

# DESTINED FOR GRACE

Fall 2013

While visiting Haiti in July, the students of Ecole Destined For Grace held a ceremony of thanks in which they presented us with gifts and performed a traditional Haitian dance



## A Heart Filled With Gratitude

The students of Ecole Destined For Grace want to thank you!

Destined For Grace led a group of volunteers to Haiti this past July. The volunteers cleaned all of our classrooms, built new chalkboards, painted each classroom and built a new chicken coop. The school is ready to be filled with students eager to learn as the school year approaches! Our volunteers also helped with a few community outreach programs including three hygiene classes as well as a community wide vitamin distribution.

Destined For Grace is always blessed by the Haitian community and this trip was no exception. To show their appreciation, our students and their families put together gift baskets full of fruit and vegetables that their families had grown. The gifts were presented through a traditional Haitian song and dance. We were blown away by their generosity and gratitude towards Destined For Grace! Their hearts are overflowing with gratitude for all the people who contribute to Destined For Grace and make it possible for their children to attend school.

We are excited to announce that this year we will begin the rebuilding of our kitchen at Ecole Destined For Grace. We have been

incredibly blessed by a very generous donation that will cover this entire expense. We are currently seeking a contractor to execute our vision for the kitchen. In addition to a new kitchen, we have also expanded our food program. We will be able to offer a wider variety of foods to our students on a daily basis. This is partially due to the expansion of our garden currently growing on our property in Haiti. We have also built a chicken coop for egg laying chickens. This will add an additional source of protein to offer to our students.

On behalf of the students and staff at Destined For Grace, we want to thank each and every one of you for your incredible support and dedication to making our dream become a reality. As we approach our five year anniversary, we can't help but reflect on how wonderfully we've been blessed! So many people have played such crucial roles in making Destined For Grace possible and giving so many children in Haiti hope for the future. We have received support through the following ways; monetary donations, student sponsorships, volunteers, school supply

donations, corporate matching, vitamin grants and thrift store merchandise donations.

Because of your support and belief in these children, last year all 155 students were sponsored by U.S. families. In order to continue the work we are doing in Haiti, we ask that you continue to sponsor our students! Your generous support ensures our ability to provide them with opportunities they otherwise would not receive. For \$125 per year, each student receives an education led by credentialed teachers at Ecole Destined For Grace, one hot meal each day, a school uniform, a backpack, schoolbooks and all necessary materials.

Included in this newsletter is a sponsorship form that you can mail in to the indicated address along with a check for \$125. You may also sign up to be a sponsor by visiting our website and making a \$125 donation through our PayPal link. After signing up to be a sponsor, information about the student you are sponsoring will be mailed out to you by the end of October.

Thank you again for your continued support and we look forward to what this upcoming year will bring!