



Friends
EMPOWERING
HAITI

2025 Impact Report

**A MESSAGE
FROM
LEADERSHIP**

Dear Friends and Supporters,
Thank you. Two words that feel entirely too small for what you
have done – and yet they are the truest words we can offer.

This 2025 Impact Report is our way of opening the door so you can see, in full transparency, exactly how your gifts, prayers, and partnership are changing lives in Bayonnais, Haiti.

Friends Empowering Haiti exists because of you. Every dollar donated, every prayer lifted, and every moment spent advocating for our brothers and sisters in Bayonnais moves us closer to our shared vision: a self-sustaining community rooted in faith, nourished by agriculture, educated for the future, and healthy in body and spirit.

As you read through this report, we invite you to see not just numbers and milestones – but the faces, stories, and lives behind them. From a renewed goat program giving families independence, to a school bus that is now carrying 2,200+ students to class every day, to a medical clinic serving hundreds of patients each month – these are the fruits of your faithfulness.

We are grateful beyond measure. Thank you for walking this road with us.

– The Friends Empowering Haiti Team

OUR MISSION AND FOCUS AREAS

Friends Empowering Haiti was originally founded as Friends of OFCB to support OFCB Ministries, a local Haitian non-profit serving the Bayonnais region. Together, our mission is to put God's love into action by inspiring hope and supporting a self-sustainable Bayonnais community. We seek to help the people of Bayonnais in ways that lead to long-term, self-sustaining opportunities.

TO MAKE A REAL AND LASTING IMPACT, WE PARTNER WITH OFCB MINISTRIES ACROSS FOUR KEY FOCUS AREAS:

FAITH

Rooted in spiritual growth and community fellowship

AGRICULTURE

Cultivating self-sufficiency through sustainable farming

EDUCATION

Empowering the next generation through quality schooling

MEDICINE

Providing accessible care and vital health resources

2025 BY THE NUMBERS

Here is a snapshot of the impact your support made possible across Bayonnais in 2025:

2,049

Clinic Patients

2,200+

Students Served

2,534

Pounds of Food Harvested

\$83,333

Matching Gift
Total Donations Gifted: Over \$190,000!



FAITH & COMMUNITY

Our work in Bayonnais is rooted in faith – and so is our fellowship with you, our supporters. One of the most cherished ways we celebrate that fellowship is through our annual Breaking Bread event.

BREAKING BREAD 2025

More than 10 years ago, Actionnel Fleurisma visited churches and small groups throughout the Southeast, promoting student sponsorship and connecting with outreach groups. During one of those visits, an event was held called "Breaking Bread" – a potluck supper where friends of Bayonnais gathered for food and fellowship. The tradition was revived in 2022 to celebrate Actionnel and Yolande's return to the U.S. after several years of being unable to travel, and it has been a beloved yearly gathering ever since.

In partnership with EWO, Friends Empowering Haiti hosted Breaking Bread 2025 at SouthPark Church. The evening featured Yolande's famous Beans & Rice – a Haitian favorite – along with desserts, sides, and fellowship generously contributed by attendees. Actionnel shared inspiring updates on life in Bayonnais and the continued impact of the community's support.

Breaking Bread is more than a meal – it is a celebration of the bond between Bayonnais and the supporters who make our work possible. It is a night rooted in gratitude, fellowship, and the shared belief that God's love can cross every border.



AGRICULTURE

Agriculture is at the heart of building a self-sustaining community in Bayonnais. In 2025, our farmers continued to work tirelessly – and your support made their efforts possible.

THE REVIVED GOAT PROGRAM

In January 2025, Friends Empowering Haiti relaunched the goat program, designed to provide nutritional support and sustainable income to local families. Goats are among the easiest animals to raise in Haiti, and they thrive in the local environment. A healthy goat can produce milk for the family and have babies twice a year – each kid representing a new opportunity for growth and revenue.

Unlike cows or pigs, goats require less space and less investment to maintain, and they can generate income more quickly. As Actionnel notes, goat meat is highly valued in Haiti, making goats an ideal choice for families seeking both nutrition and economic stability.

Goats are easy to raise, produce milk, and can have babies twice a year. They generate revenue faster than larger animals and are well-suited to Haiti's terrain and climate – making them an ideal path toward family self-sufficiency.



HARVESTS & FARMING UPDATES

The rice planted in the fall of 2024 was successfully harvested in early 2025, yielding approximately 2,000 pounds. All of the harvest was donated to the school kitchens to feed students – a wonderful example of OFCB's businesses and programs caring for one another.



Following the rice harvest, local farmers turned their attention to beans. While they had hoped to plant peppers, the high cost of seeds made beans the more practical choice. The bean crop was planted and, by May, 534 pounds of beans were harvested and used to feed students at school.

In mid-June, both farming sites – the land next to the Bethesda Medical Clinic and locally leased land – underwent weeding and fertilization. Rice plants were started from seed and transplanted during the vegetative stage. They were harvested in the fall.

Inflation has significantly increased the cost of food in the region and limited its availability. The continued use of leased farmland reflects both the urgency of this challenge and the resourcefulness of the Bayonnais farming community.



EDUCATION

Education is one of the most powerful tools for long-term change in Bayonnais – and in 2025, your generosity made two major milestones possible: the arrival of a new school bus and the continued operation of OFCB School across four campuses.

THE SCHOOL BUS HAS ARRIVED

For months, our community worked together to send another refurbished bus to the community. Friends Empowering Haiti purchased a used school bus and had it shipped from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to the port in Gonaïve, Haiti. From there, negotiations were conducted regarding import duties at the local port, and after clearing customs, the bus made its way to the ICB School at the main campus in Cathor.

The journey was not without its challenges. While \$15,800 was raised specifically for the bus purchase, the final cost came to \$24,300 due to unpredictable customs duties and the repairs needed to prepare it for Haiti's rugged terrain. Thanks to unrestricted gifts, the \$8,500 gap was bridged quickly – without delay – allowing the bus to arrive in time for the new school year.

Over the summer, off-road tires were installed and the suspension upgraded to better equip the bus for the rough roads ahead. Today, the bus delivers teachers and students to and from school every single day.

The Bus by the Numbers

Initial Goal: \$15,800 • Final Cost: \$24,300 • Gap Funded: \$8,500 (unrestricted gifts)

The bus now serves the 2,200+ students who attend school daily – and positively impacts the 30,000+ people living in the La Chapelle community, which is anchored by Bayonnais.



OFCB SCHOOL OPERATIONS

OFCB School serves over 2,200 students across four campuses in Haiti. The commencement of school is not felt only by the students themselves – its impact ripples throughout the 30,000+ people who live in the La Chapelle community. When school comes back to life, the entire community is changed for the better.

It takes well over \$400,000 annually (excluding food and meals) to run OFCB School operations. Friends Empowering Haiti contributes \$120,000 annually to help sustain these programs. Every contribution – whether large or small – helps keep those doors open and those classrooms alive.



MEDICINE & HEALTH

The Bethesda Medical Clinic in Bayonnais continues to be a vital lifeline for the local community. In 2025, the clinic, lab, and dental services saw remarkable and consistent patient attendance.



Medical Supplies Shipment

In 2025, two large boxes of medical supplies were shipped to the Bethesda Clinic, equipping our dedicated medical team – Dr. St-Gilles, dentist Dr. Simon Alexandre, and lab tech Junior Augustine – to continue providing exceptional care. Supplies included perinatal items (prenatal vitamins, ultrasound unit, diapers), medical instruments (stethoscopes, blood pressure monitors, syringes), and lab supplies (diabetic testing kits and 100 H. pylori test kits).



Matching Gift Campaign

One of the most exciting developments of 2025 was the launch of our Matching Gift Campaign. Thanks to one incredibly generous donor, every unrestricted gift to Friends Empowering Haiti was matched dollar-for-dollar – up to \$83,333 – through December 31, 2025. We are thrilled to report that we exceeded our goal before the deadline.

Matching Gift Campaign by the Numbers

Qualifying Donations: \$108,525 • Matched Amount: \$83,333 • Total Impact: \$191,858

Looking Ahead to 2026

The momentum built in 2025 gives us great hope for the year ahead. With the goat program gaining traction, the school bus running daily, and the medical clinic continuing to grow its reach, the foundation in Bayonnais is stronger than ever.

We are also excited to carry the Matching Gift Campaign into 2026 and 2027 – giving every supporter the opportunity to double their impact once again. We pray that you will continue to walk alongside us as we pursue a self-sustaining, faith-filled community in Bayonnais.

Together, we are not just sending aid – we are empowering hope.

A Note of Gratitude

This report exists because of you. Every highlight in these pages – every harvest, every patient seen, every student riding that bus to school – is a testament to your faithfulness and generosity. Your support is not just a financial contribution. It is an act of love that crosses oceans and changes lives. Thank you for being part of the Friends Empowering Haiti family. May God bless you, and may you see in every word of this report the difference you are making.





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Thank you so much for your support of the Bayonnais community!