



The Power of Literacy

In August of 2017, the first ever graduates of Rayjon's Alpha Adult Literacy Program marked completion of the three year program with grand celebration ceremonies in Haiti.



Graduates and Staff, St. Marc, Haiti

A total of 50 students (44 women and six men) received certificates in St. Marc and Cap Haitian. In St. Marc, the ceremony began with a parade of the participants accompanied by a marching band along the main road to their arrival at celebration hall. Along the route local residents shared in the joy as their witnessed the procession.

In Haiti, when you can't read or write your name, you must sign with an "X." The graduates joined together to sing this "song of victory" which talks about the indignity of signing with an "X" and celebrates the empowerment of never having to do that again.

*"How horrible, how insulting, Oh so afraid to sign my name that I must make an X,
Ticking this little X like this one is not right,
This little X, I should not do it again
This year, I decide that I must know how to read and I must know how to write
Come, draw your pencil mark and mark..."*



"If I had enough time I would explain what the little crosses (writing an X) have made us suffer ...I say 'No,' I will not make the small cross (X) again ... I send it to the bottom of the abyss ... Thank God and thank you Rayjon Share Care Haiti." – Fleuridor Ofilia



"When I was little, my parents had no possibility of sending me to school. Ms.

Elida Jeanty saw me in a service of worship at the church and told me good news which was to participate in a literacy centre... Thanks to the manager, thanks to Rayjon Share Care, I thank God who sends us this Alpha Program to bring us out of the darkness and let us see the light... On this great day, I know how to write my name." – Luverlande Joseph

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