

Haiti Solidarity Partnership Ministry

Ministry Mission

Support the St. Benoit Dessources Parish in order to provide education to all students and enhance the quality of life for the people of Dessources, Haiti.



Where is Haiti?



Where is St. Benoit

Pariosse St. Benoit is located in the southern peninsula of rural Haiti. It is a short 59 miles from Haiti's capital, Port-au-Prince, but a long 5 hour drive up the mountains. It is not on a map yet and it is where two dirt roads intersect on a mountain top. St. Benoit is not on Google maps.



Interesting Facts

- The families of St. Benoit do not have electricity or running water.
- They walk one hour down a steep hill to collect water and one hour back up the hill to bring it home. Each elementary school child carries one gallon of water to school each day so the school can provide a hot lunch for them.
- They have no cars, heated or air conditioned homes or grocery stores nearby. The closest town is a 2-hour drive away.
- They live in a mountainous, country environment and grow their own food. Any extra food they grow is sold at the local market.
- Almost half of children less than five years of age have growth problems because of the lack of different kinds of food. Due to this issue, some children can't attend schools, and those who do it have difficulty to learn when they are hungry.
- Approximately half of children ages 6-11 will never go to school.
- K-12 education is unaffordable for most Haitian children since the annual family income is less than \$500.



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