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# Haiti Project

I am the vine, you are the branches.



## Give the Gift that Keeps on Giving....

[St. Marc's School, Jeannette, Haiti:](#)  
[Providing Preschool through High School Education in the rural mountains of Miragoâne Arrondissement](#)

Dear Friends,

This first week of Advent intersects with Giving Tuesday, a day when we are encouraged to demonstrate our thanks by giving back. Whether we express our support by volunteering our time or giving financially, the act can be an expression of our deepest gratitude.

Perhaps our Advent practice uniquely prepares us for discerning our deepest gratitude. Waiting quietly in the darkness, we are in a place of becoming -- as if in a womb, we are being shaped.

Time in silence and going inward can broaden our perspective -- our personal concerns fall aside -- finding their right place among the concerns of the local, national and global community. As we reflect, we become more aware of the many blessings in our life. These blessings are more than enough.

The Advent practice reveals our blessings while bidding us to remain present to the world's challenges. Our grateful, yet tender hearts are being asked to remain open to acknowledge our bonds to humanity -- honoring the Light in one another. From

This season, please consider a financial gift to the Haiti Project to ensure the financial stability of St. Marc's School.

Over 500 children attend school thanks to the 30 year partnership between The Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee and St. Marc's, Haiti.

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contemplative discerning in the darkness, our hearts are being formed to respond to the Light. This is the path to wholeness.

Reflecting on my two trips to Haiti this year, there are stories I could share that would break your heart. There are also moments I recall that would open your heart to a strength of faith and pervasive sense of God's presence in a little church and school on a mountain in Jeannette. Please consider your place in this enduring partnership as you count your blessings and consider your grateful response.

Sincerely,  
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