

Welcome to the School of St. John the Evangelist at Petit Harpon.

Construction started in 1996 as a partnership between the Diocese of East Tennessee and the Diocese of Haiti. Over a hundred people came to Haiti and spent a week helping build the school which took about 3 and a half years to complete.





Ann Aiken (a member of Good Shepherd, Lookout Mountain) was the architect and Jim Hudson (a member of St. Martin's, Chattanooga) was the builder along with the Rev. Lou Garcia who was the deacon at Good Shepherd.

They not only organized the many trips and the logistics but they also were the cooks who fixed the many breakfasts as dinners for all the volunteers. Everyone slept in the local church on the concrete floor.



The roof was designed to catch rainwater and take it under the school to the cistern built on the down side of the building.





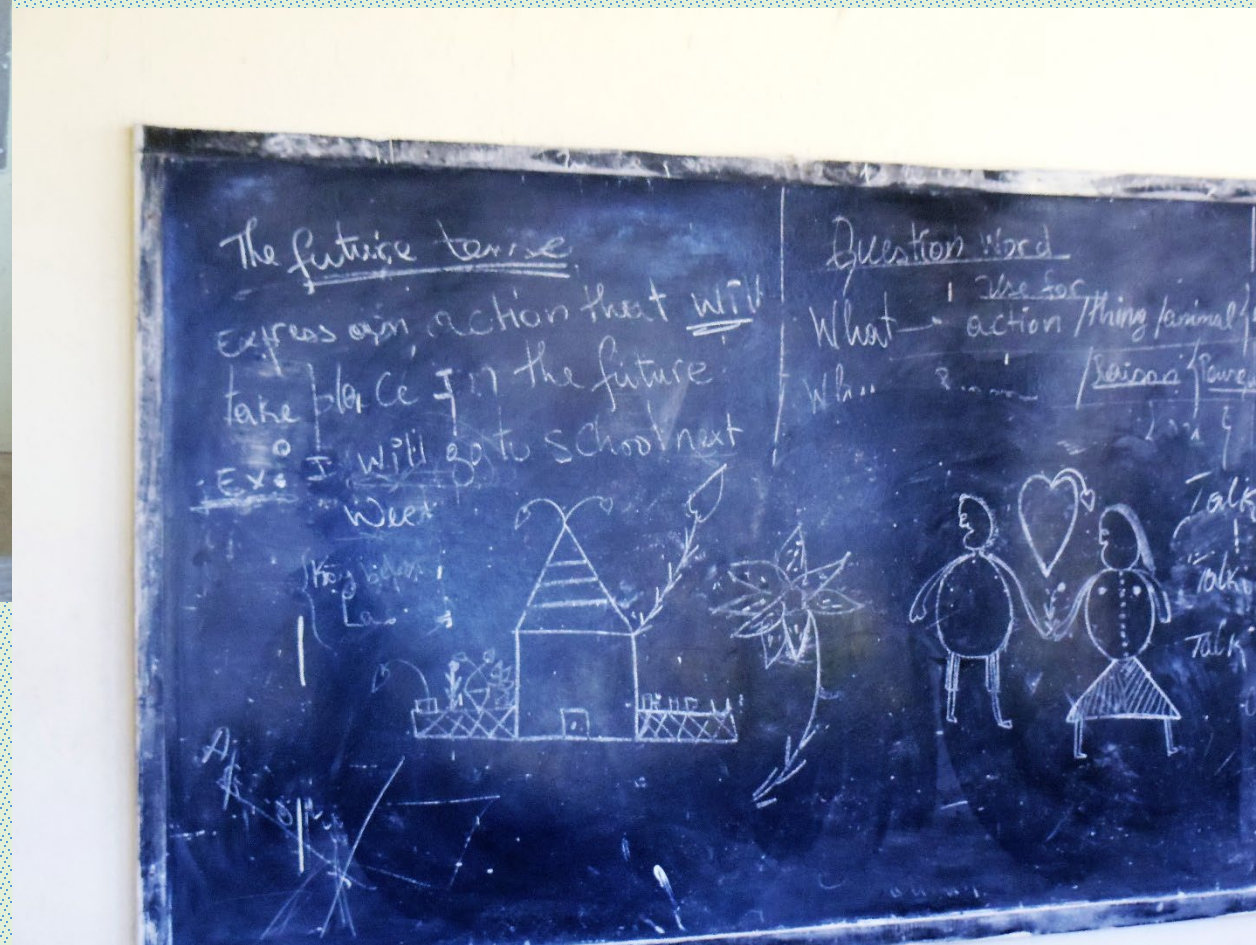
St. John's has students from kindergarten through the 12th grade

Each school has its own distinctive uniform.





Bishop George in a visit
in 2014



Blackboards and desks



Cameron Ellis from St. Stephen's, Oak Ridge and Lafis, the long time caretaker of the school and church.

Temporary buildings for the upper grade students



Preparing the midday meal





The church that was used for housing during the construction of the school was destroyed in the earthquake in 2010.

It has been rebuilt since then by Jim Hudson and others.
This new building was built to withstand both hurricanes and earthquakes.





Getting to
school is not
easy.





Fr. John Talbird and Lafis at Petit Harpon. Fr. Talbird was the rector of Good Shepherd when the school was being constructed. Lafis's son Wilkins was a boy when the school was being built. He is now a doctor who comes to Petit Harpon once a week to give medical care.

