



Accompany. Educate. Transform.



Annual Report
2024 – 25

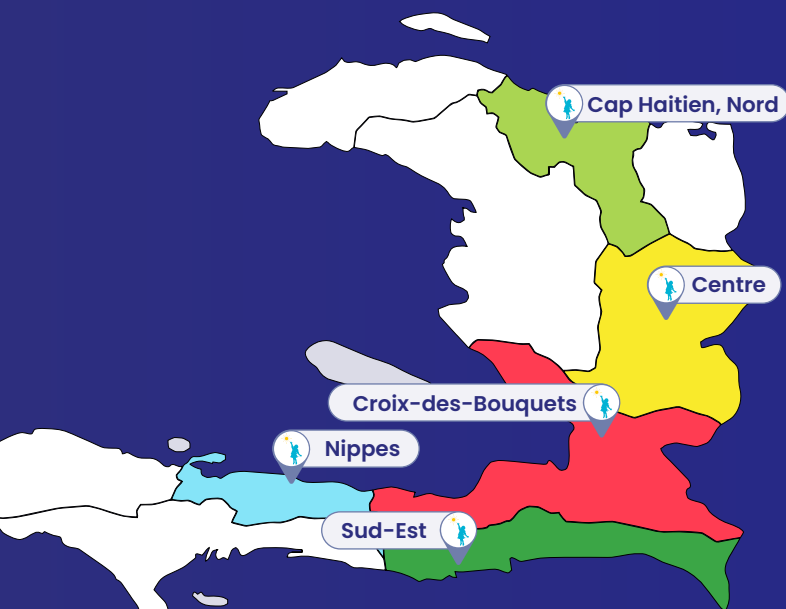
**LUMEN
VITAE** 



Our MISSION

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.

2024-25 BY THE NUMBERS



Graduates



53

Schools



71

Sponsored Students



1,446

Regions



5

Accompaniers



45

Field Managers



5

Volunteers



30

Central Staff



7

A MOVEMENT for change in Haiti



The Urgent Need in Haiti

Since 2021, nearly 30 armed groups have devastated Haiti, forcing over a million people to flee the capital, Port-au-Prince. The gangs, which include child soldiers, have killed thousands and set fire to schools, hospitals, and more. Many families moved to the Nippes region and this year, the Catholic schools in the diocese have welcomed 874 displaced students, but many more children remain out of school.



Amid the country's deepening crisis, Lumen Vitae's presence has been a beacon of hope. Initially providing scholarships to 400 students across 46 schools in the diocese, its mission has grown to include daily hot meals and a personal accompaniment program. Our bishop, Most Reverend Pierre André DUMAS, extends his heartfelt gratitude for your collaboration with the Diocesan Education Office of Nippes (BDE-Nip). Your support is deeply valued in the diocese.

► **Rev. Fr. P. Yves Voltaier**
Director of the Diocesan
Education Office of Nippes



Why support Lumen Vitae?

This year, Tifna Zacharias from Dallas raised over \$18,000 to help children in Haiti, ensuring that two classes can attend school in the upcoming academic year. She reflects on her ongoing commitment to the cause:

Tifna's team, the Dallas Patriarchs, collectively raised an impressive \$32,905, bringing hope and opportunity to many.

► Tifna Zacharias during the Haiti Mission trip in 2012

In 2012, I traveled to Haiti with the hope of giving something to a community devastated by an earthquake and struggling with poverty. But in reality, they were giving me something—whether it was faith or their joy. It was a beautiful experience, and that has been a motivation for me to fundraise for them. I was able to experience firsthand the daily challenges the community faced, and those experiences there kept me going.

– Tifna Zacharias
Dallas, TX



Lumen Vitae strives to accompany young people on a path to abundant life. Through education and accompaniment, we transform the lives of our students. Here's how we achieve it in the communities we serve :



EDUCATE

Education is at the heart of our mission. Through after-school activities, we try to enrich our students' academic journey.



▶ **Rev. Fr. P. Yves Voltaier**
Principal, Les Petit de Saint François d'Assise, Lhomond

"When we first launched the program, students would leave school immediately after classes ended at noon. At the time, their grades averaged around 4 or 5 out of 10. Many children lacked academic support at home, as their parents—many of whom are unable to read or write—could

only rely on what the school provided. But now, thanks to the After School program, Lumen Vitae is offering additional guidance. Students receive mentorship to reinforce their daily lessons and develop skills beyond the curriculum.

The impact has been remarkable. Children who once averaged a grade of 5 have now improved to 8. Moreover, they receive hot meals every day, which makes a significant difference. I truly hope this program continues and expands to other schools as well."

After School Program

- Hot meals
- An accompanier to help with school work
- Accompaniers will teach about virtues



ACCOMPANY

Our accompaniers go beyond academics, fostering unity and bringing people together.



Kendalie Jean-Baptiste, our Field Manager in Joly, faced a significant challenge last year—securing water for daily meal preparation. Typically, water comes from local wells and ponds, but a severe drought left these sources dry. Rather than placing extra strain on the kitchen staff, Kendalie took action, rallying parents and establishing a system where each family took turns in finding and bringing water. Her leadership and unwavering presence make her more than just a guide for the children—she is a unifying force, strengthening the community and fostering resilience.

Kendalie Jean Baptiste ◀



TRANSFORM

Our students recognize education as the key to breaking the cycle of poverty and violence, and building a brighter future. It has also given them hope to dream big.

Name : **Elliantus Jean-wilson**
Region: **Belle Riveire, Nippes**
Family situation: **Family of 11 with parents working as farmers**



Education has allowed me to acquire a certain knowledge to guide my career choice, to help as a citizen of the country, and to contribute to its development. I want to contribute to the country's primary sector (agriculture) by becoming an agronomist, and implement more efficient and profitable methods for the consumption of all the country's inhabitants and for export.



Name : **Achelus Landie**
Region: **Lilavois, CDB**
Family situation: **Both parents lost their jobs**

The education I receive instills in me deep respect for others and guides me to act with honesty and dignity. It strengthens my belief in hard work and discipline, shaping my character and values. I make time to read occasionally, knowing that continuous learning enhances my knowledge and broadens my perspective. I hope to become a pediatric surgeon and entrepreneur.

Name : **Djoude Vilsaint**
Region: **Boisrond Tonnere, CDB**
Family situation: **Lives with mother, who is a wayside**



The education I receive will empower me to accomplish all the goals I have set for myself. Also, it will shape my character, help me build meaningful connections and embrace the value of loving my neighbor. My goal is to become an entrepreneur, and I believe education is the key to achieving it.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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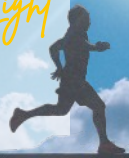
Expenses by sector

96.55%
Child
Sponsorship

\$572,295



Race for
the Light



1.25%
Administration

\$7,392



2.20%
Fundraising
\$13,040



Total Income
\$590,827



Total Expenditure
\$592,727



Net Revenue
- \$1,900



LOOKING FORWARD

Message from the Executive Director

Dear Partners,

This year, Lumen Vitae reached 1,446 children in Haiti, and your support made every breakthrough possible. The afterschool programs in our innovative 'One School Approach' are nurturing academic growth and leadership skills in ways that redefine hope for Haiti's future.

By embedding mentorship and holistic education directly into school communities, we are seeing students transform from learners into leaders. Teens who once struggled academically now guide younger peers, solve community challenges, and articulate visions for a renewed Haiti—proof that our work matters.

Your generosity fuels more than education—it ignites a cycle of empowerment. When you support a student, you are not just supporting one child's education, you are supporting their potential to change the future for themselves and their country. That's the heart of our mission—to equip Haiti's next generation with the tools to lead.

Though challenges persist, your partnership reminds us that light always overcomes darkness. Together, we are expanding this proven model to new communities, ensuring every child we serve steps into their potential.

With gratitude,

Brian Mundackal

Brian Mundackal
Executive Director



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