



L'ARCHE
HAÏTI





Communities

**CARREFOUR
CHANTAL**

Core Members

71

3 houses.

32 welcomed in a L'Arche home.
28 children attend a L'Arche school.

COUNTRY STATISTICS

Total population (in millions)	10.7
Per capita income	\$1,657
HDI (Human Development Index)	0.493
HDI rank	163/190

WORK ACTIVITIES

- > Peanut butter and honey production.
- > Making bracelets and liturgical clothing.
- > Growing and selling bananas and plants.

CONTEXT and CHALLENGES

- > The country of Haiti is vulnerable to many natural disasters, including hurricanes, severe earthquakes, floods and mudslides.
- > Haiti remains the poorest country on the American continent, with more than 59% of Haitians living below the poverty line, and more than 24% living below the extreme poverty line (meaning that they live on less than \$1.23 / day).
- > Because the culture remains full of taboos and negative prejudices towards persons with intellectual disabilities, they are often locked up and hidden from society, or are abandoned and left to fend for themselves.
- > Very few institutions house and care for persons with intellectual disabilities.

CREATING CHANGE

- > The local Board of L'Arche Haiti is consistently able to raise 20% of the operating budget, which is significant considering local economic conditions.
- > After the 2016 hurricane Matthew, with the support of international partners, L'Arche Chantal was able to meet the emergency needs of all the Core Members, and also provide a great deal of support and help to their local neighbours.

VISION for THE FUTURE

- > To increase the amount of money the community is able to fundraise locally.
- > To strengthen both L'Arche Schools by updating curriculum, recruiting more qualified staff, and integrating parent and student feedback.



INTRODUCTION to A CORE MEMBER: Ismaël

Ismaël has lived in L'Arche Haiti since he was two or three years old. On September 6th, 2002 he was discovered by a Parish Priest in the courtyard of the St. Charles de Carrefour church in Carrefour. He had a rope tied around his neck to support his head. Fortunately, the priest took him to L'Arche where he was entrusted to the care of Jacqueline and others in L'Arche Haiti. Ismaël recently turned 18. He has grown well in L'Arche. Although he does not speak with words, he does find many ways to communicate, including through a great smile!



« L'ARCHE IS MY FAMILY WHO GAVE ME A PLACE IN SOCIETY. AT L'ARCHE I'M FREE AND IN SECURITY. »

Marie-Anne Jean
L'Arche Chantal