

Ravine Sable Community Primary School



This year *Hope for Haiti* is partnering with buildOn, an international organization focused on empowering local villages through their own development efforts by building schoolhouses in rural communities. Hope for Haiti has supported Ravine Sable in providing subsidies for their 11 teachers who provide a quality education to over 350 students. This year, a dedicated humanitarian, Mrs. Helen Mark generously sponsored a new school for the community of Ravine Sable. The community broke ground on May 15th and will finish the school's construction by September of 2009. Each day, the community members volunteer their time to help build the school and to bring all the necessary raw materials including; rocks, sand, water, and wood.

Rode Petit-Frere, the director of Ravine Sable, started this school to provide children in his rural community access to an education. The original school was built with the help of all the parents who contributed to building a metal roof with wooden posts. Up until last year, all 350 students were attending school under this one structure. The community cannot express the amount of joy they feel to have the opportunity to build a real school building for their children. For the director and for the entire community, this is their dream that is now coming true.

