

Protecting HAITI'S FUTURE

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message from the executive director.

Haiti is more than its hardships. While the challenges are real, they do not define Haiti or its people. And they certainly do not define the extraordinary potential that exists within its families and communities.

I am often drawn back to the verse, **“For the Lord is not restrained to save by many or by few (1 Samuel 14:6).”** In a world that measures success by size and resources, this truth reminds us that transformation rarely announces itself. It begins quietly. One child finding safety. One family choosing hope. One foster parent opening their home. At Overture International, we believe every child deserves to grow up in the love and security of a family. Psalm 68:6 tells us that **“God sets the lonely in families”**—and this remains the foundation of everything we do. Haitian families are resilient, capable and filled with God-given potential. With the right support, they can build stability and hope for their children.

Today, that vision is taking shape across southern Haiti. **Families are staying together. Children are being reunited. Foster families are opening their doors. Communities are stepping forward to protect their most vulnerable.** Even amid gang violence and instability, Haitian social workers, community leaders and child protection professionals are building something lasting.

Your generosity makes this possible. This Vision Report celebrates what we have built together—and the future still ahead of us.

Thank you for believing that every child belongs in a family and that Haiti’s greatest resource has always been its people.

In His grace and hope,



Lisa Hyatt
Executive Director,
Overture International



introduction: *protecting* Haiti's future.

Hope is not just a word. Here in southern Haiti, it is a daily reality being built—one family, one community at a time.

This year, we are proud to introduce something new: our Bi-Annual Newsletter has become our Bi-Annual Vision Report. This is more than a name change. It reflects a deeper commitment to showing you, our partners, not only what has been accomplished, but what is being built for the long road ahead.

At the center of that vision stands the Child Protection Complex in Les Cayes. Once an orphanage, it has been transformed into something far more powerful: **a Haitian-led hub for child protection, healing and family restoration.** This is what your investment looks like in practice. This is what it means to move beyond temporary fixes toward lasting, community-rooted change.

Today, this Complex serves as a living model for what Haitian-led child protection can look like—a place designed for:

- Rehabilitation and reintegration
- Training for child protection professionals
- Community-based support for education and healthcare
- Long-term family strengthening and preservation

Every dollar you give. Every prayer you offer. Every moment you choose to believe in Haiti's potential—it is all alive in these walls, in these families and in these futures. **The stories ahead are stories of resilience, restoration and hope. They exist because you showed up. And because Haitians are leading the way.**



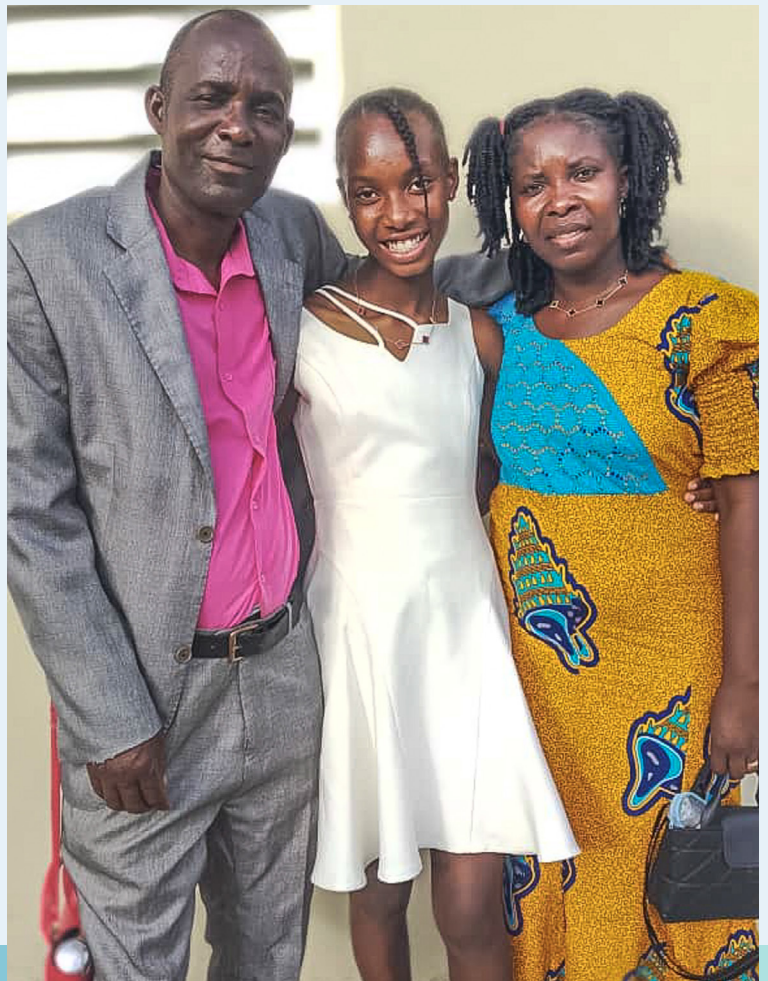
OUR VISION.

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



OUR MISSION.

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



HIGHLIGHT ONE

reclaiming Haiti's future.

A NATIONAL CRISIS DEMANDING A NEW RESPONSE.

At Overture, we believe that every child, regardless of their past or circumstances, has the right to grow up in safety surrounded by the love of a family. But right now, that future is under attack for far too many children in Haiti. Coerced or forced into armed groups, thousands of young people face a devastating choice: survive in danger or face the streets alone. **We refuse to look away. And because of supporters like you, we are not standing still.** The first six months of this year have marked a profound turning point in our mission to protect children and empower communities for true independence in Haiti.

Your Support is Changing Everything.

Because of your support, in January we launched the Support Project for Children Associated with Armed Forces and Groups (EAFGA)—a first-of-its-kind initiative centered at the Child Protection Complex in Les Cayes. For the first time, local leaders, government agencies and community partners are moving as one unified force.

Here is what your generosity has made possible during the first half of this year:

- **Uniting Haiti's leaders** around a single, shared commitment to child protection
- **Establishing safe, dignified protocols** for child rescue and transfer operations
- **Renovating the Child Protection Complex** to provide medical care, trauma recovery and safe housing
- **Training on-the-ground teams** with the tools they need to provide consistent, compassionate care
- **Tracing and reuniting families**, giving children a clear pathway home
- **Strengthening reunited families** through education, nutrition, healthcare and economic empowerment

“When communities unite around their children, real protection becomes possible—and Haiti's future grows stronger with every family made whole.”



On May 16, we welcomed Ms. Vanessa Frazier, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, at the Child Protection Complex for a strategic visit to the site where phase 1 of the EAFGA project will be implemented. This visit was far more than a diplomatic engagement. It was a moment of international recognition, validating what we already know to be true: **sustainable change happens when we empower Haitians to lead.** Institutional partners including IBESR, UNICEF and Overture stand united to align efforts around this massive child protection initiative.

As Ms. Frazier powerfully emphasized, ***“There is a window of opportunity now to do the right thing as the Gang Suppression Force (GSF) deploys. Security and child protection cannot be separated. Without protecting these children and supporting all children affected by violence, lasting stability in Haiti will not be possible.”***



Through collaboration among Overture, IBESR, the Haitian Government and on-the-ground partners, the EAFGA project introduces a new model in child protection—one where NGOs and the State can and must work together. It shows that when we align our resources and vision, we can improve the child protection and welfare system throughout the entire country. That is the kind of change that helps Haitian families safeguard their own children—not for a moment, but for generations.



FEATURE STORY

meet Rodsen.

Rodsen arrived at the Les Cayes Child Protection Complex in July 2024 after many failed foster care placements and expulsion from the orphanage. He was labeled a behavior risk, leaving him few options for care and little hope for the future. **Despite these concerns, Overture and IBESR chose to invest in Rodsen’s potential.** Through trauma-informed care, education, mentorship and vocational training designed to help him become self-reliant, Rodsen’s journey of healing and transformation began.

“These activities have changed me. My attitude is no longer negative, and I am a different person today!”

Two years ago, Rodsen arrived in our care broken and lost. Today, he is thriving and pursuing continued training in tile installation while using those skills to help renovate the very Complex that gave him a second chance—creating a place that will serve countless vulnerable children for years to come.

For Rodsen, the Complex became more than a place of safety. It gave him an opportunity for transformation and hope for the future. **Rodsen’s story reminds us that when young people are met with compassion and support, they can overcome their past and build futures filled with purpose and dignity.**



Lasting change in Haiti is not only possible, it is already underway.



HIGHLIGHT TWO

expanding foster care.

A FAMILY FOR EVERY CHILD.

Some children need more than shelter. They need extraordinary care, patient love and families willing to walk alongside them through the long road of healing. Overture is committed to expanding the foster care family base for Haitian children with special circumstances, including disabilities, chronic illnesses and deep emotional wounds caused by severe trauma.

These are often the most vulnerable children imaginable. Unable to advocate for themselves. Recovering from abandonment. Rebuilding after unimaginable hardship. And without a qualified foster family, many will remain without the individualized care they so desperately need.

Because of your support, that is changing.

In partnership with IBESR, we have taken important steps during the first half of this year to identify and prepare more specialized foster families for this critical work. In February, we met with two respected foster families in Torbeck and Les Cayes—families who are not only caregivers, but mentors and living examples of what love in action looks like. They are helping us identify others with the compassion, commitment and character needed for this calling.

From the very beginning, we have emphasized a core value of this program: foster families must be motivated first by love, not by material benefit. And on March 31, our social workers held an orientation meeting with **14 families** who stepped forward, eager to open their homes to children with special needs. We shared. We listened. And we heard from caregivers whose own life experiences had shaped a deep and genuine compassion for suffering children.

One family put it simply: ***“I make it my duty to love all children, regardless of their situations. That is the blessing God has given me.”***

Home visits and social assessments for these families are now underway. Every new qualified family that emerges from this process represents expanded hope for a child who might otherwise remain without the care they need. Children in these circumstances cannot thrive on systems alone. They need families. They need belonging. They need people who will not look away.

Your partnership makes that possible—not just for a moment, but for the long road of healing and restoration.



A FOSTER FAMILY'S JOURNEY.

Behind every child who finds healing is a family who said yes. Foster families don't simply appear—they are called, prepared and supported every step of the way. Your support moves children through every stage of this journey. Thank you for making it possible.

1. INTEREST

It often begins with a heart already oriented toward service—a family volunteering in their community or a caregiver who is willing to protect children at all costs. A spark of compassion is the starting point.

2. ASSESSMENT

Trusted foster care mentors and community networks help identify families with the right motivations and capacity through social evaluations and visits.

3. TRAINING

Families receive guidance and hands-on training to ensure they can meet each child's unique needs with confidence, sensitivity and skill.

4. PLACEMENT

A child is carefully matched with a family who provides them with safety, belonging and unconditional love from the moment they arrive.

5. SUPPORT

Foster families receive ongoing support from social workers, access to healthcare and psychosocial resources to sustain a child's healing.

6. A THRIVING CHILD

This is the result of your generosity. A child who once had no family to call their own is now thriving, growing and dignified like every child deserves.

FEATURE STORY

meet Bernado.

Bernado was born with multiple disabilities and was abandoned by his biological mother the day he was born. But the Lord had other plans. Enter Rosenie—a certified foster mother who welcomed Bernado into her home in 2024. When Bernado first arrived, he faced a serious chest condition, skin rashes and an abscess under his jaw. Thankfully, consistent medical care and interventions from Overture and his foster family have improved his conditions greatly!

Bernado is now seven and thriving in a home filled with care and belonging.

Rosenie proudly refers to him as her seventh child, and she is committed to providing Bernado with the extra support he needs indefinitely.

"Bernado wasn't like this when he first came to live with me. Now he eats and takes his cup and pours himself a drink from the water jug without help. Before, he couldn't do this on his own. He is making such great progress!"

Today, Bernado lovingly calls Rosenie **"Mom,"** something he was unable to do when he first arrived, and he eagerly greets his foster siblings as brother and sister. Surrounded by affection, he has become the cherished center of family life.

Looking ahead, Rosenie hopes to enroll Bernado in a specialized school so he will continue to learn, grow and speak even more. **His story is a powerful reminder that every child is worthy of the love, dignity and opportunity that only a family can provide.**



Image of
Bernado and
Rosenie on cover.

HIGHLIGHT THREE

five pillars. *one* purpose.

Our Social Support Model is just one of many initiatives we've introduced in southern Haiti that is transforming lives and communities. While our Child Protection Complex in Les Cayes (formerly the ESPWA campus) has evolved over the last few years from primarily a crisis-response approach to developing long-term solutions that prioritize families, strengthen local leadership and reduce dependency on institutions, the Complex still remains the home base for our Five Pillars: Empowerment, Education, Nutrition, Healthcare and Infrastructure. **Together, these five pillars safeguard children and strengthen families toward long-term resilience.**



PROTECTING CHILDREN

Every child is safe, valued and loved.

EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

Strong families create stronger communities.

BUILDING A STRONGER HAITI

Building a nation where every family can thrive.

EMPOWERMENT + EDUCATION.

Lasting transformation in Haiti cannot and will not happen overnight. Years of experience walking alongside Haitians have taught us that real transformation happens over time when both education and empowerment are moving hand in hand to equip children, parents and community members for success and self-reliance.

This year, **821 students** attended the ESPWA School in Les Cayes, carrying the hopes of Haiti's future on their shoulders. Many attended on full scholarships with the rest receiving partial support. Every student represents what's possible when a community invests in its children and the progress is inspiring: **31 kindergartners** advanced to primary school, taking their first big steps forward. **60 young adults** graduated from Philo—the final level of secondary school—ready to pursue university and dreams that once felt out of reach. At ESPWA, learning goes beyond the classroom. Social workers and education leaders collaborated with parents and community members to address challenges children face at home, from meeting nutritional needs to creating supportive spaces for learning. These efforts are essential because a child's growth depends on the strength of their environment.

This is real empowerment: equipping children with education and families with the resources to build lasting change. The story of Guerry and Nathaline shows how education and community support can transform lives and help build a brighter future for Haiti.

FEATURE STORY

meet Guerry and Nathaline.

For years, Guerry and Nathaline lived with a quiet, aching grief and feelings of hopelessness watching their children grow up without opportunity. In their small home in Pèlerin, survival came first. There was little time or resources for an education. School for their children was a distant dream. Sadly, their children had no birth certificates, no legal identity and no financial means to attend school. Each day, they watched other children leave for school while their own stayed behind wondering, ***"Will I ever get my chance?"*** The weight of that reality filled their parents with guilt and heartbreak.

Then, everything began to change. Through Overture's intervention, their children were given proper documentation and scholarships, opening the doors to an education and a future that once felt impossible. For the first time, Nathaline and Guerry watched their children learn, grow and dream. Today, when Guerry sees them write their names, he says it feels like ***"touching God in heaven."***

But their family's journey is far from finished. Though their children are now thriving in school, the family still lives in a home that cannot protect them from the rain, spending sleepless nights shifting to stay dry. Yet even in these hardships, hope has taken root. **Step by step, this resilient family is moving forward, grateful, determined and holding tightly to the belief that their children's future will be different from their past.**



NUTRITION.

Overture's nutrition work begins with a simple truth: *children cannot learn if they are hungry*. Our Diri Lavi! food packaging program provides schools in southern Haiti with food for their lunch programs every week, nourishing hundreds of students every day. In fact, earlier this year, we packaged our **500,000th** meal since Diri Lavi! program inception, marking a significant milestone for this innovative program.

But lasting change requires more than food alone. Alongside physical nourishment, we equip teachers with nutrition training and unite community leaders around local farming and economic development. Because when communities are empowered, they can begin to address the root of deeper issues—across every pillar. Nutrition is critical. Empowerment is what sustains it. **The story of Terre-Rouge is a living example of how we are feeding transformation in southern Haiti.**

FEATURE STORY

welcome to Terre-Rouge.

Terre-Rouge is located in the remote hills of southern Haiti where poverty and hunger threaten to keep children from ever stepping foot into a classroom. Daily, parents face heartbreaking choices between feeding their children and sending them to school. Many arrive hungry and unable to focus on school. Others are kept home altogether.

And yet, hope has taken root. Through the unwavering commitment of local leaders, teachers and families, the Terre-Rouge Community School has become a lifeline for more than **160 children** who might otherwise be subjected to malnutrition. Despite limited resources, multigrade classrooms and constant challenges, the community has held fast to one belief: **every child is worthy of a healthy, nutritious meal every day.**

With the support of Overture, that belief is becoming a reality. Consistent access to meals at school is now giving children the nutrition and strength they need to succeed in education and life. Teachers are newly trained, encouraged and better equipped to guide and inspire. And parents, once overwhelmed by uncertainty, are beginning to see a hopeful future for their children.

But the most powerful part of this story is not the programs like Diri Lavi! It is the people of southern Haiti working every day to make life better for this generation and beyond. It is a community that refuses to let the past dictate today and tomorrow. **Little by little, day by day, they are proving that even in the hardest of places, love, resilience and faith have the power to create lasting change—one child, one meal and one future at a time.**



HEALTHCARE + INFRASTRUCTURE.

A safe and stable home is far more than shelter. It is the foundation of health, well-being, thriving families and a stronger Haiti. When families have secure housing and reliable infrastructure, they gain the stability and security needed to not merely survive, but to live an independent life of resilience.

At Overture, our Healthcare and Infrastructure pillars help create communities where families can flourish. Safe housing supports better health outcomes, reduces stress and provides the confidence needed to build a brighter future. Strong infrastructure connects families to the resources and services that sustain long-term well-being.

Amelita's story paints a perfect picture of how housing, healthcare and infrastructure work together to create the foundation for a family to thrive.

FEATURE STORY

meet Amelita.

Before Overture, Amelita and her family lived in a shaky one-room structure with no kitchen or toilet. Rainwater regularly flooded the shack, creating insecurity, unhealthy living conditions and emotional stress.

These challenges affected every aspect of the family's life. Amelita struggled to provide food, education and healthcare for her children, all while coping with the absence of the children's father. Their unstable housing situation increased stress and anxiety, making it difficult for the children to focus on school. And there was always fear that the next storm would cause irreparable damage to their home, leaving them with nowhere to go.

With Overture and the community's support, construction of a new home for Amelita and her family became the turning point in their lives. Safe, stable housing provided the infrastructure needed for better health, improved well-being and greater security. Amelita described feeling relief and peace for the first time in years because her children gained a safer environment in which to sleep, study and grow.

"Now, I feel at ease. I sleep well with the children. After God, it is this house that gives us hope for our future."

The improved living conditions also renewed the family's motivation to succeed in school and plan for the future, profoundly transforming their lives. The entire family is healthier in body, mind and spirit. Beyond benefiting just one family, the project created temporary jobs for community members and strengthened local solidarity. **Amelita's story paints a perfect picture of how housing, healthcare and infrastructure work together to create the foundation for a family to thrive.** When families have a safe place to live, they experience improved physical and mental well-being, greater educational opportunities and a stronger foundation for lasting success.



HIGHLIGHT FOUR

developing local leadership in child protection.

Protecting children in Haiti has always been at the heart of everything we do. And because of you, something powerful is taking root in Haiti. Over the first half of this year, your support has driven our focus on one of the most enduring investments we can make: **strengthening local leadership in child protection**. Because lasting change doesn't come from the outside. It comes when families, neighbors and community leaders are equipped to protect their own children for generations to come.



Haitian children face real, overlapping challenges every day: poverty, family separation, abuse, exploitation and violence. These aren't isolated problems. They're deeply connected—and they demand **a deeply local response**. That is why Overture continues to invest in developing local leadership in child protection. This is the foundation of what your support is building.

So, what does this look like? It looks like a community that knows how to protect its own children. It looks like Haitian leaders—capable, committed and essential—at the center of this work. Through your generosity and our partnership with IBESR, Overture is supporting a broad, community-based approach to child protection that includes:

- Strengthening ties with local community organizations
- Establishing community child protection committees
- Raising awareness among local leaders
- Expanding key social services and community development centers
- Strengthening families and helping children build self-protection skills
- Providing training and capacity-building for the protection sector

This is what a community that knows how to protect its own children looks like. And it's possible because of you!



DORY DOME COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE.

Because of your unwavering support, our continued work at the Dory Center this year is driving real, sustainable change. This year, we have successfully facilitated:

- **Awareness workshops for community members:** Our focus in the first half of this year has been on topics that equip families to protect their children and stay together.
- **Psychosocial activities for children:** Ongoing activities provide a safe, nurturing environment for children to heal, build resilience and develop critical self-protection skills.
- **Continued support and training for the protection committee:** Overture continues to empower local leaders and supports a local social service team that protects the vulnerable and prevents family separation.



FEATURE STORY

building an alliance one leader at a time.

One place where this approach is taking shape is Madame Combe and its neighboring communities. There, Overture is mobilizing local leaders around a shared commitment: *no child should be left without protection*. This includes collaborating with community organizations, supporting a locally led child protection committee and partnering in the management of the ESPWA school.

Madame Combe is also home to The Child Protection Complex—a place of rehabilitative and reintegration care for children facing different forms of vulnerability. And through the Community Farm and Diri Lavi! programs, Overture strengthens the local economy because we know that family stability and child protection go hand in hand.

This alliance wasn't built overnight. It was built deliberately, relationally and with deep respect for what this community already knows and carries. Overture began by walking alongside existing leaders—those already trusted by their neighbors who are already doing the quiet, faithful work of supporting families. From that foundation, a formal child protection committee took shape, uniting community leaders and residents around one mission.

These leaders weren't simply told what to do. They were trained, equipped and empowered—because that's what your investment is making possible. A local social services team is now in place. Monitoring systems have been developed. **A real, functioning network of protection—led entirely by community members—is alive and growing.**



casting a vision.

Six years of partnership have taught us what becomes possible when communities are empowered to lead their own transformation. **Because of you, that transformation is accelerating.**

Here's what your continued support will help us accomplish:

- **Expanding Foster Care Networks** by increasing the number of trained foster families throughout southern Haiti and beyond
- **Strengthening Psychosocial Services** by expanding trauma-informed care for children rescued from gang control
- **Launching the EAFGA Project** through the development of the Child Protection Complex in Les Cayes
- **Expanding Family Strengthening Programs** by increasing community access to education, nutrition, healthcare and economic empowerment
- **Building Long-Term Resilience** through community protection committees and local systems capable of sustaining lasting change



Your investment is also ensuring Overture's continued leadership at the Child Protection Complex—providing crisis care, rehabilitation, family reintegration and advocacy for Haiti's most vulnerable.

Under the guidance and protection of our Lord, our reach is growing. What began as a mission for vulnerable children has grown into something far greater: stronger families, empowered communities and a reshaping of child protection across Haiti. **With your partnership and continued generosity, we remain committed to building a future where every child is safe, valued and given the opportunity to thrive.**



your *impact.*

THEIR LIVES ARE FOREVER CHANGED.

Behind every program and every milestone is a child and a family whose lives are forever changed because of you! **This is the story of Medgina and Claudy, who were among the first group of children from the ESPWA orphanage to be reunited with their family by the Overture team more than six years ago.**



Claudy and Medgina in 2019.

FEATURE STORY

meet Medgina and Claudy.

In 2019, siblings Medgina and Claudy made the brave decision to be reunited with their family after living in the ESPWA orphanage for years. They longed to grow up surrounded by the love and care that only home can provide. Their courage set the stage for an incredible journey.

Thanks to our collective support, Medgina and Claudy's dream came true over six years ago. They were reunited with their parents and older sister, who welcomed them joyfully. Like many in Haiti, their family still faced significant challenges, but with the right resources, guidance and encouragement, they began to thrive.

"Reuniting with our family changed everything. We now have the love and support we've always wanted," shared Claudy.

Your generosity didn't just bring these siblings home; it empowered their family to build a brighter future. Reunification was just the beginning. Over the past six years, this family has received financial assistance for scholarships, housing improvements, access to healthcare and mentorship programs to help them establish sustainable livelihoods, giving them the foundation they needed to create a stable, nurturing home.

Today, Medgina and Claudy are flourishing while growing up in the safety and warmth of their parents' care. **This is the ripple effect of empowering families. When families remain together, the impact transforms generations.**

Medgina and Claudy's story is a powerful reminder of how your support changes countless lives every day. Thank you for making stories like theirs possible. **Together, we are creating lasting change and building a stronger Haiti one family at a time.**



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