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Thanks for your support!

It's been a good year for OfC and our projects in Haiti.

For 200 "free" and Restavek children, Lekol Dete (Summer School) 2012 celebrated, "Nou tout se youn" or "We all are one" with six learning- and fun-packed weeks of summer. We bolstered the Lafresiliere community school, serving another 130 children with free education, and sponsored 18 of the poorest children in our village of Bellabe so they can attend school. Our projects engaged dozens of students of all ages from the US in life-changing activities, and invested the generous contributions of our supporters to multiply their benefits to OfC students and to our Haitian community. Our sincerest thanks to our sponsors and our volunteer leaders!

At the door of 2013, our work continues. Of immediate concern are the farmers in our village, who, in a good year barely feed their families. But this year was bad, with crops first depleted by nine months of drought, and what survived then eliminated by Hurricane Sandy. In Bellabe, 73 farmers lost everything. OfC initiated an emergency loan program so that farmers can buy seeds and start over: half of their loan (\$20) will be repaid after they have a crop that they can sell.

Lekol Dete 2013 will be the third year of this innovative and popular program, and we plan to continue our vocational sewing school for the Restavek children - giving them skills that one day may allow them to be free and self-sufficient.

We do need and appreciate your continued financial support for these effective programs. For \$75 (the price of a dinner out), you can pay a teacher for a month and enrich the lives of 35 children. \$200 pays a Lekol Dete teacher for the entire summer. \$400 provides a nutritious meal for 100 children every day for a week!

Please remember OfC in your end-of-year charity giving. As we celebrate the holidays with our loved ones, please know that your generous gift to OfC will multiply the joy of the children of Haiti as they realize that they are loved and that because you care, they can attend school and become productive members of their communities.

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Thank you, and all best wishes for the New Year!

Doug, Ken, Pam, Elizabeth, Amanda, Timothe and all our Haitian partners.

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