

ACCOMPANYING WOMEN AND CHILDREN



Pathway to a Better Life, known as CLM (*Chemen Lavi Miyò*), is an 18-month accompaniment program that helps women experiencing ultra poverty to attain a level of self-sufficiency. They develop the skills and confidence to run their chosen micro-enterprises, making it possible for them to feed their families daily, send their kids to school, build a metal roof over their home, install a latrine, and have access to safe water. **The graduation rate is over 96%!**

In partnership with Fonkoze, Haiti's largest microfinance institution, MFOH is now funding a 5th group of 200 CLM women. We also are funding new programs to advance the skills and savings opportunities for CLM graduates.



OUR MISSION

Passionate for the Gospel of Jesus Christ and witnessing to the legacy of Catherine McAuley, founder of the Sisters of Mercy, Mercy Focus on Haiti members are led to service and solidarity with people who are materially poor, especially those living in Haiti.

We partner with the Haitian people to meet their unmet needs and we collaborate with like-minded organizations.

We are a ministry of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas.

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MERCY FOCUS ON HAITI (MFOH)

**IN SOLIDARITY WITH
THE PEOPLE OF HAITI**

Despite the political, economic, and social challenges afflicting Haiti, our support of the people of Haiti is unwavering ... and life-changing.

JESUS & MARY SCHOOL

The Religious of Jesus and Mary operate a school for 550 Haitian children, grades Pre-K to 9. MFOH funds their hot school lunches (often a child's only daily meal) and assists with tuition, desks and textbooks.



CARE FOR THE ELDERLY

Maison Bon Samaritain (House of the Good Samaritan) is a residence for elderly, frail, mentally afflicted, and otherwise homeless people in Gros Morne. MFOH provides meals, medical, and program support for the 22 residents. Residents are cared for by a full-time nurse administrator, assistant administrator, and other staff.

CARE FOR THE EARTH:

(1) AGRONOMY

At the Grepén Agricultural Center in Gros Morne, MFOH supports farmers and their families in activities including sweet potato weevil eradication, family gardens, soil enhancement, reforestation, seed development and animal husbandry. MFOH also supports a hen house supplying the local area and the Jesus and Mary School with fresh eggs – a vital source of protein.



IMMERSION

With travel to Haiti currently restricted, MFOH partners with Mercy high schools and colleges to “bring Haiti to the US” through educational and service activities.

*I was thirsty and you gave me water ...
I was hungry and you fed me ...*

(2) RAINWATER HARVESTING

MFOH provides training and funding to build 500-1,500-gallon ferro-cement cisterns in the Gros Morne region. These provide farmers and families with rainwater for fields, home gardens and drinking, and help control soil erosion during storms.



Rainwater from cisterns means home gardens for family meals and selling at market.

