



New Generation College of Thomas-Elie, Haiti

Hoodie's House of Hope for Youth is excited to release a major announcement.

On Thursday, October 27, 2016, the Board of Directors for Hoodie's House of Hope for Youth voted to officially adopt, assume and accept the rights, responsibilities, operation and oversight of the New Generation College of Thomas-Elie, Haiti school under its organizations programmatic initiatives. New Generation was founded originally and placed into operation by Cheryl Hood Francis in 2015.

New Generation is a kindergarten through sixth grade school serving the village of Thomas-Elie. Thomas-Elie is located 94 miles west of Haiti's capital, Port-au-Prince, in the region called Grand Anse of which the capital is Jeremie. Thomas-Elie is located 26 miles from Jeremie. Thomas-Elie is a rural community whose economy is primarily reliant upon farming and the raising of livestock.

In rural Haiti, poverty rates are estimated to be 78% and extreme poverty is estimated to be 54%. Over 2/3 of the labor force do not have formal jobs. 50% of the primary age children are not enrolled in school and 1/3 of girls over age six never go to school.

With much prayer and preparation our school opened for the first time in September, 2015 and is located in a local church. The entering class consisted of 65 children and is growing steadily. By September 2016 the student population increased to 105. Currently, there is a team of six (6) dedicated and enthusiastic teachers aiding and assisting the students each school day.

In August 2016 the Haitian Department of Education identified our Thomas-Elie school as "THE BEST SCHOOL OF THE BARADERES for 2016"! (Baraderes is the region of Grand Anse where the village of Thomas-Elie is located.)

Hoodie's House of Hope for Youth is excited, welcomes and commits itself to the addition of New Generation to its programmatic services, but more so, our organization relishes the opportunity to expand upon its mission via providing much needed education, academic assistance, and hope to our youth and adults in Thomas-Elie, Haiti.

See photos below of some of the beautiful, committed and wonderful youth that are currently enrolled within our school!

