



Sponsor Newsletter

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Changing Lives One by One



I first started sponsoring Wiseline Pierre in December 2005, after visiting Maissade for the first time. She is an example of the immeasurable value and impact the Converse One by One Haiti program has in the lives of children in Haiti. With six brothers and two sisters, Wiseline stood a very small chance of going to school. In Haiti,

among poor families, going to school is a privilege. With a large family of boys, the girls usually do not have the opportunity attend. However, with the help of the One by One sponsorship program, Wiseline's education was secured.

The very first year I sponsored Wiseline, I was able to meet with her personally and talk to her about the importance of continuing in school. Her family was very happy about the partnership of the One by One program with the families and children in the community. Over the years I have received about fifteen letters and drawings from Wiseline, thanks to the diligent Converse staff. I have visited Maissade frequently and have had the opportunity to see Wiseline grow from a child to a beautiful and intelligent young adult. I was able to support her through difficult times, such as when her father was sick and when she had a severe eye infection. One time we went to the animal market together and

bought a goat. Another time, when she was a teenager, I sent her on a mini-shopping spree at the market in Maissade. She cheerfully returned in about an hour to show me all the "treasures" she had bought at the market.

In June Wiseline graduated from twelfth grade at Melchizedek Baptist School and took the government examination to enter 13th grade. Unfortunately, despite studying really hard, she did not pass. She will try again in June 2014, with plans to continue her education. I am thankful for this opportunity God has given me to participate so closely in the life of my One by One child. I am also thankful God brought the One by One program to Maissade where so many more children, just like Wiseline, are changed forever by the opportunity to go to school and by the love, care and support of their One by One sponsors.

Written by Jane Vitti,
One by One sponsor

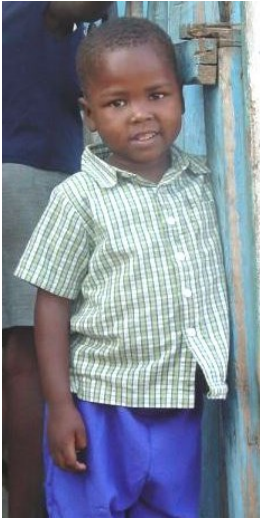


Wiseline (in center) with Jane and friend.

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Changing More Lives One by One

One by One Sponsor Jeff Ashlock has been to Mais-sade many times over the past six years. He has had the special privilege of developing relationships with a number of One by One students. Jeff has documented the growth and change of these students, seeing first-hand the difference sponsorship makes. Here are three of his favorites students, along with Jeff's comments.



Marken was naked and living on the street in 2007. He is now living in the orphanage, healthy, and doing well in school. He is happy to be reunited with his sister and brother at the orphanage. He is always cheerful when I visit.



"This is Jonieze in 2009 and 2013. Her parents abandoned her. A family in town took her in and she became sponsored in One by One. Jonieze is perpetually smiling. She always brings us gifts...a mango, sugar cane, a small pouch of sugar. "

Computer Lab at MBS

New school graduation requirements put out by the Haitian government expect schools to provide a prescribed number of hours for students to learn and practice basic computer skills. Because of its computer lab, made possible through the efforts of One by One sponsors, Melchizedek Baptist School has been chosen by the government to be



one of two schools in Maissade approved to provide accredited hours. Exposure to the internet is also a new requirement for students.



"Wislande was living on the streets in 2007. She came to live at the orphanage and began going to school. Now look at her in 2013. She is healthy, well-fed, happy and loved. Tell me God doesn't smile about that!"