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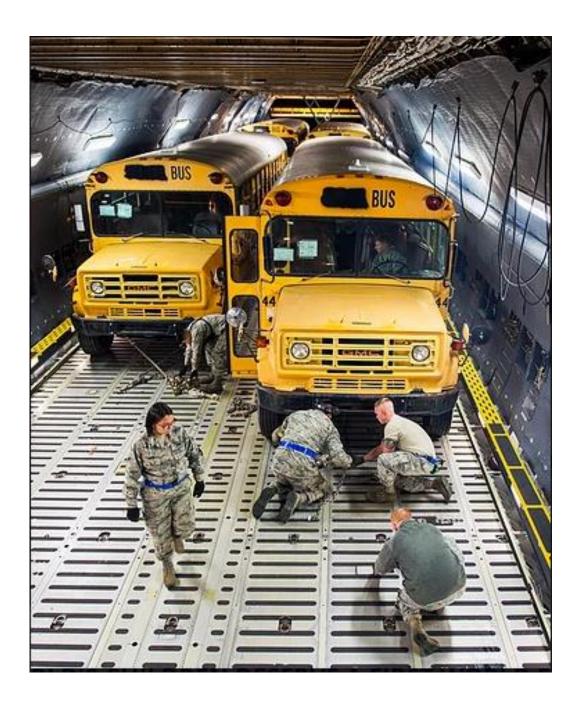
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--Mahondas Gundhi

LET'S MAKE THEIR WORLD A BETTER PLACE!



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# Dedicated to educational and artistic developments



#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Our mission is to build schools, provide free education, and support the social, cultural and the economic development of Haitian communities in the U.S. and in Haiti.

## **BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

Our purpose is to provide free education, free school transportation, and free school lunches to economically disadvantage children and orphans in Haiti; build schools and other educational facilities; and to support the educational, social, cultural and economic development of Haitian communities in the U.S. and in Haiti.

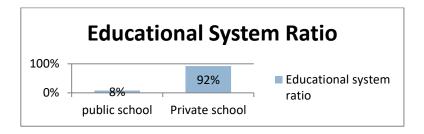
In an effort to be more impactful in our vision, the organization fosters extensive relationship with members of diverse communities, businesses, and organizations that share similar visions. These organizations are credibly established among them are Sacramento City Unified School District, Home Depot among, and the United States Air Force.

Education in Haiti is extremely expensive. The private school industry has monopolized the education system and now approximately 88% of Haitian students are required to pay a monthly fee for their education. Lycee which is the public school only provides space for 8-12% of the student population. To attain a position in a Lycee, one would have to be well established and well connected. Those Angels, Inc. is closing the gap by providing an alternative for the children who are left behind.

In 2014, Those Angels, Inc. built its first school, Ecole Communautaire Foyer Des Anges (ECOFA) Elementary School. ECOFA is the only free school in Carrefour, Grand Cay. Our records show that we have provided educational opportunity for over 235 students over the past four (4) years. We have successfully given the skills of reading and writing to 90 children who entered our school without such knowledge. We have graduated six children from the 6 grade. We are proud of this tremendous educational tool we have provided and are continuing to provide for our children. We are equally proud of the job opportunity we have presented for the community. All ten staff members of our school are members of the Carrefour Community. Carrefour is now the permanent home of Those Angels, Inc. As our school principal puts it "...if ECOFA was to shut down, it would destroy the educational structure of Grand Cay" as the 150 students there would not have the means to go to school.

To finance our school, we created a perpetual fundraising system; an innovative self-sustaining financial system. Working with Sacramento City Unified School District, we attained several school buses and, working with The United States Air Force, we were able to fly the school

buses to Haiti and created a local public transportation system that is being used to transport the public. It is with the funds deriving from this public transportation system that we finance the school that is providing free education for our 150 students.



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Those Angels, Inc. is dedicated to educational and artistic developments and have been living up to the dedication for the past 5 years. Since we launched in 2014, we have:

- Built a school that provides education for 150 students; and there we challenge our children to excel in computers, math, science, French, English and social studies.
- Been working with members of the community to finalize a school bus program that will provide transportation for over 300 students.
- Been working to finalize our recreational activities which include arts and sports.

In creating this school, Those Angels, Inc. has solved a huge problem since so many children have to pay for their education. There are now 150 parents who do not have to concern themselves with the burden of purchasing an education for their children. And, by creating our school bus program, we will have reduced the cost of education of over 300 students as their parents no longer have to pay for their transportation to school.

### **PROBLEM**

#### **Economic Needs**

The lack of funding is one of the reasons many of Haiti's children are not in school. These children **NEED** to attend school without the worry of tuition. Many children are dropping out of school because they are unable to pay their tuition.

The CIA World Fact Book report on Haiti "...80% of the population living under the poverty line and 54% in abject poverty, the earthquake further inflicted \$7.8 billion in damage and caused the country's GDP to contract 5.4% in 2010.

#### **Education needs**

The Haitian Educational System yields the lowest total rate in the education realm of the Western Hemisphere. Haiti's literacy rate is 64.3% for males and 57.5% for females. This is below the 90% average literacy rate for Latin American and Caribbean countries.

Only eight percent of Haitian schools were public, while approximately 92% were privately owned and financed, meaning they were tuition-based in most cases. Because of Haiti's extreme poverty, most schools were unaffordable and therefore inaccessible to the majority of families. These children **NEED** to be granted the opportunity to get an education.

## **OUR REQUEST**

In order to transport our students, promote and upkeep the mission and the vision of the organization, we humbly request for the donation of the 3 surplus MCIs. The vehicles will be shipped to Haiti, by Those Angels, Inc. for the pursuant of said mission, vision and goals.

In making this donation to Those Angels, Inc. AC Transit will be provided with a release of liability document signed by Those Angels, Inc. asserting all cost and needs related to this project shall be the responsibility of Those Angels, Inc. We thank you in advance for your benevolent act, and we look forward working with you in future projects.

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