

10 YEARS

OF EMMAUS HOUSE



CELEBRATING THE  
**JOURNEY**

2013-2023





# A Letter From Our Co-Founders

**Jillian Kittrell & Tanya Pirtle**

January 07, 2013 was the day the idea for Emmaus House was born. Of course our idea didn't yet have a name or any real plan behind it. All we knew was that we had 17 youth from the Cap Haitien Children's Home who needed a home, hope, and the chance for a better future.

We took to Google in search of other transition programs in Haiti or even around the world. Although we both had experience working in Haiti, orphan care, and nonprofits, neither of us knew how to start a program of our own. And as it turned out, there were very few organizations working with youth aging out of orphanages for us to glean from. Fear and uncertainty hovered over us, still we were confident in the journey God was calling us to take together.

By August of that same year we opened our first residential home and slowly began to build the foundations of Emmaus House. With minimal resources we prayed our way into each new month, never quite certain how long we would survive.

Our first few years were met with multiple challenges, some of which could have easily taken us under. Working with orphaned youth was hard, often heartbreaking, and we began to understand why so few had taken this road before us. Yet through it all, God sustained us and graciously gave us the support and wisdom we needed each step of the way.

Eventually we had formed a program that was not just surviving, but thriving. With a strong support system in place, we were able to envision the future of Emmaus House and created plans to build a campus and become a permanent ministry. Under the direction of our Haitian leadership, Emmaus House soon became well-known in Haiti as a place where orphaned youth could come and find restored hope.

In the words of Gerome, EH Administrator, "Emmaus House belongs to God". This truth has been evident from day one. There is nothing we have accomplished in these past 10 years that we have done on our own. God has always been by our side.

Looking back, Emmaus House has become far more than what we ever could have imagined in 2013. Watching God work through the lives of our staff, youth, and our faithful donor community has been one of the greatest joys of our lives and we are excited to see all God has in store for Emmaus House in the next 10 years.

To everyone who has joined us on this journey, *thank you!* It is because of you that the past 10 years of Emmaus House have been possible.

Sincerely,


*Jillian Kittrell Tanya Pirtle*





# THE EMMAUS JOURNEY

FOR THE PAST DECADE EMMAUS HOUSE HAS BEEN HELPING ORPHANED YOUTH IN HAITI TRANSITION INTO INDEPENDENCE. HERE ARE SOME MILESTONES FROM OUR JOURNEY.

**JAN 2013** The idea for Emmaus House was born 

**AUG 2013** Opened 1st residential home for 17 youth

**FEB 2014** Received Foundation status in Haiti 

**JUN 2015** Opened 2nd residential home

**JUL 2015** Received 501c3 non-profit status in the US 

**SEP 2015** Sent our first youth to university in Haiti


**MAR 2016** Hired Tanya Pirtle as our first Executive Director stateside 

**JUN 2016** Started a mental health program to provide therapy to youth

**NOV 2016** Began raising support to purchase property 

**AUG 2017** First youth graduated from EH and found employment

**OCT 2017** Emmaus House became fully Haitian led on the ground

**JAN 2019** Purchased 3.3 acres outside of Cap Haitien to build campus 

**JAN 2020** Broke ground on the new campus

**FEB 2020** Hosted 1st annual Transitioning Haitian Youth Coalition Conference 

**JUN 2020** Jillian Kittrell became Executive Director and Tanya Pirtle Programs Manager

**JULY 2021** Launched entrepreneurship program to train youth to start their own businesses 

**NOV 2021** Hired Adrienne Weaver as Development Manager

**JAN 2022** Hired 1st youth graduate as EH staff 

**MAR 2022** Completed construction on 2 youth homes and moved to campus

**JULY 2022** Built Avery's Place Outdoor Classroom 



# 10 YEARS OF IMPACT



**OVER 1/2 THE POPULATION IN HAITI IS UNDER 24 YEARS OLD**<sup>1</sup>

Emmaus House has helped 51 young people learn the skills needed to become independent



**2/3** of the labor force in Haiti does not have formal jobs<sup>2</sup>

## EMMAUS HOUSE

HAS HELPED 14 YOUTH ATTEND TRADE SCHOOLS TO BECOME HAITI'S NEW MECHANICS, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS, ELECTRICIANS & MORE

**BY AGE 25** the average Haitian has only completed 5 years of school<sup>3</sup>

**AT EMMAUS HOUSE**

**19** Youth have graduated from secondary school



**LESS THAN 1%** of the Haitian population has the opportunity to attend college<sup>4</sup>

**33% of Emmaus House youth have gone to college to study medicine, nursing, business administration, computer science, psychology, physical therapy, and more**



## FOURTEEN

**YOUTH HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES TO CHRIST THROUGH BAPTISM**

**20** Haitian professionals have found employment at Emmaus House

**EMMAUS HOUSE HAS HELPED TEACH & TRAIN THIRTY ORGANIZATIONS IN HAITI ON TRANSITIONAL CARE FOR ORPHANED YOUTH**

1. CIA World 2. World Bank 3. CIA World 4. Wikipedia





**FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS, PROGRAMS AT EMMAUS HAVE HELPED ORPHANED YOUTH IN HAITI HEAL FROM THE PAST, BE EQUIPPED FOR TODAY, AND FIND EMPOWERMENT FOR TOMORROW.**


All youth participate in **208 hours** of Bible classes together each year



**100%** of the youth and staff at Emmaus House have access to group and individual therapy



On average, youth report a **7 point increase** in their mental health on a scale of 1-10 while at Emmaus House

**OVER**  **75 HOURS** OF PROFESSIONAL CLASSES ARE TAUGHT AT EMMAUS HOUSE EACH YEAR



All youth complete a minimum of **30 hours** of community service a year

## GRADUATE SPOTLIGHT



*Andy*

**2018 Graduate**  
Assistant Administrator  
Second Mile Haiti

"I love being at work because that's what I love to do. I'm always happy to meet my colleagues at work and it has helped me stay focused on life. Emmaus House taught me to love work, how to live independently, and how to better take care of myself and my family."



*Kencia*

**2019 Graduate**  
Nurse

Clinic Memorial de Cathy Pearson

"I love my job. I love when I am taking care of those in need. Emmaus House helped prepare me by helping me find my skills and talents for a brighter future. I can say Emmaus House is the reason I am here today. I love being a part of the Emmaus House family."



*Mackendy*

**2022 Graduate**  
IT & Media Manager  
Emmaus House

"What I love about my work is that Emmaus treats me like family and I feel like I am in my field, my domain, and at Emmaus House I feel at home. Emmaus House gave me everything that I needed to cope with life and help me become independent."



# THE JOURNEY HOME



*Gerome  
Annee*

EH Administrator

When I look back to where we were compared to where we are right now, there's been a large amount of blessings throughout the years. In the beginning we didn't know if we were going to make it. All we knew was that we needed to face the needs of orphaned youth. So we started by faith and day by day we built Emmaus House. Now we have a strong staff, a system that works, a beautiful campus, and are able to serve more youth than ever. It has been incredible to see what God's power can do!

During our 10 years we have accomplished a lot. We have been able to serve many youth who were in desperate need for a family, a place to call home, to be loved, to have connection with others, and the opportunity to meet Jesus. We have been able to provide all of these to orphaned youth and we have been able to impact our community by showing that these youth have a lot of value for Haiti.

Right now I am watching this work grow by faith. I think it's amazing to watch God make all of this possible through the generosity of you, His people. Emmaus House is truly a collective accomplishment and I love that God has chosen me to dedicate my life for this work!



## ♥ OF A SERVANT

Since our beginning, Emmaus House has been committed to raising up servant leaders for Haiti. Through our spiritual development program, youth are taught how to use their talents and resources to serve those around them. Over the years Emmaus House youth and staff have served in prisons, hospitals, nursing homes, orphanages, and clinics. They have partnered with local churches to provide youth seminars, food relief, and medical care for the elderly. And they have hosted numerous children and youth programs within their homes to help give back the hope that is being restored for them at Emmaus House.





# YOUR IMPACT 2013-2022

## PARTNERS



851

## STATES



32



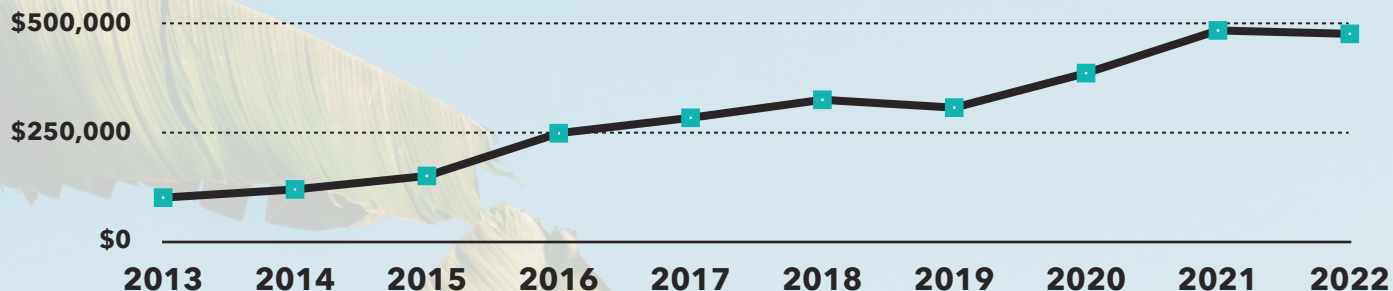
## TOTAL GIFTS

10,062

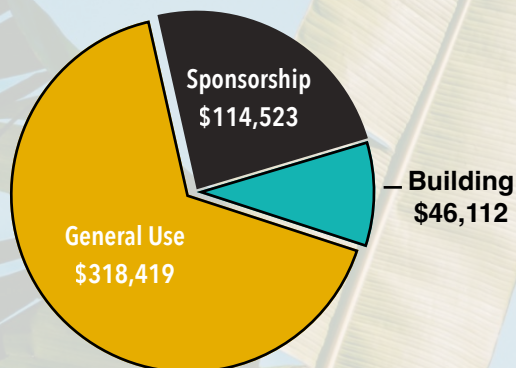
**\$2.9 million**

HAS BEEN GIVEN TO  
EMPOWER HAITIAN YOUTH

## GROWTH IN REVENUE



## 2022 REVENUE

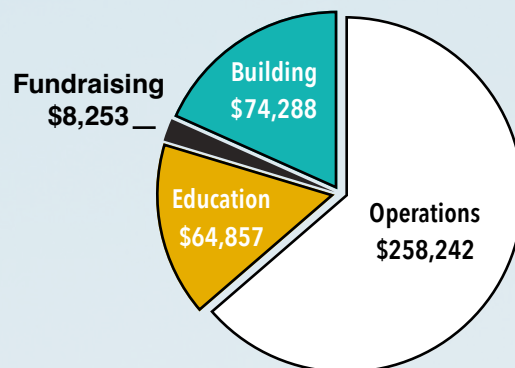


TOTAL REVENUE: \$479,055

## 2022 PARTNERS



## 2022 EXPENSES



TOTAL EXPENSES: \$405,641

## 2023 FINANCIAL GOALS

	YEARLY GOAL	COMMITTED	REMAINING
General Contributions	\$320,000	\$174,513	\$145,487
Youth Sponsorship	\$115,000	\$96,480	\$18,520
Campus Development	\$130,000	\$0	\$130,000

**TOTAL**

**\$565,000**

**\$270,993**

**\$294,007**



# Our Journey Forward

Emmaus House has come a long way over the past 10 years, and we are both excited and ready to continue the journey forward. With your partnership, here are some of our strategic priorities for the coming years.



## Continue Program Development

To help meet the needs of the youth who come to Emmaus House as well as be able to adapt to the ever-evolving needs in Haiti, we will continue to focus on improving our current programs. This will include creating strategies and systems to increase success among Emmaus House youth and continuing to invest in Haitian staff development and education.

## Expand Mental Health Services

Emmaus House currently employs two Haitian therapists who work daily with our youth and staff, offering both group and individual counseling services. As we work towards helping youth heal from their past so they can better prepare for their futures, we will focus on the continued growth of this program including new curriculum and the addition of a social worker on staff.

## Complete Construction on Campus

In 2020 Emmaus House began building a permanent campus on 3.3 acres right outside of Cap Haitien, Haiti. To date, a security wall, two youth houses, an outdoor classroom, and a security guard building have been built. To complete the campus we will build an administration building, a wellness center, a basketball court, and sidewalks throughout the property.

## Grow Community Outreach Opportunities

While our focus at Emmaus House is working with orphaned youth, we also believe we are called to “be the light” within the community God has planted us in Haiti. As we grow, our goal is to provide more community outreach programs led by our Haitian youth and staff. These programs may include sports tournaments, Bible classes, seminars, medical clinics, and food relief.

## Increase Self-Sustainability in Haiti

Since our beginning in 2013, one of our big goals has been to find creative ways to become more self-sustainable in Haiti. Now established on our new campus, we have more opportunities to make this goal possible. This includes additional agricultural development to provide sustainable food sources to Emmaus House and the creation of small businesses to support our operations budget.

## Create Transition Care Training Resources

As one of the first transition programs to open in Haiti, Emmaus House is uniquely positioned to help other organizations navigate this vital stage in orphan care. While we currently host an annual transition care conference, our goal in the coming years is to create additional resources for organizations within the orphan care community both in Haiti and worldwide.



**EMMAUS HOUSE**  
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