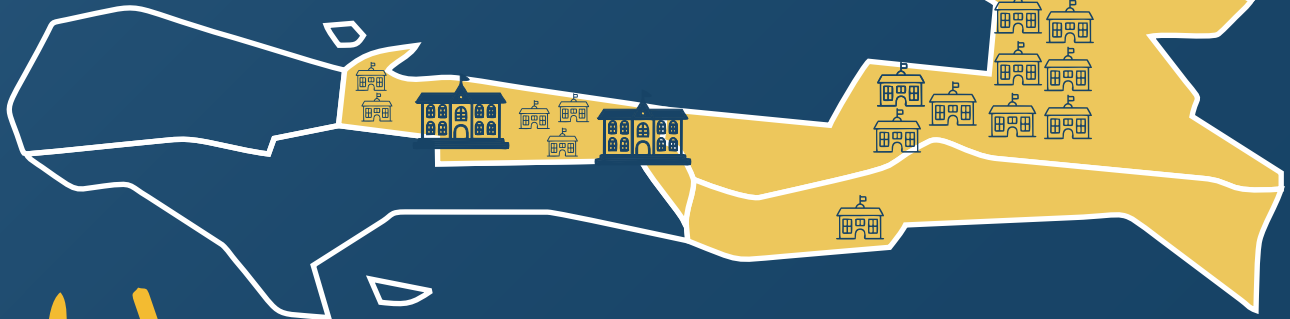
86

partner schools



3

schools adopted for One School Approach\*



1,392

sponsored students



39

graduates



1,443

donors



48

accompaniers\*



5

field managers



51

volunteers



# TRANSFORMING LIVES

Last June marked seven years of our commitment to enriching the lives of children in Haiti. Through this journey, we've learned that more effort is required to develop well-rounded leaders for Haiti. While it's an accomplishment for our children to attend school, receive meals, and monthly visits, many of our schools lack sufficient support due to poor student-teacher ratios. Character development is crucial for shaping a brighter future for Haiti, one filled with individuals who embody excellence and integrity.

That's why, in the past year, we piloted a program called the **One School Approach** in three communities. In addition to covering their school fees and providing daily meals, we conduct an

after-school program from Monday through Thursday. During this time, mentors (accompaniers) interact with smaller groups of students, focusing on play, tutoring, and weekly formation modules.

Additionally, the accompaniers will receive weekly formation, providing a space for regular professional development. We are hopeful that this approach will enable our students to pursue greater heights of abundant life.



## Lumen Vitae

Educate



Accompany

Transform

## One School Approach



Tuition & Materials Covered

After School Mentorship



Daily Hot Meals

Weekly Student Formation



### Road Ahead - Digitizing Haiti

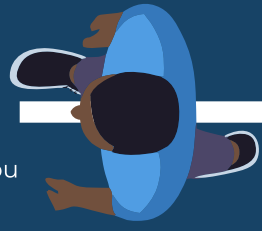
In the future, we envision using solar energy and Starlink satellite internet to introduce digital engagement and learning to remote communities in Haiti. Our goal is to turn these schools

into centers of global connectivity and knowledge, providing children with access to technology they have never experienced before. Moreover, volunteers from around the world will have the chance to share their expertise and skills to uplift these underserved communities.

# ABUNDANT *life* FOR EVERY CHILD



# THE ROAD TO EDUCATION



While travel sounds easy for many of us, it's not the case for our employees in Haiti. Below, we try to help you visualize the challenges our staff has to go through to reach communities in different parts of the country.

## Kendalie Jean-Baptiste

moved to **Anse-à-Veau** with her whole family of 11, to coordinate our activities at the Ecole Presbyterale school in July

**Monnes Kercivil** moves permanently to **Marre Bleue**, a rural village on top of a mountain, to coordinate the activities of Lumen Vitae

Feb-2024

Mar-2024

Nov-2023

Since Nov-2023



Different Terrains

Gang Violence

LV Office

Roadblocks

Unpaved Roads

## Obed Gilles, Larsen Saint Surin,

and **Monnes Kercivil** stayed for a couple of weeks in the small town of **Lhomond**, in the Nippes region, to help establish our program in the school of Les Petits de Francois Assisi

**Jonathan Cayo** and **Obed Gilles**, have been traveling to various places including, **Marre Bleue**, **Anse-à-Veau**, **Cap Haitien**, to train and support our accompaniers



Kendalie Jean-Baptiste

People in Marre Bleue welcome others without prejudice. Despite their low economic status, they like to share everything they have with others with love and wisdom, and they live in respect for each other. By doing everything together, they also exemplify teamwork.

Lumen Vitae is a blessing in Joly because the condition of the children was really bad. Today, many children are able to go to school and eat a meal daily.



Monnes Kercivil

# ACCOMPANYING COMMUNITIES

**Jonathan Cayo**, our Program Director, shares his experience on living with the Marre Bleue community, and how Lumen Vitae impacts the lives in this remote village.

## The Reality

The village of Marre Bleue is located on top of a mountain and the rocky terrain makes it impossible to reach by car. Most people make a living from agriculture. With no hospitals or medical facilities close by, the community also faces several health risks. Access to clean water is another pressing issue, forcing the villagers to walk miles to reach a small spring. Their school, La Fierté de Marre Bleue, is the most recent partner in Lumen Vitae's **One School Approach** program.

## The Community

One of the most noticeable characteristics of this community is how involved they are with the school activities. Under the leadership of Faustin Remy, the Principal, the community created a parent-teacher association to help the adults get involved in the life of the school. When Lumen Vitae announced its plan to adopt the Marre Bleue school, the association recognized that it was more important than ever to construct a road, so that they could bring the necessary items up the mountain. Taking the responsibility onto themselves, they mobilized a large group of volunteers and cleared the rocks from the mountain pathways to make them drivable.

During our month-long stay, our team experienced the incredible generosity and kindness of the community through housing, delicious meals, clean water, and even assistance with laundry. Their unwavering support and willingness to go the extra mile have left an indelible impression on our team, and we are profoundly grateful for the opportunity to be welcomed into their community.

## LUMEN VITAE IN MARRE BLEUE

In Marre Bleue, we cover school fees, take care of administrative expenses, and provide a hot meal daily for the children. In 2024, we took a leap forward in improving the school's infrastructure by providing electricity through solar energy, and internet access using Starlink. In our after school program, our accompaniers work closely with the students, offering ongoing formation and assistance with their studies. Through these efforts, we strive to empower the children of Marre Bleue to reach their full potential, and build a brighter future for themselves and their community.



# FINANCIAL REPORT - 2023-24

**Total Revenue**  
\$700,713

**Total Expenses**  
\$691,898



**Fundraising**  
\$14,661

2.1%

**University Scholarship**  
\$8,298

1.2%

**Administration**  
\$4,911

0.7%

**Awareness & Education**  
\$1,249

0.2%

**Child Sponsorship**  
\$657,375

95.0%

**Learning Center**  
\$5,404

0.8%

**Revenue Expenditure**

**Net Income**

**\$ 8,815**



# FROM THE DIRECTOR

## A Lighthouse of Hope and Opportunity

After months of political turmoil in Haiti, schools slowly started to function regularly in the Port-au-Prince area around the beginning of this year. However, the arrival of the UN peacekeeping mission has further complicated the situation. People live in fear that, at any moment, there could be a war between the Haitian gangs and the peacekeeping mission. Amidst these tumultuous times, we are a lighthouse of hope and opportunity for 1,392 of the country's most vulnerable, underprivileged children.

We are also incredibly optimistic about the three new after-school programs we have launched in the countryside. In these remote, rural communities of Marre Bleue, Joly, and Lhomond, we strive to provide students with daily nutrition and accompaniment. Also, we want to equip teachers to bring holistic development to the students.

These communities have already received us with open hearts. On one occasion, on their way to Marre Bleue, a village on top of the mountain, the truck which was carrying solar panels and batteries to bring electricity to school, broke down. It was in the middle of the night. Immediately, the families mobilized more than 20 donkeys, and villagers descended from the mountain to help carry the materials and supplies on foot, walking for over three hours to reach the school.

Hearing this story from our staff affirmed how excited, hopeful, and empowered these communities are to serve. When we set up our field offices in these schools, we bring solar panels, energy systems, and Starlink routers in hand. We dream of bringing a digital revolution to these remote villages that haven't even seen a laptop! In the past seven years, I've learned that with God's providence and the support of so many missionary partners like you, we CAN make a tremendous impact in the lives of the children in Haiti, empowering them to become a beacon of hope for their communities.

*Brian Mundackal*

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Executive Director  
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