

# INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC CENTER

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### Objective:



The International Academic Center is a new system of Haiti school tradition. Instead of keeping a learning system based on memorization, the International Academic Center offers to its Students a new learning environment based on experimentation, observation, implementation and interaction. Students are able to share knowledge among themselves under the supervision of their teachers. Students become a team of learners with common interest. The team method of learning environment

stimulates each child to be a team player; therefore, no single child is left behind. Every single teacher at the International Academic Center is properly trained to create learning opportunities not only within the classroom but also in the playground and in the garden court as well. The teachers are also responsible to follow step by step the guideline of the Haiti Education Department curriculum.

### Vision:



*The International Academic Center will prepare a new competent generation to approach wisely many longstanding problems in the country of Haiti. Since the learning system includes civism and patriotism, this new generation will serve their country with a spirit of honesty, dignity, fairness, equity and optimism. This new generation will be a catalyst to the change which every Haitian is dreaming about.*

## **History:**



The International Academic Center is located in a suburban community named Pont-Quenepe in the Northern area of Gonaives, fourth largest city of Haiti. The School was founded in 2009 by Reverend Pastor

Irick Frangel Saint-Cyr, a former Haitian Christian school teacher and principal. Pastor Saint-Cyr left Haiti in 1986 and moved to the United States where he has had the opportunity to get better education and experience. Pastor Saint-Cyr has been a male psychiatric nurse working for 13 years in a long term care Dementia Facility in West Palm Beach, Florida. He is now living in Gonaives and holding the position of the International Academic Center administrator. The construction of the School building was funded by Frank McKinney Foundation and Food for the Poor. The five acres of land hold the International Academic Center, a community center, a small community forest, a basketball court and a Soccer field. The land was purchased for \$20,000 paid in full thanks to many sponsors and benefactors throughout South Florida.

## **DEMOGRAPHY**



International Academic Center is located in the center of three different communities (Pont Quénèpe, Morn Blanc and Bretagne) in the northern part of Gonaives, Haiti. There are about 50,000 people living in these communities of which two third (2/3) are school age children. They would have to walk over five miles to Downtown Gonaives in order to find a good school like International Academic Center. Furthermore, these children cannot afford to pay for their school tuition cost due to the poverty level of their families.

### **Structure:**

In compliance with the Haiti Department of Education, the International Academic Center nurtures two separate levels of education under the leadership of the School Principal licensed by the Department of Education.

- 1) The Pre-School level which includes Section I, II and III. Each grade level has no more than 25 kids under the leadership of a professional teacher assisted by an Aide.
- 2) The Fundamental level which includes Grade 1 thru 6 but at this time due to a lack of financial resources, the International Academic Center is only able to handle children from Grade 1 thru 4. Each grade level has a ratio of one (1) teacher to twenty five (25)



maximum thirty (30) students. Each teacher must have at least a four years pedagogic training and licensed by the Haiti Department of Education.

The International Academic Center now counts 150 students attending school Monday thru Friday from 8:00am to 1:00pm.

## **SHORT TERM & LONG TERM GOALS**

### **1. School Cafeteria**

Due to the wide spread starvation situation in the city of Gonaives, the International Academic Center hopes to offer at least one hot meal to every student on daily basis. Hopefully, the school cafeteria will be opened on the first month of the 2012-2013 school year. This project will be sponsored by World Food Program in Haiti and the parents.



### **2. Media Center**

For the vision of International Academic Center to become realistic, we plan to implement a Media Center in the school campus which includes:

- 1) A Computer Lab with Internet Access
- 2) A Digital Library – with access to world domains of information.
- 3) Library resource system: (paperback books in French, Creole & English; encyclopedias, book shelves, training materials for both teachers and students, etc.)



## **Challenges:**

The most significant challenge we have at International Academic Center is raising funds to cover the Teachers' salaries along with the purchase of school supplies. It is required for parents to pay for the school supplies; unfortunately, they have not been able to meet their responsibilities due to a lack of work opportunities since jobs are not available to them. They are barely able to feed their children. They are perseveringly praying for God to open doors on behalf of the school. The International Academic Center depends uniquely on the good faith of its supporters in the U S A and abroad. Last year, we struggled to meet the school budget, but we're

**The 2012 - 2013 school year budget is as followed**

<b>Expense Categories</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Annually</b>
<b>Salaries</b>		
Principal	\$275.00	\$2,750.00
6 Teachers @ \$150/month	\$900.00	\$9,000.00
5 Teacher's aides @ \$100/month	\$500.00	\$5,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,675.00</b>	<b>\$16,750.00</b>
<b>School Lunch</b>		
Hot meal preparation for 150 students - \$0.50 per child per day x 20 schl days / month	\$1,500.00	\$15,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>
<b>Supplies</b>		
Classroom supplies	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
office supplies	\$50.00	\$500.00
Electricity/Utilites	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>
<b>Property development/maintenance</b>		
Property maintenance	\$300.00	\$3,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,725.00</b>	<b>\$37,250.00</b>

