

# **Our Gwo Jan Starfish Report**



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First Presbyterian Church of Clark Summit has been helping thirteen children in Gwo Jan on Williamson Jacques' leadership. Those children are far from being the exact number of those who are in need as there are many more that need education, food, social services etc.

Haiti is facing a frustrating politico economic situation that affects more than 80 % of the population, especially in the Western part. By helping these thirteen children to go to school, the Mission and Justice Committee is allowing access to a bright future for the children. Thus, they will have other positive alternatives than being part of the gangs.

Sincerely, Our Gwo Jan Starfish and parents say thank you for the support you are providing.

*This picture below was taken at Yaya's house to share with the congregation as visitors are not welcomed to the school due safety reason. However, when things get improved, I will be able to have access to classroom to take pictures and videos.*

*As you can see, there are eleven children in this photo. There other two could not attend the photo shoot.*

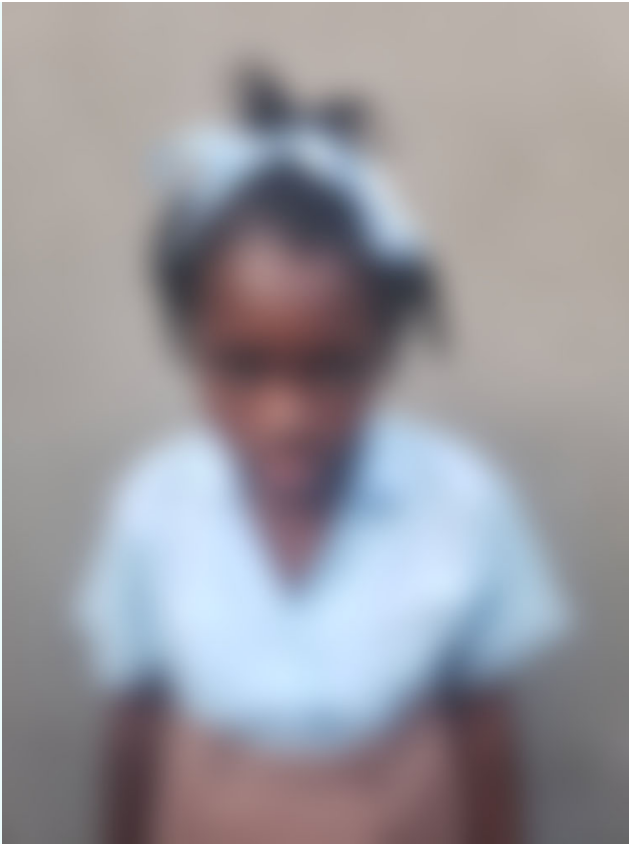
*In the meantime, I must admit that the security condition becomes more difficult than it was before. There are two gangs' rivals that are constantly engaged in a fight just to gain more territory, and Gwo Jan remains a strategic one for them. Gaining territory seems to be a huge advantage for them.*

*Consequently, schools are among the most affected sectors and our Gwo Jan Starfish are automatically affected.*

*However, Our Gwo Jan Starfish managed to complete the first two sessions with 100% success, which means all our Gwo Jan Starfish passed their exam.*

*They have two sessions left and the last one will be taking place in June.*



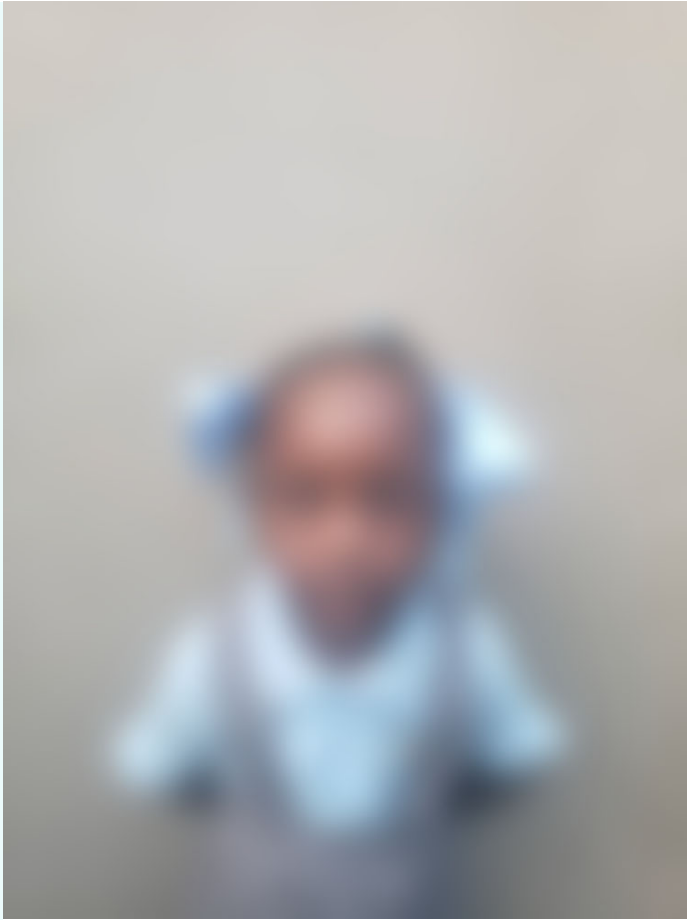


## ***Bechnaëlle***

*Bechnaëlle is eleven years old. She is in fifth grade. She is one of the beneficiaries of the program.*

*Bechnaëlle likes making jokes and being around others.*

*Her mother and father have two children, but she is the oldest. During her school year, she managed to complete the first two sessions with success.*

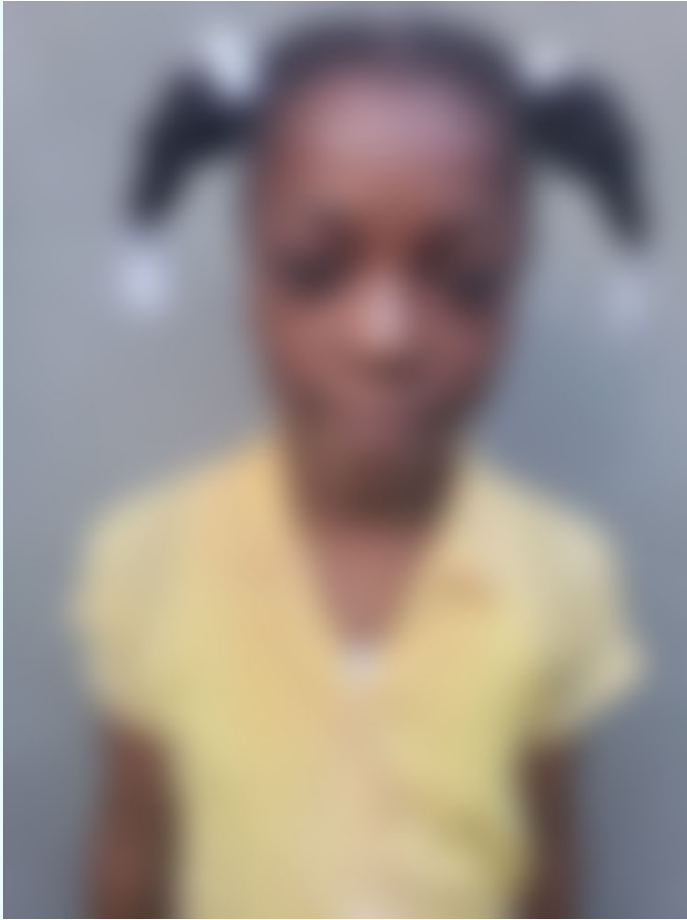


## ***Redaskäina***

*Redashashkäina is 4 years old. She is in second year of kindergarten. She is dynamic and courageous. She likes to interact with her peers.*

*Her mother and father have two children and she is the oldest one.*

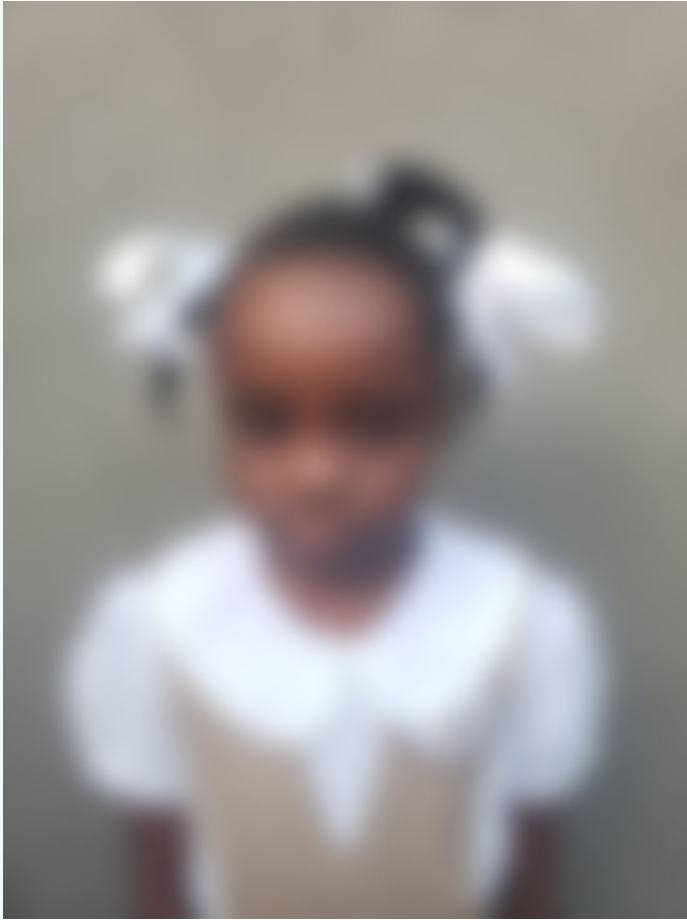
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## ***Rosalanda***

*Rosalanda is 10 years old. She is known for her deep sense of humor. She likes playing with other peers.*

*She is a mono parental child that is experiencing a lot in her life. Her father died 3 years ago, and her mother are the only one who are providing for her and for five other siblings.*

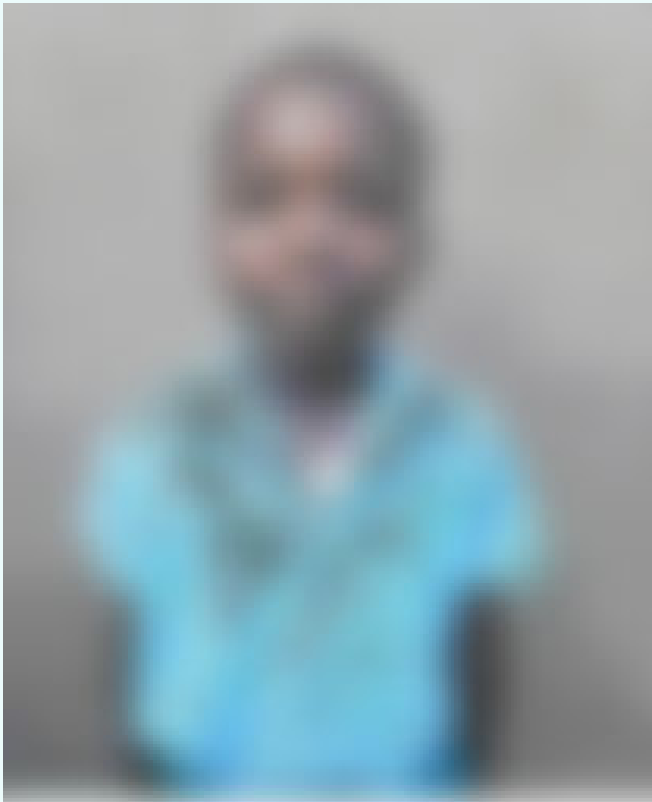


## ***Saisha***

*Saisha is 9 years old. She is in third grade. She likes to make jokes and tell stories. Her mother has two children, including her who are the oldest.*

*She managed to complete the first two sessions of the school year with success. She promises to make more effort in the next coming sessions.*





## ***Marvens Absalon***

*Marvens Absalon is 11 years old. He is in fourth grade. He also managed to complete two sessions with success. However, Marvens needed additional help to complete the first two sessions. Bifendel, one of the other beneficiaries is tutoring him for the next couple of sessions.*

*His unemployed mother has four children with different fathers but devoted to send him to school for him to have a better life in the future.*

*Marvens Absalon likes soccer, and his favorite European club is Real Madrid. He develops capacities in telling stories to others.*



## ***Anny Rosa Abraham***

*Anny Rosa Abraham is 8 years old. She is second grade. She managed to complete two sessions of the school year without difficulty. Her mother and father have five children and she is the youngest one.*

*Anny Rosa Abraham likes to play with others, especially with her peers. Dancing and singing are her hobbies.*

*Her parents have a small store that sells distinct types of things, such as rice, cooking oil, bread etc. But due to gang activities, they cannot expend their selling and sometimes they think about closing it.*

*With the support from the Mission and Justice Committee, Anny's school fee is not challenge anymore.*



### ***Soraya Louis***

*Soraya Louis is 5 years old. She is in her third year of kindergarten. Soya is known the best singer and dancer in the group.*

*She is the youngest child in a family of two. She also managed to complete her first two sessions of the school year with a significant grade point average.*



### ***Anne Rose Day***

*Anne Rosa Day is 13 years old. She is currently attending fifth grade. She is mono parental child with five other siblings.*

*Anne Rose Day is very resolute child that takes her schooling seriously. She is one of the most brillants our Gwo Jan Starfish in the program.*

*Like the others, she managed to complete the first two sessions with a very high-grade average.*



## ***Robinson Saint Rosier***

*Robinson Saint Rosier (Jonas Saint is the name mentioned in the previous document. Robinson is the correct one.) is twenty years old. He is the oldest in this group. Robinson Saint-Rosier comes from one the most vulnerable country sides in Haiti called Thiotte, Fond Verrette.*

*Before moving to Gwo Jan, Robinson was in Thiotte helping his father doing garden work only. His school was not taken in consideration until he moved to Gwo Jan.*

*It is important to note that Jona has more ten siblings. He even has siblings that he does not know as his father spent a big part of his life the Dominican Republic.*

*Despite his age, he is attending eight grade and he managed to complete the last two sessions with a grade point average.*

*Soccer is Robinson's favorite sport, and he enjoys playing it with others.*

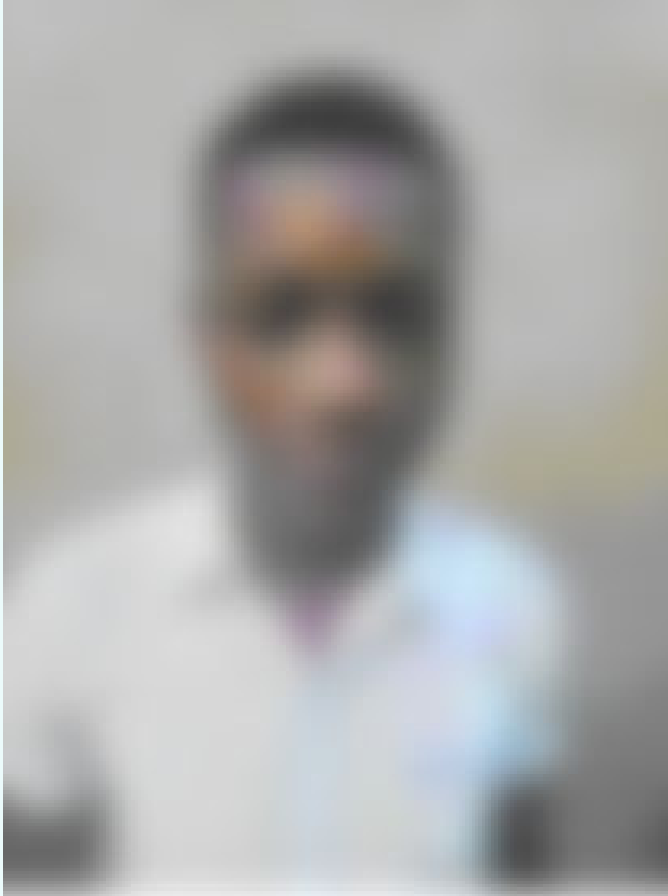


## ***Ovensly Louis***

*Ovensly Louis is eleven years old. He is attending fifth grade. He is the oldest in a family of two.*

*He completed the first two sessions of the school year with success.*

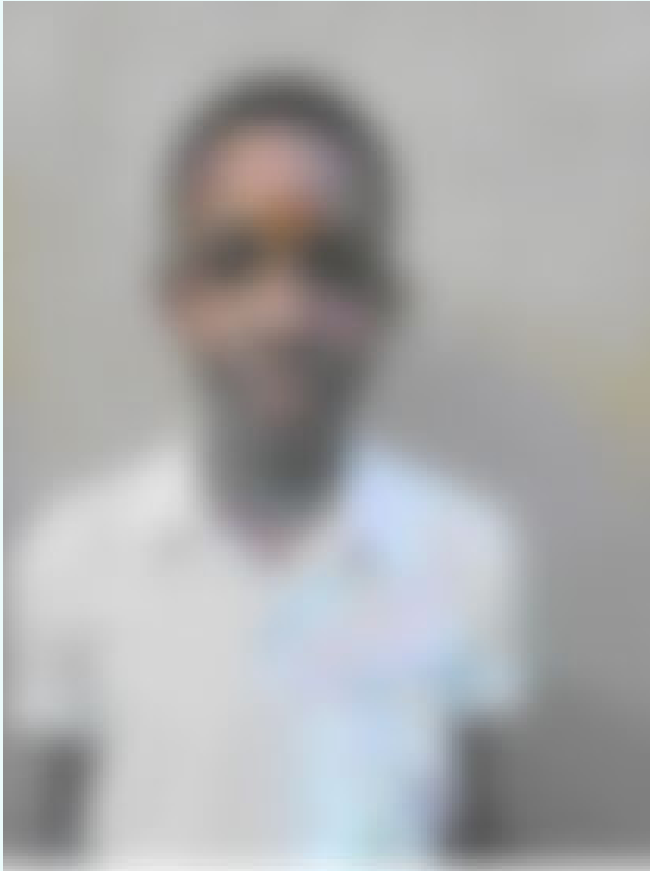
*Ovensly likes soccer and Real Madrid is his favorite European club.*



### ***Bijendel Day***

*Bijendel Day is 15 years old. He is currently attending eighth grade. He was born in a family of six children. His father died two years ago, and his mother is the only one providing for the family.*

*Bijendel Day is a natural leader with a deep sense of responsibility. He is a tutor for three other beneficiaries as he wants success with his peers.*

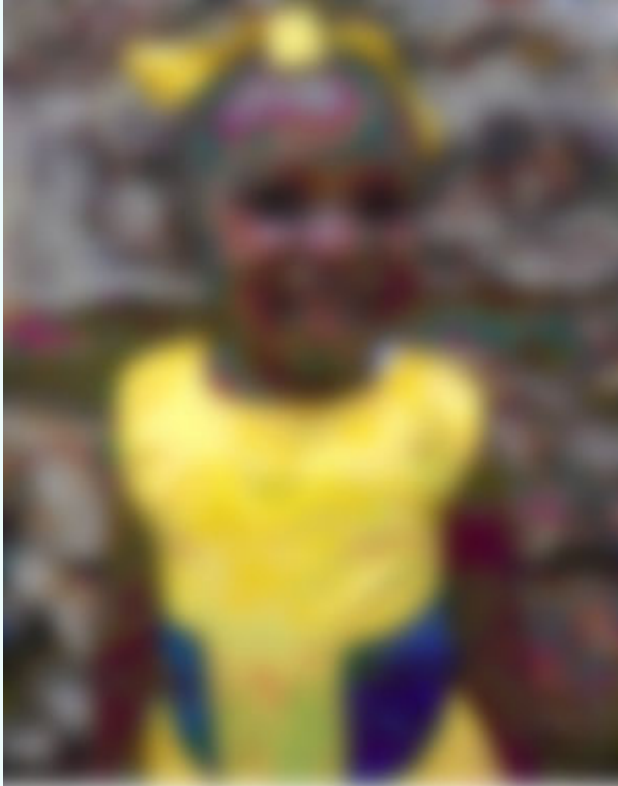


## ***Gavenshy Josil***

*Gavenshy Josil is 14 years old. He is an eighth grader. He successfully completed the first two sessions of the school year.*

*His mother had a small store that sold different articles, but she had to quit it because of the gangs that wanted to control everything in the community.*





## ***Naira Thélusma***

*Naira Thelusma is four years old. She is the only child in the family. She is in her second year of kindergarten.*

*As you can see in the picture, she is a joyful child with a profound sense of humor. She enjoys being around others as she likes group activities.*

*His parents had to move to another place two years ago because one of his brothers is gang member who threatened him with the entire Family multiple time.*

*For the father, as mason worker, finding work in construction is not easy and he has to strive to provide for the family.*

*Having Naira in the program is a relief and a blessing at the same time for them.*



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