

# Empowering Partners...

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Greetings from Chiron, Haiti,

May 1st, 2022

We have some **"EXCITING NEWS"**... on Monday, May 2nd, 2022 we will begin instruction in our new Sewing and Tailor Program. This program is a bit different from our approach in creating the Technical School at La Croix.

**What is the difference?** Our current approach looks like "on the job training". While we value education, this approach is more of an apprenticeship. Those who exhibit and apply these new skills diligently will begin earning a "paycheck" a few weeks after we commence training. While graduation rates can be quite low in Haiti, our previous Technical School enjoyed a 27% graduation rate. There are many reasons that students do not complete a three year program including, the need to work at home during an agricultural season, lack of tuition, a pregnancy, a family illness, injury, or death.

**Why; is there an advantage to this' model?** In the community of Chiron where we are located people are very poor. God has moved us to this model as a way to advance the time required from the beginning of instruction to a first "paycheck". Another advantage is that we can more easily embrace people whose life circumstances have left them "seated in the back row" in their level of education. Education is not a right in Haiti; it is often unavailable to those less fortunate. While we need people who can read and write on a basic level, the required level of education are not nearly as great as a Technical School. However the possibility of claiming the afforded opportunity **is not** greatly decreased and the timeframe to production **is** greatly decreased. This not only opens the door to opportunity quicker; it is a wider door so that more may enter.

**How will we define success?** Success may look different for different individuals. For a few success might be realized as entrepreneurship with a small business loan to secure a treadle machine and supplies to open a stall at the market providing alterations and other services. Another might be direct employment as a seamstress or tailor within an existing local business. Our goal for most will be an opportunity to receive a "living wage" through working within the Sewing and Print Center. The business model for the Sewing and Print Center will be a "cooperative business model". A Cooperative, or co-op is *"an autonomous association of persons united voluntarily to meet their common economic, social, and cultural needs and aspirations through a jointly-owned and democratically controlled enterprise."* In other words, cooperatives are created by people who have a specific need and who are willing to work together to operate and organize a company that will meet that need. We are looking for a volunteer professional or anyone who may be able to share their experience in creating or operating a sustainable Hybrid Cooperative business model, could it be you?



**What is most important?** Eternal satisfaction found only in Christ! You can read our **mission statement** at [empoweringpartners.org](http://empoweringpartners.org). This sewing and print program will provide opportunity to "heal" the physical ills of abject poverty. At the same time we are committed to respond holistically; to the spiritual needs of all whom we serve with the



compassion and nature of Christ. Each day begins with an instructional devotion and prayer time! We have hired our first **assistant**, a necessary step to begin instruction in sewing and advancing discipleship. His salary will be supported by people like yourself who want to partner in changing lives and creating opportunity for the first year as we strive to become a self-sustaining cooperative. Anyone, any amount, recurring or one time donations are welcome. You can donate on our website; [memo-salary support](#) or contact us for more info. You can call us toll free via WhatsApp or at our regular number toll free as we have Wifi calling. We sincerely thank all of you who are already making a difference today. God bless!

**Peace to all of you... danandmadel**

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