

“We can’t help everyone, But everyone can help” -Ronald Reagan

Two years after the earthquake of January 12th, 2010 that stroke Haiti .The vestige of the Catastrophe was still vivid, not only was it a disaster that brought tears and grieves to the population and the world, it was also a tragedy that left the country in chaos in terms of economic lost. In this particular context, Life was more than a challenge for anyone living in Haiti. It was a real battle. Personally I was obliged to stimulate myself every single day, repeating in my head and in my inner being that “I will succeed no matter what happen” like a pill, I had instill these words in my mind. Of course, at this stage, faith took over because the reality was very tough and threatening. As a young man who just graduated from high school my challenge was very huge. Even though, the hope of a better day was the only resource I had at that moment, I wanted to go to the university. I craved to pursue my goals. I was on the right path because I chose education but I could not keep moving forward for so many reasons, I needed help. Then the FFCC team crosses my path along the way.

In Haiti, most of the students cannot fulfill their dreams to learn the profession of their choice when they graduate high school even though they cherish the idea. Each year, the state university (the public one) capacity of acceptance is less than 10% of the graduated students from high school. The alternative is to attend private universities, which most of the parents although they want to, cannot afford paying university charges. In their missions to accompany communities, Friends & Family Community Connection (FFCC) made the best choice by reaching out hands to these students, these future leaders. FFCC has been a blessing for so many of us by joining people together providing financial help which allow students to continue with their education through a well-built and structured program named “Ayiti Academy”.

Education is the foundation of every strong society. Using such a program FFCC found the best formula to bring help and assistance to the Haitians, particularly the young people. The number of students who benefit from this program is on the rise. Nowadays Ayiti Academy counts students in many fields - nursing, engineering, accounting and so forth. Personally, being part of Ayiti Academy is one the best experiences I have ever made in my life, I am so grateful I had the opportunity to meet them. I have studied economics.

Ayiti Academy would not be possible without a vision. None of the work of FFCC in Haiti would be possible without a team of great leaders who always show positivity by sharing advice wholeheartedly with the academy students. From the vision they had, goals were set. As everyone knows so many times people want to help others but they do not know how to or they want to find the easiest way. The launch of Ayiti Academy program was a big challenge but it was necessary. Ayiti Academy is a tree, yes it is, and it bears young men and women with strong heart, it bears the future leaders of Haiti.

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