

Update about the NICL for Adat Shalom Haiti Newsletter **March 2022**

While Haiti continues to face growing challenges, NICL remains a bright spot for 360 children in Leogane, in part due to the continued support of the Adat Shalom community. Since 2011, NICL has grown from serving 154 students to serving 360 students, has added on 7th, 8th, and 9th grades, and has improved and grown its campus to include a computer lab, a playground, a basketball hoop, a vegetable garden, and two new classrooms that allowed the school to expand to serve 7th and 8th graders. Many of these features were not only financially supported by Adat Shalom members and in particular our Haiti partners, but were physically built by 63 Adat Shalom mission participants who have participated in 5 missions to the NICL school in Leogane, Haiti.

For the 2021-2022 school year, Adat Shalom has sent tuition assistance, money for food packages for 400 NICL families and community members (containing 15 lbs of rice, 7 lbs of beans, and ½ liter of cooking oil each), and a large supply of masks.

As Pastor Johnny has said, NICL’s mission is to provide “a good education [for] our... beautiful and courageous kids because they are the hope and the future of our nation.”

Pastor Johnny shared the following photos from this school year—showing that learning continues in the face of all of the challenges in Haiti, including the COVID-19 pandemic. Make sure to scroll to the bottom so you can meet the new addition to the Felix family—baby Jonathan!

- 1) Using the outdoor space to do a cultural program for adolescents--



2) Teaching computer skills in the computer lab—



3) Physical exercise with the Luc—



4) Haiti Project co-chair Greg Shofer sent masks for NICL students on behalf of Adat Shalom.



5) Using the social meeting space as 9th grade classroom--



6) Kids on the playground that Adat Shalom members built--



7) The Felix family with new addition Jonathan!—Johnny, Guerline, Jacob, Benjamin, Jonathan

