Why the Our Lady of Mercy School Project?

'Our Lady of Mercy' is the name of the most remote neighborhood of our sister parish, accessible by foot or donkey. It takes a few hours to travel there from the main parish church & school.

OLM operates out of a single room chapel. The noise and crowding create major challenges to teaching and learning. Children flourish in an actual classroom environment.

"Because the classes are not separated, when we go to the board and the other classes are making noise, and the teacher is teaching, we can't hear what he is saying. It



would be very good for us to have a school building. If we could be separated, if we could leave the church building, it would be good for us, to help us work better, to feel more comfortable." -- Guerdie V, Grade 6



Would you like to learn more and develop a greater sense of appreciation of and solidarity with our Haitian brothers and sisters? We invite you to attend a Haiti Education Committee meeting.

If you'd like to donate, no gift is too small or too big.

For more information contact Meghan Collins: (407)949-8127 or peaceandjusticesmm@gmail.com



Learn more about the programs of our Haiti Ministry and donate to support our work, including the Education Committee's Our Lady of Mercy School Project.



Our Lady of Mercy School Project

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## What is the OLM Project?



The purpose of our OLM Project is to raise funds to build a school for this community. Presently six 6 teachers & 150 students share the open space of the chapel.



A new school will provide an environment where teachers and students will thrive.

"A new school will influence the future, because there will be more students who will come to the school; the kids will learn better and tomorrow will serve their community and serve their country." - OLM Teacher

## Nurturing Children's Futures!

Parish students are planting vegetables and caring for an orchard of



moringa, mango, and avocado trees. Their hands-on participation enhances their science lessons as well as



provides food for school lunches.

While fruits & vegetables from the school garden will improve nutrition, we can enhance the quality of

their education - and their futures- by improving the physical learning environment.

"A building that meets the standards of a school will allow me to work better, teach my classes better, and invest all of myself so that I can use the strategies, I learned from the trainings St. Margaret Mary provided. Now it is difficult to apply good teaching strategies." Beniscar Descy, Teacher

## The Haiti Ministry Education Committee



The SMM Haiti Education Committee supports educational initiatives through Catholic schools in our Haitian partner parish.

Our projects include:

- Professional Development for teachers
- Teachers' livestock bonus
- Student enrichment
- Classroom support
- School Garden & Orchard
- Music Program

