



Interested in being a part of Lemuel's ministry in Haiti? Here are some ways you can get involved:

Prayer Support:

The ministry of Lemuel is continually upheld before the throne of grace by a team of prayer supporters. Working in a spiritually oppressed context, Lemuel desperately needs these prayers. Prayer supporters are updated regularly with prayer requests, as well as with praises.

Regular Financial Support:

In order for the administrative staff of Lemuel to make decisions regarding what kind of outreaches they will commit to each year, they must have an idea of what the monthly income will be. Your regular, committed support allows the everyday ministries of Lemuel to continue. It also enables us to expand current outreaches and get involved in new ones.

Project Support:

In addition to the continuous work and outreaches of Lemuel, special projects enable us to address larger needs. These projects have included house, church, school, cistern and latrine construction; water projects; a hand-made airstrip; a new road; and much more.

Time and Talents:

From time to time Lemuel needs people who are willing to come down for anywhere from a few days to a year or more. If you would be interested in getting involved in this way please contact us for more information.



INVESTING IN PEOPLE

PLATEAU ANSE-ROUGE, HAITI



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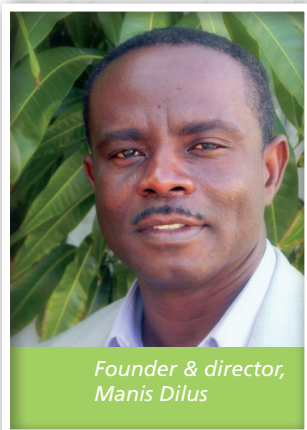


Impacting lives by investing in people as whole beings in order to help them out of poverty and into society as mature and active members.



Organisation Lemuel d'Aides aux D munis, more commonly known as **Lemuel**, is a faith-based organization that empowers people in one of the most destitute parts of Haiti to not only escape grinding poverty, but also to flourish within their community and reach out to others.

Founder and director, Manis Dilus, leads an administrative team that oversees a wonderful staff of leaders, teachers, cooks, cleaning ladies, drivers, development workers and more, who make the work of Lemuel possible.



Founder & director,
Manis Dilus

Manis provides a living testimony that what he and the staff of Lemuel are encouraging people toward is truly possible. Growing up, Manis' family was among the most destitute of their community. He suffered humiliation, hunger and despair. But by God's grace and through Manis' determination, he was able to rise out of poverty and help his family out as well. Founding Lemuel was a way to reach out to others in situations similar to his childhood experience and to give them hope and a means for a better future.



Context

The Lemuel campus is located in the little community of Grand-Diable (also referred to as "the Plateau"). Situated on the coast of Haiti's northern peninsula, it is part of the driest region in all of Haiti. Regular drought, deforestation, and social conflict have caused this area to sink deeply into poverty.



Lemuel is both literally and figuratively an oasis within this context. Not only is it a spot of green amid miles of dry, cracked earth, it is also a spot of hope amid miles of hopelessness. Through education, community development, and social formation Lemuel offers a hand up to those willing to work hard to pull themselves and their families out of poverty.



Hand-ups, not hand-outs

Fundamental to Lemuel is our policy to avoid hand-outs, except in the case of crisis situations. Through past experience, Manis has learned that hand-outs only undermine ownership, work ethic, and self-esteem. They create dependence and an attitude of entitlement. Instead, Lemuel requires participation from the beneficiaries of any endeavor or project.

Reaching Out

Lemuel currently assists the people of Grand-Diable through a primary school, sponsored secondary education, adult literacy classes, English classes, job creation, livestock projects and micro-finance. The organization also sponsors development projects such as food/cash-for-work programs, community dug rain water catchment holes, preparing unused land for gardening, and assisting families in the construction of cisterns, latrines and cement block homes.

All outreaches, however vast and varied they may seem, extend from one central goal: **to impact lives by investing in people as whole beings**. The outreach is never the end, it is the means through which we seek to accomplish this goal.

For additional information about OLAD and more about our daily lives please visit us at: www.lemuelministries.org