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In developing countries like Haiti, there is often much violence paired with weak systems that fail to protect children from brutality, sexual abuse and trafficking. Because of this, children often find themselves abandoned or seeking refuge from abuse on the streets. And desperate parents, lacking education and parental training, send their children to live in domestic slavery or relinquish them to orphanages thinking the basic needs of their children will be better met. God did not intend for families to be broken and this is unacceptable to those who follow Him! That's why our Overture Social Support Model was designed to empower communities to provide resources and security

for their families. **It is our approach to help children by equipping their families and communities.** We hope you find this newsletter informative and inspiring.

Learn more about what actions we have taken through our five pillars of service to protect Haiti's most vulnerable—children.



As a supporter of Overture International, you're likely aware that life in Haiti is filled with challenges, risks and obstacles unlike any we experience in the United States. In just the past year, our friends in southern Haiti have faced escalating gang violence, kidnappings, killings, political upheavals, extreme inflation, supply shortages and ongoing natural disasters. But because of you, our Overture teams, the steadfastness of the men, women and children we serve and the divine providence of Jesus Christ, we continue to see progress in all areas of our Overture Social Support Model implementation. **Because we have the promises of Christ and the faith that all things are possible through him (Phil. 4:13), we're able to face these challenges with confidence.** Unfortunately, in the past year, we've also seen many organizations and skilled professionals abandon our Haitian brothers and sisters. But we are undeterred and unwavering in our Haiti Promise, just as Christ is unwavering in His promises throughout the bible:

- ▶ Salvation (Romans 10:9-10)
- ▶ Freedom over sin (1 Corinthians 10:13)
- ▶ Provision (Matthew 6:25-26)
- ▶ Freedom from fear (Joshua 1:9)
- ▶ Faithfulness to fulfill His promises (2 Corinthians 1:20)

As we work to fulfill our promise to continue to equip and empower Haitian families and their communities to be active and engaged in building full, hopeful and independent lives, we want to keep you informed on the progress we're making. You'll find in the following newsletter highlights of the work you've made possible over the first half of this year and also our vision for the coming months and how you can continue to help us fulfill our Haiti Promise to those we serve. We're excited to share some remarkable milestones as well as some examples of more sensitive work that is happening behind the scenes, but making a huge impact on those most vulnerable—the children.

It's been nearly two years since we implemented our **Overture Social Support Model**, which is our proven foundation for building Haiti Stronger through empowering Haitians of all ages at individual, family and community levels toward independence and self-reliance. With a focus on equipping community members with the education, skills and resources they need to overcome daily obstacles, the model's five pillars—*Empowerment, Education, Nutrition, Healthcare and Housing*—serve as the building blocks to a stronger Haiti free from generational dependence. And based on the progress and resilience we're witnessing everyday in the communities we serve, there's no question the model is working!

As always, thank you for your interest in and support of Overture and our friends in southern Haiti!

In the name of Jesus,

Lisa Hyatt
Executive Director,
Overture International

VISION

We envision a Haiti transformed by strong, independent, self-sufficient Haitian communities.

MISSION

We empower Haitian families and their communities to be active and engaged in building full, hopeful and independent lives.

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One of our faithful supporters shares why she continues to make her Haiti Promise over and over again:

“The Haitian people have endured abuse at the hands of history, nature, and their political leaders. Even well-meaning outsiders coming into the country with aid have come with mixed success—and none of this misfortune is deserved. I’ve been a long-time cheerleader for the people of Haiti. They cling to hope for their future with a joie de vivre fueled by faith and perseverance. Their streets are full of color and life in the face of stunning poverty, violence, and setbacks. **I believe Overture International is getting it right.** Haitian people themselves need to be centrally involved to ensure any improvement in the fate of this impoverished land and Overture’s goal is to enable just that. Food, health care, education, shelter, and safety are basic needs. And the focus must be on children and their families, as they are the real hope for strong, healthy leadership. Individual lives, families, communities and ultimately, a country with strong social, ethical, and economic stability all come from enriching the children of Haiti today.”

Milestones from January to June 2023



Dome Community Center in Dory Nearing Completion

We're looking to build storm-resistant dome community centers in five strategic locations throughout southern Haiti over the next few years. Each center will provide critical, safe, multi-purpose spaces for up to five surrounding communities while also acting as a hub from which to deepen the impact of our Overture Social Support Model.

We're within weeks of completing our community center in Dory and we're not the only ones who are excited.

The community has been actively involved since day one overseeing construction and spreading the word about what's to come. And **we've empowered a committee of local leaders and everyday citizens to oversee the center** moving forward, ensuring it will be properly taken care of and utilized for child protection sessions, parent training, healthcare screenings and more.



Year One of Diri Lavi! Successfully Completed

In partnership with Midwest Food Bank and more than 100 local farmers from 17 communities, this June marked the successful completion of our first full school year operating the Diri Lavi! food packaging program. **Five schools, 990 students and 160,000 meals later, the numbers speak for themselves.** This innovative program has **increased food security throughout our priority communities in southern Haiti and has created 10 new jobs** filled by young adults eager for their independence. And we're just getting started. Thanks to a second commitment from Midwest Food Bank for another 300,000 meals, our goal of expanding into 15 schools in year two looks more promising than ever!



First-Aid Community Trainings Launched

Recruiting a full-time medical staff last year has drastically increased the effectiveness and reach of our healthcare services. While unprecedented acts of violence along with fuel and supply shortages have temporarily crippled our ability to continue operating our quarterly mobile clinics, our healthcare efforts have flourished in other ways. At the turn of the new year, **our medical team launched a series of first-aid community trainings throughout the south with a strategic focus on training community influencers**, such as Overture Team Builders and secondary students (high schoolers), who can share what they have learned and be ready to respond to emergencies in their communities. This multiplication factor ensures that the impact of our training is maximized to the fullest.



170 Reunified Children Complete Support Plans

Beginning in 2020, Overture International transitioned ESPWA from a traditional orphanage to a thriving child development and family strengthening center, reunifying 252 children with their families. To this day, **all 252 children remain unified with their families, and 170 of them have just recently completed their three-year individualized support plans**, ultimately equipping and empowering them and their families with the resources needed to realize independence and self-sufficiency! They are now role models in their communities for family preservation and for the remaining 82 reunified families who are still in the midst of their family-strengthening journey.

Read about Widna's entire reunification journey at www.overture.international/post/meet-widna.



Empowerment



Empowerment for families in southern Haiti means they're equipped with the information, resources and tools they need to succeed in independence and self-reliance. We've experienced amazing progress in this area as Overture continues to empower those we serve by providing access to training to equip parents to more effectively care for their children and become active leaders for their families and their communities.

Earlier this year, Overture's Enel Andre was a **keynote speaker at a child protection event sponsored by IBESR (Haiti's child protection agency)**. In his speech, he focused on the importance of involving communities in building protective environments that keep children safe and strengthen families. Enel cited the implementation of the Overture Social Support Model and the development of our Dome Community Centers as examples of critical elements needed to foster safe, healthy environments for children and

their families to access basic services in their own communities.

In addition to this opportunity, our teams also **launched a Leadership Training Initiative** with the purpose of equipping local community members to grow into godly leaders and fill the void of quality leadership that has existed for generations.

FEATURE STORY

meet Peronneau.

In last year's newsletter, we highlighted how Overture's Pierre Richard Peronneau (he is called Peronneau by his peers) began working on his Master's degree from Bordeaux Montaigne University in France. Overture is honored to invest in Peronneau's education, just as we invest in the education of so many children and young adults in southern Haiti. Peronneau is a true inspiration and example of just how important it is to invest in the lives and futures of the next generation of Haitians. In just a few months, Peronneau plans to return to southern Haiti and Overture to leverage all that he is learning to make an even bigger impact on the communities we serve. Let's hear about this experience in his own words:

"My studies in Sustainable Food and Territorial Resilience have opened my eyes to a lot of things when it comes to Haiti. As I learn, I plan on how I can help my country. I'm full of ideas that I can't wait to share. I've had many people ask me if I plan to return to Haiti. Most assume I will stay in France to avoid the challenges and obstacles that are so widespread in Haiti. So when I tell people

about my plans to return to Haiti, they usually ask me if I'm crazy or ignorant. Of course, I'm not crazy, I'm committed to helping make my country a better place. I look forward to using what I'm learning to continue my work with Overture to win the battle for independence and self-sufficiency with my fellow countrymen in Haiti."



CHILD PROTECTION SPOTLIGHT

Angelo, a 17-year-old teenager, is currently imprisoned in the civilian prison of Les Cayes after being arrested in October 2022 due to involvement in the violence during the lockdowns in Haiti. Conditions in Les Cayes are extremely harsh, including requiring children to share the same cells as adults, the denial of food, clean water and hygiene supplies. Most of the children are sick from malnutrition or infection. In May of 2023, one of the incarcerated children died due to poor health and malnutrition. This makes it clear that the children and youth imprisoned in Haiti are at great risk for abuse, illness, malnutrition and even death.

Unfortunately, Angelo's story is much the same as the other 60 youth adults who are detained in prison, most of whom have not yet been convicted. Many of them will wait three or more years before their case is heard by a judge, and most of them have no parent or advocate to speak on their behalf. Protecting these children is critical to equipping and empowering the communities we serve to move beyond their current status and toward a life of independence, dignity and self-reliance. That's why Overture International is providing nutrition, healthcare and social support to help them navigate and overcome the trauma of incarceration.

This work is far from glamorous nor is it well-received by many people in the community or by those who support work in Haiti. But Overture is committed to protecting the most vulnerable in the communities we serve and will continue to provide support for these children, youth and women.

*Out of respect for the privacy, dignity, and safety of those incarcerated, we chose not to include photos.

Casting a vision.

Earlier this year we celebrated the graduation of our sixth group in the Young Adult Empowerment Program (YAEP), many of whom have gone on to continue their education and/or master a trade. This is a tremendous accomplishment because most young adults in Haiti face difficult challenges as they make the transition from childhood to adulthood. With limited educational and employment opportunities, many of them turn to gangs and dangerous activities to provide for themselves and their families, perpetuating a cycle of desperation and hopelessness. Our YAEP was established to provide an effective path for these young people to avoid this detrimental cycle and move towards self-reliance and independence.

As we look ahead at what's next, Angelo's story exemplifies the critical situations young adults encounter when essential services are absent in their communities and WHY our services are so critical. This is why we are striving to broaden our program to include youth who are in conflict with the law, living on the streets or separated from their families by orphanages. We believe this program is an opportunity to restore young adults' hope and vision for their futures (Isaiah 40:31).

Your support of the YAEP will help us broaden this program and change the future of youth—Haiti's leaders of tomorrow.





Education

Education means life in Haiti! We've seen this proclamation prove itself daily as we serve in southern Haiti. That's why we've made our Haiti Promise to continue to invest in the education of the children and young people in the communities we serve. **Access to education has opened the eyes of young Haitians and given them hope that they can learn and then use their learnings to chart a course for a more prosperous future.** We continue

to be inspired by the hard work of these students as they eagerly strive to make the most of their opportunity to learn and grow through education so they can be the generation that moves their community closer to independence and self-reliance. While we faced challenges this year, we also had many reasons to celebrate great progress in the lives of those we serve.

Education Highlights

This year has presented many new challenges to providing access to education, including skyrocketing enrollment because many other schools have stopped operations due to continued disruptions caused by fuel shortages and regional violence. As a result, **we enrolled 1,050 students just at our ESPWA campus alone!** That's a 23 percent increase over our average enrollment. But thanks to our generous donors, we were able to accommodate this increased demand and serve these children and their families.

In addition to serving more students, we were also able to support **37 students**

enrolled in Philo (university preparation studies), the highest level of education before attending a university. This is an incredible feat for these young adults that sets them up to continue their education and gain skills they can use to improve their families and their communities. One of these amazing students even shared that he has aspirations to use his education to become a doctor so he can provide medical care to his community!

Even as we were able to serve thousands of children attending ESPWA schools, we were also able to **provide scholarships to 334 additional students**

in surrounding communities, helping their families to stay together while giving their children access to education.

In addition to these noteworthy achievements, during the first six months of the year, we saw our students participate in soccer games at ESPWA, celebrate Carnival and Flag Day as a community, and share the Haiti Love! on Valentine's Day. **Stability along with stronger families and communities means these children can experience a rich childhood that has not historically been within reach for previous generations!** All of this is made possible by the generous support of our donors.



CHILD PROTECTION SPOTLIGHT

At Overture, we take a strong stance against orphanages and agree with the research that **orphanages are NOT the answer**. Most children who are in orphanages are there because their families could not meet their basic needs. Life for children in orphanages in Haiti can be dangerous and positions them for vulnerability to trafficking, abuse and neglect.

During the early months of this year, Overture investigated an orphanage that was suspected of exploiting children. The outcome of our investigation confirmed the same as many other orphanage operations in Haiti. A review by the local child welfare agency revealed that less than five percent of orphanages meet minimum standards for childcare. This “orphanage” did not have the assets to properly care for any children, and was using funds from innocent donors for personal gain. It was also operating

“under the radar” of local officials. It is suspected that there are hundreds more that go unregistered—many of whom are funded by U.S. faith-based donors.

Sadly, we also found that there were many families in the area that were in devastating conditions and were desperate for help. Overture developed a support plan that included reunification and training with the families with the long-term goal of strengthening and sustaining the family unit.

Overture implemented this support plan, using the orphanage site for psychosocial activities to help the children overcome trauma, medical care for special needs cases, parent training sessions on child protection and business training to equip parents with the ability to financially provide for their children. More than 50 children are secure with their families who have received training and support,

enabling them to protect their children and generate more income so they can be self-sufficient.

This is just one example of how Overture empowers families to be more resilient, stronger and stable by protecting the most vulnerable, equipping parents and leveraging the support and resources of the community. **Protecting children is a critical function of building healthy families and communities.**



Casting a vision.

Education itself is a means to fostering child protection and preservation of family units. Schools provide child-friendly spaces out of harm's way where children learn reading, writing and arithmetic as well as how to protect themselves. Teachers help children understand their rights and equip them with skills and information, enabling them to expand their opportunities for their futures.

In preparation for the 2023-24 school year, we are equipping teachers and identifying options for funding scholarships. As always, **ALL of the children in and around the communities we serve are in need of and worthy of an education!** And sadly, the children who are most in need of education are most often the

ones who can least afford it. In order for this next generation of Haitian children to move toward independence and self-reliance, we must continue to invest in their education.

Of the hundreds of students we serve each year at ESPWA, Overture covers 90 percent of the cost of their education through scholarships funded by our donors, each full scholarship costing \$500 per child per year. **This work is only possible through God and our generous supporters who make their Haiti Promise to invest in the lives and futures of the children. If you are led to do so, please support these youth destined to be Haiti's next generation of leaders.**



Nutrition

Food is one of those items we often take for granted here in the United States. We have grocery stores with abundant food and seemingly endless choices of fast-food restaurants within a short drive of our homes. But life is different for Haitians. They have so many obstacles to accessing even the most basic nutritional necessities. They contend with issues like food shortages, inflation, lack of resources for farming, limited incomes, flooded crops and other barriers that limit their ability to provide for their families. That's why the Nutrition pillar of Overture's Social Support Model plays such a critical role in **equipping and empowering communities to develop and build a nutrition infrastructure that makes them less dependent on foreign food aid.**

From launching and then expanding our Diri Lavi! food packaging program to replanting fruit trees at our schools, we've made remarkable progress in furthering food security in the communities we serve.

Nutrition Highlights

Specifically, this last year, God has equipped our communities to provide more and more of their own food without relying on outside sources. Here are a few highlights of this work:

- ▶ Year 1 of Diri Lavi! food packaging program is complete. The program is successfully providing for [lunch programs in five schools](#).
- ▶ Healthcare and Nutrition teams conducted training at schools on how to prepare the Diri Lavi! food packages and also on [how to create school gardens](#) to increase their nutritional value.
- ▶ Mangos on campus! One of our goals at the ESPWA campus after Hurricane Matthew in 2016 was to replant the destroyed trees with fruit trees so that the [students and community children would have access to nutritious snacks at any time](#). Therefore, they've planted mango, banana, cherry and almond trees. Papaya and watermelon are also planted on the campus to add to the variety of fruits for juice.
- ▶ The Community Farm Program at ESPWA provides 60 farmers with the ability to expand the local economy. Overture conducts training to equip the farming community members with the [knowledge and tools they need to be more productive and to work together](#) to meet the nutritional needs of areas with barren land.



Casting a vision.

As a result of the success of the Diri Lavi! food packaging program, Overture and Midwest Food Bank are making a long-term commitment to expand the program, with the **larger vision of increasing the production of the meals to serve 2,000 students.**

In addition, our vision includes hiring more employees to meet the increased production demands, expanding the community farming program and market for the crops produced there, providing education and training to parents, educators and community members around nutrition, hygiene and food safety and growing the school supplemental garden program that provides additional access to fresh

vegetables and other sources of nutrition.

There is an urgent and immediate need for expanding this sustainable project and your support WILL make a huge impact and difference in the lives of individuals, children and families in southern Haiti!

We're inviting you to join us in equipping the people in southern Haiti to transform their lives, build stronger families and communities that are ending generational poverty and fostering independence and self-reliance today and for future generations!

CHILD PROTECTION SPOTLIGHT

Did you know Haiti “has one of the highest levels of chronic food insecurity in the world with more than half of its total population chronically food insecure and 22 percent of children chronically malnourished?” (World Food Programme, April 2023)

We introduced Lorencia and her family to you in our Back-to-School campaign last year. Like many families in Haiti, Lorencia’s family faced an agonizing choice after losing their income in the aftermath of the 7.2 magnitude earthquake. They could keep their family together, but that meant they were unable to meet the basic needs for their four-year-old Lorencia such as an education, nutrition and healthcare. Or, they could send Lorencia to an orphanage where she could receive these basic services but run the risk of being exposed to abuse, neglect and other horrible outcomes. Because Overture’s social workers responded to Lorencia’s family plea for help, she continues to live, learn and laugh with her family

and schoolmates as she attends the local school. She has received a hot lunch every day and has access to healthcare at our Overture clinic. Her family notes, *“Lorencia is having a very good school year. She has learned a lot. Now she can read and write. Even the school principal congratulates her for her dedication to her education. She’s made a lot of progress and her ability to learn has grown a great deal as well.”*

The primary purpose of our Diri Lavi! food packaging program is to develop opportunities that strengthen the nutrition, economic and employment infrastructure of the communities we serve, and for others seeking to foster a self-sufficient Haiti as God intended. Lorencia and her family are just one example of families who benefit from programs like Diri Lavi!, and your continued support makes it possible.





Healthcare

Access to healthcare in southern Haiti is challenging at best. Most communities lack any local medical professionals. That's why Healthcare is one of the Five Pillars of our Overture Social Support Model and it's why we invest a great deal of effort in developing healthcare infrastructure in the communities we serve. This includes a permanent clinic at our ESPWA campus as well as mobile clinics to provide critical care services, checkups and educational workshops on subjects like hygiene, nutrition and child planning. All services

are provided by local Haitians, not from outside organizations. Because of the generous support of our donors, **these local medical professionals were able to treat 1,315 at the ESPWA clinic and 812 people via the mobile clinics.** Our teams were also able to provide **first aid training to more than 100 Team Builders and secondary students.** Access to locally provided healthcare services is a basic right and also critical to fostering the independence and self-reliance of our friends in southern Haiti.



FEATURE STORY

meet Emayderlin.

In the U.S, we often take for granted that when an accident happens, we can call 911 or go to the ER or urgent care. In Haiti, access to healthcare can be miles and hours away—and then, likely unaffordable for most families. Thankfully, for five-year-old Emayderlin, he and his family live in a community not far from the ESPWA Campus, home to the permanent Overture medical clinic. Emayderlin and his father were riding on a motorcycle when Emayderlin's right foot got caught in the spokes of the motorcycle's wheels and severely damaged his foot. Without emergency medical care, Emayderlin was at risk of losing his foot. Once our Overture medical team was informed of the incident, they took immediate action working to save his foot and also providing social workers to support him and his family through the crisis. Emayderlin's foot was saved and he is now able to run and play with his friends, all at no cost to the family thanks to the generosity of Overture supporters!



CHILD PROTECTION SPOTLIGHT

The 7.2 earthquake that rocked southern Haiti in August 2021 caused a significant amount of physical and structural damage to the communities served by Overture. It also caused a significant amount of psychological and emotional trauma for the children and families who survived it. That's why Overture, through an in-country grant, provided trauma care and psychosocial support to the children and families in our priority areas. Through this grant, Overture, in partnership with IBESR (local child protection agency), has been able to **provide trauma counseling and psychosocial activities to more than 3,000 children through events in five communities**. During these events, the children and families were assessed and those needing additional support were referred for continued care through our network of social workers and other care providers.



Casting a vision.

The need for access to physical and mental healthcare continues to increase. As we prepare for the months ahead, we have ambitious goals to serve even more community members, helping them live healthier, longer and more productive lives. Because of the violence, fuel and supply shortages, our mobile clinics have had to slow down over the last few months. We can serve as many as 400 community members

at each mobile clinic at a cost of \$3,500 per clinic. We aim to return to a schedule where we offer mobile clinics quarterly in 10 communities, serving as many as 4,000 people per quarter!

With your help, we're confident we can reach, and even exceed, this goal! You can learn more about our Healthcare Pillar and how you can help at www.overtureinternational/healthcare.





Housing

Housing in southern Haiti has traditionally consisted of tin and tarp. This leaves families at the mercy of wind, weather, earthquakes and mudslides. Overture is changing this by working with local communities to build homes that are resistant to natural disasters, thus providing a safer, more secure structure that has proven very effective over the last few years. Over the past year, our teams have been working hard **to build 100 homes made possible by a grant from Cross Catholic Outreach**. In addition to these homes, we've also focused on continuing to build our Dome Community Center in Dory. Our dome structures in Les Cayes and Tiburon have proven essential in saving lives by providing shelter for children and families in times of crisis, including 700+ people who were displaced because of the earthquake in Les Cayes. And most recently, 25 special needs children are being provided with safe shelter and care after being displaced by the violence in Port-au-Prince.



FEATURE STORY

meet Loramé.

In the aftermath of the earthquake in 2021, many families were left homeless and vulnerable. A family of eight led by Loramé were living in a dilapidated roadside shelter in Poste St-Louis made up of tin and tarps. The earthquake made conditions even worse for the family, causing Loramé to send one of his daughters to live with her aunt. The Overture team worked with the family and the community to build a resilient block home with

room for the entire family, enabling the daughter living with her aunt to be reunited. Loramé was overwhelmed by the opportunity to build a home for his family, *"This is the greatest gift that Overture could provide to us. We were sleeping in a slum on the side of the road beside a canal in a tin thing that provided no protection. God provided this gift through Overture. This home is a source of pride for me and my family."*



CHILD PROTECTION SPOTLIGHT

The situation of gang violence in Haiti has caused children living in orphanages to be in extreme physical danger and at risk for deep emotional trauma as they live in fear of harm, exploitation or worse. In the orphanage, they lack the security that can only come from living in a safe family and community. Unfortunately, this may be the only home they have known due to unusual circumstances such as special needs or a family catastrophe. Overture works with other organizations to provide temporary housing, counseling and other support for children, youth, adults, and families displaced by a humanitarian crisis or various forms of natural disasters such as hurricanes and earthquakes. These children and families are in desperate situations and because of our donors, we're equipped to respond

quickly and decisively with resources, support and love. In addition to crisis response, we provide training and support to childcare centers and assist organizations with family reunification and foster family placement.

Our primary mission is to empower families and communities by preventing family separation and providing support to those we can reunify.

Currently, we have more than 100 children who are being supported through a reunification support plan. Sarah is one of these 100 children. She was not able to be reunified with her immediate family but was able to be placed in a foster home with Ms. Marie who has seen Sarah make significant progress in all areas of her life in the year they have been together. Sarah was placed in the ESPWA orphanage

by her father when she was four years old. When she arrived at Ms. Marie's, Sarah was timid, emotionally fragile and small for her age. Today, Sarah is in the fifth grade and doing well at school. She has friends, has gained weight and is physically healthy. Many in their neighborhood don't even know Sarah is a foster child because she has become an integral part of the family. Ms. Marie says, *"Sarah truly is part of our family. She is showing improvement each day. We're so grateful for her and for Overture walking with us on this journey."*

There are many more children just like Sarah who deserve a family. Join us as we continue to empower our reunified families and reunite even more. Your support makes this possible.

Casting a vision.

As you can see in the story of Loramé's family, the lack of safe shelter can destroy a family. Cross Catholic Outreach and Overture International are committed to family preservation and strengthening by continuing to build homes through this next year. **Our goal this year is to continue building new homes, provide training and economic opportunities to local workers and also invest in an economic project that will have a long-term impact on families, allowing them to be independent and self-sufficient.**

This year, we will build new homes in Tiburon where we already have a dome community center project underway that is empowering the community. In order for us to bring the

Dome Community Center to fruition, we need to complete three more domes designated for use as a school for children up to sixth grade.



We invite you to prayerfully consider making an investment that will complete the funding gap of the housing, expand our economic project and complete the domes. **You can learn more about the domes and donate at www.overture.international/domes.**

Continue on this
journey with us!



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