

HELP Timeline

1996:

- Isemonde Joseph asks Conor for HTG500 to register for secretarial school. Conor offers to pay for medical school registration instead. Isemonde enrolls in medical school.
- Conor and Garry pay for Florenal's university entrance exam.
- HELP supports 1 student – with books and tuition only.

1998:

- Roodly Joseph is admitted to HELP and begins to volunteer as the HELP accountant.
- HELP supports 2 students.

2000:

- Roodly Joseph becomes HELP's first graduate. His starting salary is \$9,000.
- HELP begins open application and recruitment
- HELP supports 12 students.

2002:

- HELP incorporates in the U.S as a not-profit corporation.
- HELP supports 28 students.

2003:

- Thanks to Bob Bernstein, HELP receives a start-up grant from the Sigrid Rausing Trust.
- HELP hires its first employee (Executive Director) and rents the first HELP Center, on Rue O.
- HELP introduces student housing by paying for rooms in a boarding house.
- HELP supports 40 students.

2004:

- HELP is one of the few organizations to operate uninterrupted through violent political upheaval and regime change.
- HELP supports 50 students.

2005:

- HTF makes first gift to HELP

2006:

- Garry Delice becomes Haiti Country Director. HELP begins traveling beyond greater Port-au-Prince to recruit candidates.

- HELP supports 63 students.

2007:

- HELP rents its first dormitory.
- HELP supports X students

2008:

- HELP receives its first Alumni contribution and hires its first student advisor.
- Introduces English classes (formalized in 2010)
- Computer Lab and IT Instruction
- HELP supports 97 students.

2009:

- Former U.S. President Bill Clinton visits HELP
- Visit of the US Ambassador Kenneth Merteen
- HELP supports X students

2010:

- 7.3 magnitude earthquake hits Port-au-Prince. Two HELP students perish. Many students and staff are injured and the HELP center is destroyed. 90% of students work in the relief effort.
- Dartmouth welcomes two students for an academic quarter, HELP's first study abroad program.
- English program becomes formalized
- HELP become incorporated in Haiti.
- HELP welcomes our first international volunteers and opens an office in New York City.
- HELP supports 115 students.
- HELP receives its first biggest grant from local donor (Voila)
- First Development Director hired.

2011:

- HELP introduces Citizenship & Leadership classes.
- Career & Alumni Services unit is created (1 part-time staff);
- HELP receives first vehicle as a donation from Digicel.
- HELP supports 120 students.

2012:

- WKKF makes first gift to HELP

2013:

- HELP graduate begins teaching at the State University of Haiti, school of science. Among his students are HELP students.
- HELP begins developing open-source database, Baz La, with Openflows.
- Thesis support formalized with new Thesis Advisor position.
- **HELP supports X students**

2014:

- HELP's student-led nationwide recruiting campaign reaches over 100,000 students at over 1,000 high schools nationwide. Theodule Jean-Baptiste becomes HELP's first Fulbright recipient.
- HELP supports 167 students

2015:

- Former Haitian President René Preval visits HELP. Nobel Prize winner, Mohammed Yunus, also visits on the same day.
- Career services now has one full-time staff member
- HELP buys the Garoute property with the intention of building a campus.
- First KOREM payment.
- HELP supports 167 students

2017

- Purchase of Croix Deprez
- Haiti hires a development officer for Haiti.

2018

- HELP alumni independently host a fundraiser for \$40K in Haiti (HAI)

2019

- Full time Admission Coordinator role established.
- Ismonde's video reaches 1M viewers:
<https://www.facebook.com/ayibopost/videos/2965922436967252> which may be the first creole video to ever reach this level.

2020

- Alumni committee formally established

2021:

- KOREM contributions meet \$100,000 threshold

To add:

- First SLP instructor
- Starts stipend?
- First students fully funded by alumni: Wilfrid Meus and Alfred Dieubon
- HTF becomes a donor
- WKKF becomes a donor