# Bringing Light to Northern Haiti

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# Champions on and off the field

Thank you to Pastor Bob for providing this article.

"But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also" 2 Corinthians 8:7

It was such a thrill and joy to watch our kids at the High School of Pilllatre play and win the football (soccer) championship organized by "ZAL". The tournament was organized on March 4, 2023, where a dozen schools from the surrounding areas of Acul-du-Nord and Cap-Haitian were invited to participate. The championship game was played on June 18<sup>th</sup> with hundreds of people there to cheer on the teams. The game was also livestreamed with the video now available to re-watch all the thrilling action!

Football in Haiti is the most popular sport. Many of you have no doubt watched children playing football on the fields of Pillatre and in many fields throughout Northern Haiti. Our current National team is very good, and we are excited to see them represent our country in the Gold cup, where they are playing very well. Many of our players have dreams of representing our country and showing the world of the good that comes from Haiti.



Our school is classified among the best ones in our community despite the deep vulnerability of the kids' families. We are the witness of how self-discipline and Christian education taught at the school can break low self-esteem, build self-confidence, and shape our kids into successful people with a new mindset of winning. This is the outcome of being supported and sponsored called "Love" John 15:12.

After winning the championship match, there was great excitement in the surrounding community. Nearly 200 of

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our kids accompanied some Pillatre staff members in an impromptu parade. They got off the bus well before our campus. They walked, marched, and danced on the main road for more than 1 hour with our Fanfare (band) from Acul-Du-Nord to Pillatre. My favorite moment was lifting the trophy at 9:00 pm and hugging everyone that was part of the victory. I am proud of the staff, the players, and Coach Johnson who worked so hard individually and together to bring the trophy home this year. Our success is the groundwork. We are so grateful for that.

As July will be the last month of school and students have a one-month break. Please, pray:

- A good and safe break with their families.
- For our sponsors to continue with their support since the ministry is not on break.
- Our country to find peace.
- Our staff to be encouraged.



**Giving Challenges** 

Last month we mentioned that we were expecting a generous donation from a family supporting HCM. The donation was beyond what we expected and will allow us to ship a container of food as well as provide funds for medical care. Praise God!

We are still in urgent need of sponsors for children. Recent changes to a Corporate matching gift program have left us with hundreds of children needing sponsorship. If you or someone you know is interested, please visit <a href="https://hcmin.org/sponsor-a-child/sponsorship-form">https://hcmin.org/sponsor-a-child/sponsorship-form</a>.

Thank you for your continued generosity!