



The Haiti Reads Project

A Community Library

20 Haitian Preschool Classes



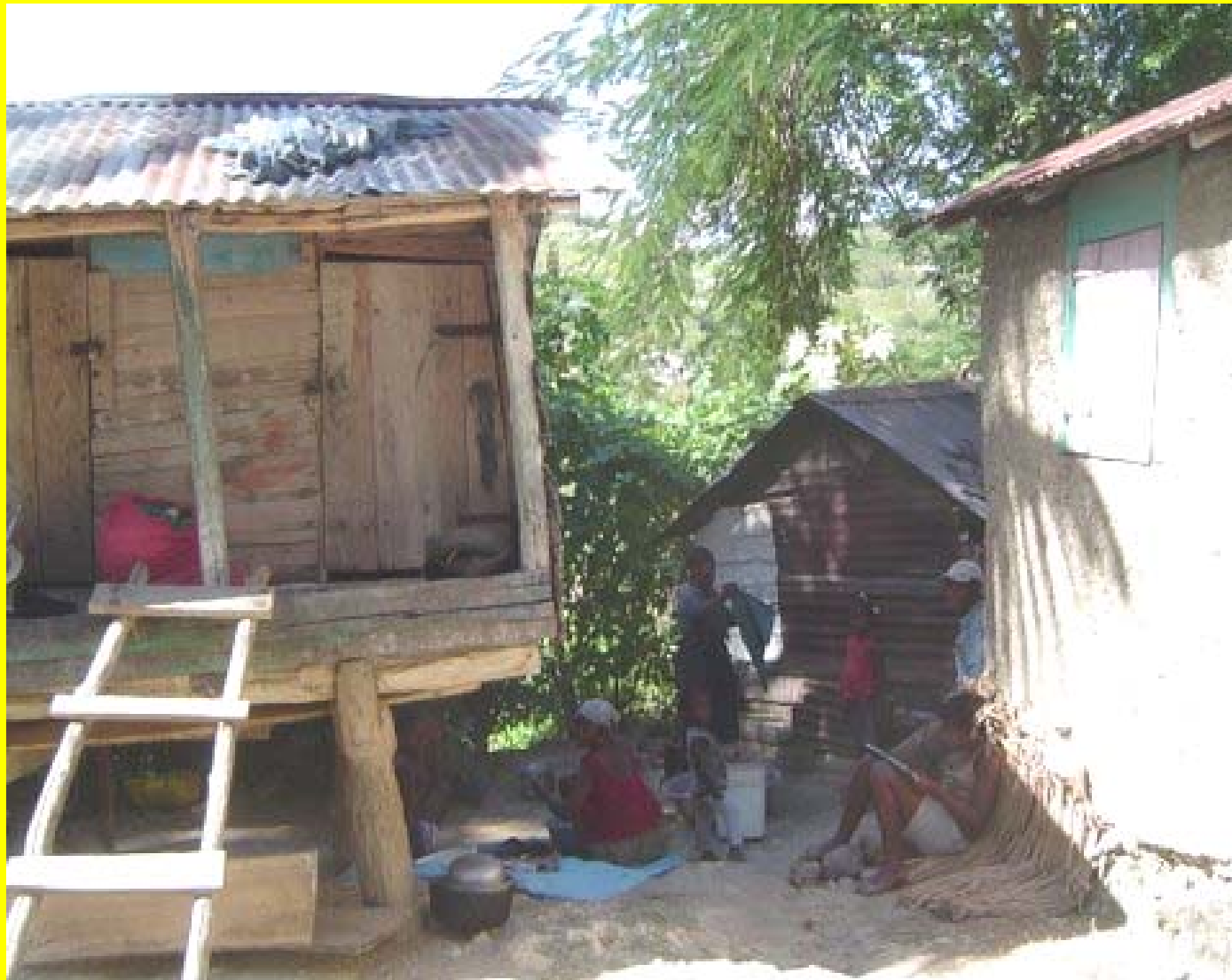
Cange, Haiti, in the Central Plateau

POVERTY

Haiti is the **poorest** country in the Western Hemisphere

- 80% of the population lives under the poverty line
- 54% in abject poverty

Home in the Village of Cange



On Cange Village Main St.



Literacy in Haiti

Compared to Other Central
America and Caribbean
Countries

Haiti's literacy is the lowest



Only 52% of Haitians are literate

COUNTRY	LITERACY RATE TOTAL POPULATION
Dominican Republic	87%
Jamaica	87%
Honduras	80%
World	82%

LANGUAGES

French (official)

professionals/upwardly mobile

library and teaching manuals

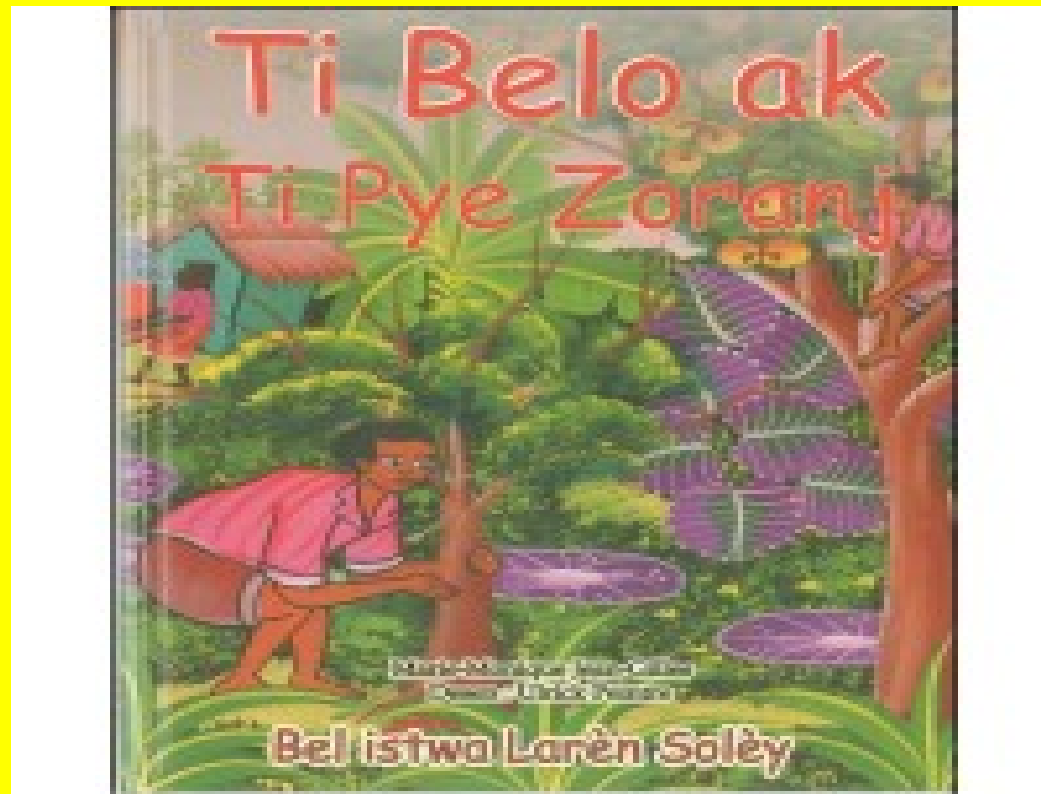
classroom books—children age 6+

Haitian Creole (official/unofficial)

common people

picture books—children >age 6

Our Goal is to Supply Age Level Books in French and Creole



Ages 5-7

Ti Belo ak Ti Pye Zoranj

Cange Community Library: Our Starting Point



After the earthquake, the library became a medical supply depot

In July 2011, a Rotary 7750 Partner Team will travel to Cange to begin to:

- Clean and restore the room
- Work with the new librarian
- Provide a Library Resource Manual
- Add the 1st computer checkout system
- Add new Haitian Creole and French books

Pleides Preschool



Under the Lafontant School Roof



No Haitian child in 6 preschools visited in 2009 had ever seen a picture book

Preschool Picture Books for 20 Classrooms

- ❖ Train teachers to use picture books
- ❖ Buy French & Creole picture books
 - ❖ Translate English books to Creole
 - ❖ Circulate book tubs

Needed: French & Creole books, tubs, library equipment, office supplies & library computer programs

Haitian children deserve equal educational opportunities-reading begins with books!



Rotarians Are Donating French & Creole Books for Classrooms



**The Library will Circulate
Bins of Books!**

Our Picture Book Buddies



Our First Partners:

- Episcopal Diocese of Cange
- District 7750 Rotary Clubs
- 'Ecole Française Bilingue
- Star Bright Books, Inc.
- The Alliance Francaise
- Public Libraries in SC
- University of South Carolina Upstate



As The Haiti Reads Project Grows:

Partners

- Rotary clubs & districts
- Businesses
- Schools
- Mission programs
- French classes

Project Needs

- Creole & French Books
- Office Supplies
- Library Equipment
- Translations

Quarterly Rotary Partner
Work Teams

Join Us in 2011 As Our Project Serves

3 year olds--592

4 year olds—518--with their 1st book

5 year olds--439



Books, Teachers, and Librarians Change the Future



"To invest in education is to invest in the future"
Plaque on Bon Sauveu Primary School in Cange

CHANGE LIVES WITH BOOKS IN CANGE



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