

I recently spent 7 days in January **traveling in Haiti with Dave Genzink and Daniel Jean-Louis** to get acquainted with the staff, programs, and partners involved in the 100K Jobs Initiative. As the new Communications and Marketing Volunteer, I will be writing articles and posting updates on Facebook and Twitter, so it was an invaluable experience to visit the people I will be reporting about; people working hard using their business as their ministry. God is truly manifesting in this endeavor.

One of the goals of the trip was to meet with notable figures in several of Haiti's largest cities to plant seeds of partnership. One gentleman we met in Jacmel was **Pastor Abraham Comper**. Pastor Abraham is uniquely connected to his community as President of the Rotary Club and Director of the Vie-de-France private K-12 school. Pastor Abraham began the school with no outside aid.



Abraham knew that a sustainable school would have to come from parents invested in their own children's education. And he was right. **He now has 1,000 students, 150 staff, and a waiting list.** Parents completely support the financial needs of the school and have a sense of pride and ownership.

Pastor Abraham's views on sustainable business development with ethical, Christian business people matched the PW model of spiritual and economic transformation. **Pastor Abraham agreed to help the 100K Jobs initiative** by identifying those business people in Jacmel that he believes will benefit from the business training and mentoring offered by PW.



This type of meeting was repeated in Port-au-Prince with **Pastor Chavannes Jeune, Director of 410 Bridge**, a community development organization in Haiti. Pastor Chavannes agreed wholeheartedly with the mission of PW and agreed to connect Dave and Daniel with ethical business people in various cities where he works with 410 Bridge.

It was inspirational to watch these and other connections being made. I felt a deep sense of hope as I witnessed strangers becoming partners based on their commitment to a better and stronger Haiti. We are all blessed to be a part of this work. -Michele Edwards