

Subject: Adoration Haiti: Preparing for a New School Year (including the addition of grade ten!)



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Hello and Bonjou.

As the summer swiftly comes to a close, it is once again time to take a brief look at how God is working through the Adoration Centre in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

For the past four years, senior Adoration students, in cooperation with the Delmas Reformed Presbyterian Church, have conducted a Vacation Bible School at the Adoration Centre for the children in the neighborhood. Time is spent singing songs, learning Bible stories, doing crafts, eating snacks, and playing games. Through all of this, the focus is kept on showing the love of God through the gift of His Son. When this project started, it was attended by about two dozen children. **This year saw about two hundred children sitting in the Centre singing God's praise and learning about His mercy.** For this we can all be thankful.

At the end of each school year, Haitian students are required to take grade level examinations in order to progress to the next level. These happen at the end of grade six, nine and twelve at the end of high school. The students of Adoration, by the grace of God, have

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traditionally done well on these tests and this year was no exception. The grade six class did very well this time around with only those students who are new to the school having difficulty being successful. Students who have been in the program for several years achieved very positive results, reflecting the effort and care that has gone into their education.

All 14 of the grade nines passed their exams. This is a cause for rejoicing, especially when it is noted that many schools in Port-au-Prince failed to have any students pass the testing. This result was very encouraging for the staff. **Because of this, a decision was made to add grade ten to the school.** It seemed a shame to take these dedicated and talented students and send them off to other less successful schools for their further education. Even though it means more work for the teachers and a significant amount of planning, we pray that these efforts will continue to bear fruit.

As you read this, plans are being finalized for the coming school year, and there is a lot to do. **At present, there are 340 students attending Adoration Christian School with another 50 attending programs in professional schools or university.** Coordinating all of the teachers, supplies, food, and medical care for this many young people would be a daunting task anywhere; this is especially true in Haiti. The directors of the different departments at the school have done an excellent job so far and continue to work to make sure that all that needs to be done is completed before the start of classes.

This fall promises to be one of unrest in Port-au-Prince due to the upcoming elections. Election season always means disruption, tension, and some dangerous situations. **Please keep the directors, teachers, students and their families, in your prayers as they seek to be faithful in a challenging place.**



Jovanie - Grade One

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Prayer Requests

Today, we would request that you pray for the following:

- for encouragement for the senior students who are taking leadership roles in the life of the church community,
- for wisdom and courage as the Directors prepare the teachers for the upcoming term,
- for the teachers as they put together their lessons and take up the challenges of a new year,
- for the students and their parents for health and safety,
- for a true and winsome witness as our brothers and sisters reach out to their neighbours in the name of Christ,
- that God will always be praised in our work in Haiti.

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