

Virginia Haiti Collaborative

The Virginia Haiti Collaborative is a collection of Episcopal institutions partnered with the St. Marc's Primary School in Cerca-la-Source, Haiti through the Episcopal Partnership Program with the Diocese of Haiti.



Since June 2009, the collaborative has:

- Funded construction of 6-room school building, school supplies, school uniforms, teachers' salaries, teacher training, lunch program, provided laptops and supplies for adult education, a generator, and land for expansion.
- Sent 10 different groups of Americans to Haiti to visit St. Marc's School and the Cerca-la-Source community

Outcomes of the Partnership

- Education and food for children, consistently paid staff, education for adults
- Strong ties between the collaborative and the St. Marc's community created through many visits

Current Activities

- Raising funds for the next phase – Adding a small business (a Bakery) to help the school become self-supporting and expanding the school to add 6 new classrooms

Goals:

- Create a self-sustaining community for education, food, and self-improvement as well as continue to develop relationships between the Collaborative members and the Cerca-la-Source community

The Collaborative usually has monthly meetings on the third Tuesday, 5:30 pm at Trinity Church, Staunton, Virginia in the Foster Room. For more information on the Collaborative or to make a donation, contact Blair Fairbrother, co-chair of the VHC, dbfairbrother@gmail.com