

Enlighten & Empower

THIBEAU, HAITI!

A Two-Year, \$391,450 Initiative to Spread the Gospel and Teach Trade Skills to the Residents of Thibeau, North Haiti

Empowering Partners . . .

Bringing the Gospel, Trade Skills, and Hope to Thibeau, Haiti

Empowering Partners, Inc. ("EPI"), a 501(c)(3) charitable organization formed in mid-2021, planted its missionaries, Dan and Madel Beck, on the ground in North Haiti in February 2022. Building a team of native Haitians and U.S. volunteers, EPI established its two-acre campus in the village of Thibeau. With several buildings in use and more planned, the campus is central to EPI's mission to enrich the spiritual and physical lives of local residents.

For decades, Haiti has been experiencing a series of natural and man-made crises, including its present civil unrest. Thankfully, the Thibeau area is more stable than Port-au-Prince and other areas. As a result, the EPI team continues to reside, evangelize, and train residents in the Thibeau community.

EPI sees the Lord's blessings on its work in Thibeau. In a relatively short time, EPI has (i) acquired two-acres of land, (ii) established (and produced its first graduates from) a Commercial Sewing Training Program, (iii) hired unskilled Haitian workers to construct buildings and security assets on the EPI campus, instructing them in U.S.-standard construction techniques, and (iv) spread the Gospel through the use of the well-known *Experiencing God* Bible Study. EPI now holds a non-exclusive license to translate (into Haitian Creole), publish, and distribute *Experiencing God* throughout Haiti.

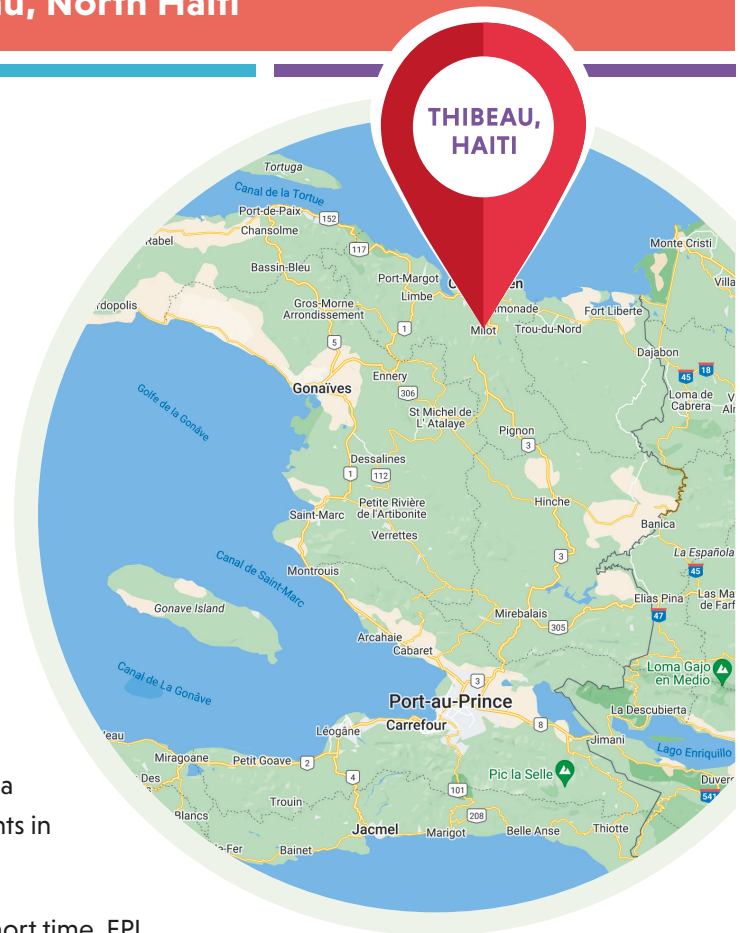
The Two-Year, \$391,450 *Enlighten & Empower Thibeau, Haiti!* Initiative



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The EPI Board of Directors has developed an energetic, two-year, \$391,450 evangelical and trade skills initiative, called ***Enlighten & Empower Thibeau, Haiti!***, to build on EPI's successes, expand the spread of the Gospel, and equip more Thibeau residents with marketable trade skills.

EPI asks you to review and reflect on the details of the two-year, \$391,450 ***Enlighten & Empower*** initiative. With your support, EPI will bring more Haitian families to an enlightened relationship with Jesus Christ, while empowering them with sustainable employment skills and opportunities.



Evangelical Mission: *Experiencing God* with Thibeau Residents

\$119,200



EPI's Missionaries, Volunteers, and Board of Directors will partner with Thibeau residents to:

	Time frame	Budget
The <i>Experiencing God</i> Bible Study		
• Print & distribute 500 copies of <i>Experiencing God</i> translated into Haitian Creole	2024	\$ 4,000
• Host <i>Experiencing God</i> classes, training & equipping 6-10 new study instructors	2024-2025	\$ 1,000
• Distribute Haitian Creole version of <i>Experiencing God</i> to 10+ local Haitian churches	2024-2025	\$ 1,500
Christian Youth Group / Vacation Bible School		
• Establish annual Vacation Bible School (movies / beach outings) for Thibeau children	2024-2025	\$ 1,000
• Acquire & distribute Youth Bibles to VBS and Bible Study attendees	2025	\$ 2,000
• Establish a permanent Christian Youth Group in Thibeau	2024-2025	\$ 1,000
Christian Community Outreach in Thibeau		
• Acquire & maintain multi-use, rough-terrain vehicle (e.g., Toyota Land Cruiser) for transportation of supplies, U.S.-based volunteers, and evangelical & youth group participants	2025	\$ 100,000
• Grow EPI Bible Study (currently 9-13 attendees) for students & workers	2024-2025	\$ 1,200
• Host Annual EPI Open House , opening EPI campus to 100+ expected local visitors	2024-2025	\$ 1,500
• Host Multi-Day Community Development Planning Sessions	2024	\$ 3,000
Invite 30-40 Thibeau civic, business, church, elder and youth leaders to several planning sessions focused on detailing the spiritual, physical, and social priorities of the community and its residents. EPI will assist in establishing partnerships and a solid plan to address local issues from a Biblical perspective		
• Distribute 50 " Christmas Care Bags " for Blind, Handicapped, Elderly & Ill residents	2024-2025	\$ 3,000
Continue EPI's annual Christmas Care Bags tradition of helping "Thibeau's most vulnerable residents" by providing a one-month supply of rice, beans, cooking oil and sugar to the blind, handicapped, elderly, and chronically-ill residents of Thibeau, delivered with prayer and blessings.		

Trade Skills – The Commercial Sewing Program

\$50,500

EPI's Missionaries, Volunteers, and Board of Directors will partner with Thibeau residents to:

	Time frame	Budget
• Purchase, install, and maintain additional sewing equipment in the Sewing Center	2024	\$ 6,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace three (3) broken sewing machines • Acquire four (4) sewing machines with increased capabilities, such as hemming: Bernette Coverstitch/Overlocker B64 (1 @ \$999), Singer 9960 Quantum Stylist (2 @ \$999), Juki TL 2010Q (1 @ \$999), Juki TL 2000Qi (1 @ \$799), Bernette Coverstitch #B48 Funlock (1 @ \$699), Bernette #B35 (1 @ \$299). 		
• Employ students (trainees), certified interns, and shop manager for two years	2024-2025	\$ 36,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial Sewing Program represents an investment in students, graduates, and the local economy • The sale of items produced creates reinvestment back into the Commercial Sewing Program • Monthly labor costs will average \$1,495 (or \$18,000 annually) for 2024-2025 • Estimated sales from products produced in the program are \$4,000 in 2024 and \$8,500 in 2025 		
• Continue annual production and distribution of 600+ Women's Hygiene Kits	2024-2025	\$ 3,500
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each kit requires purchase of U.S. fabric (fabric is unavailable in Haiti) • Kits are sold to local women for 150 Haitian gourdes (approx. \$1) 		
• Continue production and on-line sales of EPI's "Joy at Christmas" product line	2024-2025	\$ 5,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produce and sell hundreds of Christmas decorations, potholders, designer bags, and other items • Products are currently sold on-line through U.S.-based churches, organizations, and volunteers, bearing the "Empowering Partners, Made in Haiti" label 		



Stories from the Mission Field

EPI CAMPUS, THIBEAU, NORTH HAITI

Joane... Bòs Kouti!

Joane is one of the first students enrolled in the EPI Commercial Sewing Program. With two children, Joane's dream was to learn how to sew. So, when she heard about EPI's sewing program, she immediately inquired about it.

Her story is quite sad. To follow her dream and provide for her family, she faced a hard choice. She had to choose between joining the sewing program and continuing her son's schooling. So, in order to learn a marketable skills and earn money for her family, her son had to leave school.

Starting the program, Joane not only lacked sewing skills, she had never operated an electric sewing machine. In fact, no one in her village had ever operated an electric sewing machine.

Today, Joane is a seamstress or, as they say in Haiti, a "bòs kouti" (master at sewing). She can sew blouses, skirts, button up shirts, pants, and more. On Graduation Day, Joane will receive a notice and an offer of employment from the EPI Commercial Sewing Program, where she will be able to earn a living wage as a seamstress. Now, her son can return and finish school. For Joane... her dream has come true!



Meet Joe

Joe and his family live in abject poverty less than a mile from the EPI campus. On a clear, sunny morning in March 2023, Joe (not his real name) walked onto the EPI campus for the first time. To EPI's missionaries, Joe said, "Give me some money and I will make it easier for you to get your work done." When he was told that EPI does not give money to anyone that makes threats, Joe made certain that everyone saw his gun. While unsuccessful, Joe very persistently made similar threats on several other occasions, even inspiring some other "bad guys" to follow in his tracks.

Soon, Joe, armed with a shotgun, met our EPI on-site leader, Dan Beck, in the street. While neither party spoke, Joe's silent threat was heard loud and clear. The community of Thibeau, eagerly anticipating EPI's evangelical mission, trade skills training, and employment opportunities, took away Joe's guns. A peace ensued.

Contemplating what it means to follow and love like Christ, EPI's on-site leaders realized that an opportunity had been missed with Joe. His encounters were viewed as interactions with an enemy, rather than a failure to understand his humanity. Dan invited Joe to come and talk with everyone at EPI, remembering that it was people just like Joe whom Christ loved and, in so loving, changed their hearts regardless of their physical or financial conditions.

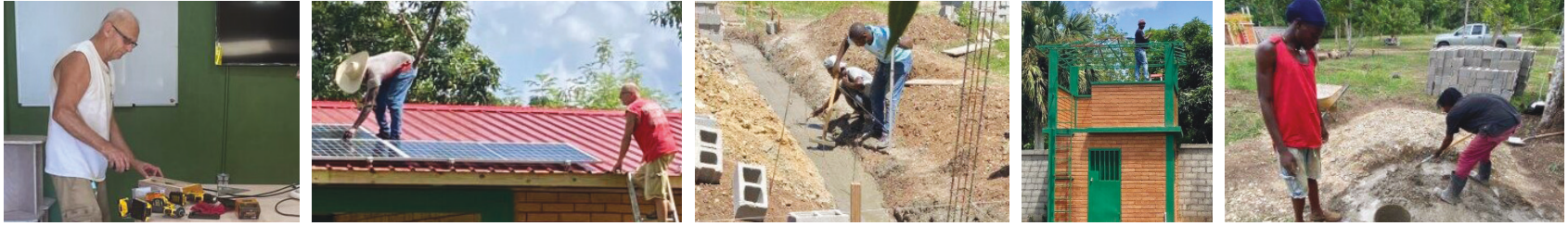
Well, Joe is still a little 'rough around the edges,' but today he is on our list of workmen who rotate through our gates each week. He works for his money and is provided a lunch every day he works. Our plan to do more to love on him. Several Haitian men on our full-time labor crew have agreed to help mentor him. When Joe soon rotates into our work week, he will be introduced to our Morning Discipleship program. We hope that someday Joe will tell others about Christ. In the meantime, we trust God is guiding EPI and our Haitian partners in our deepening relationship with Joe.



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EPI Campus Operations & Enhancements (Thibeau, Haiti)

\$199,250



EPI's Missionaries, Volunteers, and Board of Directors will partner with Thibeau residents to:

	Time frame	Budget
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register EPI as a nonprofit corporation and employer in Haiti 2024-2025 <li style="padding-left: 20px;">• Process to register EPI regionally in N. Haiti \$500 <li style="padding-left: 20px;">• Process to register EPI nationally in Haiti \$5,000 (delayed due to current civil unrest) 		\$ 5,500
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete EPI's Sewing & Screen Print Center: <li style="padding-left: 20px;">• Building, Break area, and Furnishings \$13,500 <li style="padding-left: 20px;">• Driveway & Parking Lot \$2,500 	2024-2025	\$ 16,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus Security <li style="padding-left: 20px;">• Security Building upper deck canopy \$1,000 <li style="padding-left: 20px;">• Employee time clock \$200 	2024	\$ 1,200
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building, Infrastructure, and Systems Maintenance over Two Years <li style="padding-left: 20px;">• Facility Repairs \$15,000 annually <li style="padding-left: 20px;">• Tool Acquisition \$6,000 annually <li style="padding-left: 20px;">• Payroll Security \$4,800 annually <li style="padding-left: 20px;">• Fuel \$3,000 annually <li style="padding-left: 20px;">• Internet \$1,800 annually <li style="padding-left: 20px;">• Gardener \$1,800 annually <li style="padding-left: 20px;">• Vehicle Repairs \$1,800 annually 	2024-2025	\$ 68,400
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of the EPI Volunteer Housing Facility to accommodate up to 16 Visiting Volunteers 	2024-2026	\$ 75,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension of Existing Campus Security Wall <li style="padding-left: 20px;">• Immediate Need: 354-foot extension of 8' concrete Security Wall \$10,620 <li style="padding-left: 20px;">• Long-Term Need: 751-foot extension of 8' concrete Security Wall \$22,530 <i>(Construction Cost: \$30 per foot)</i> 	2024-2025	\$ 33,150

Trade Skills – The Commercial Screen Print Program

\$22,500

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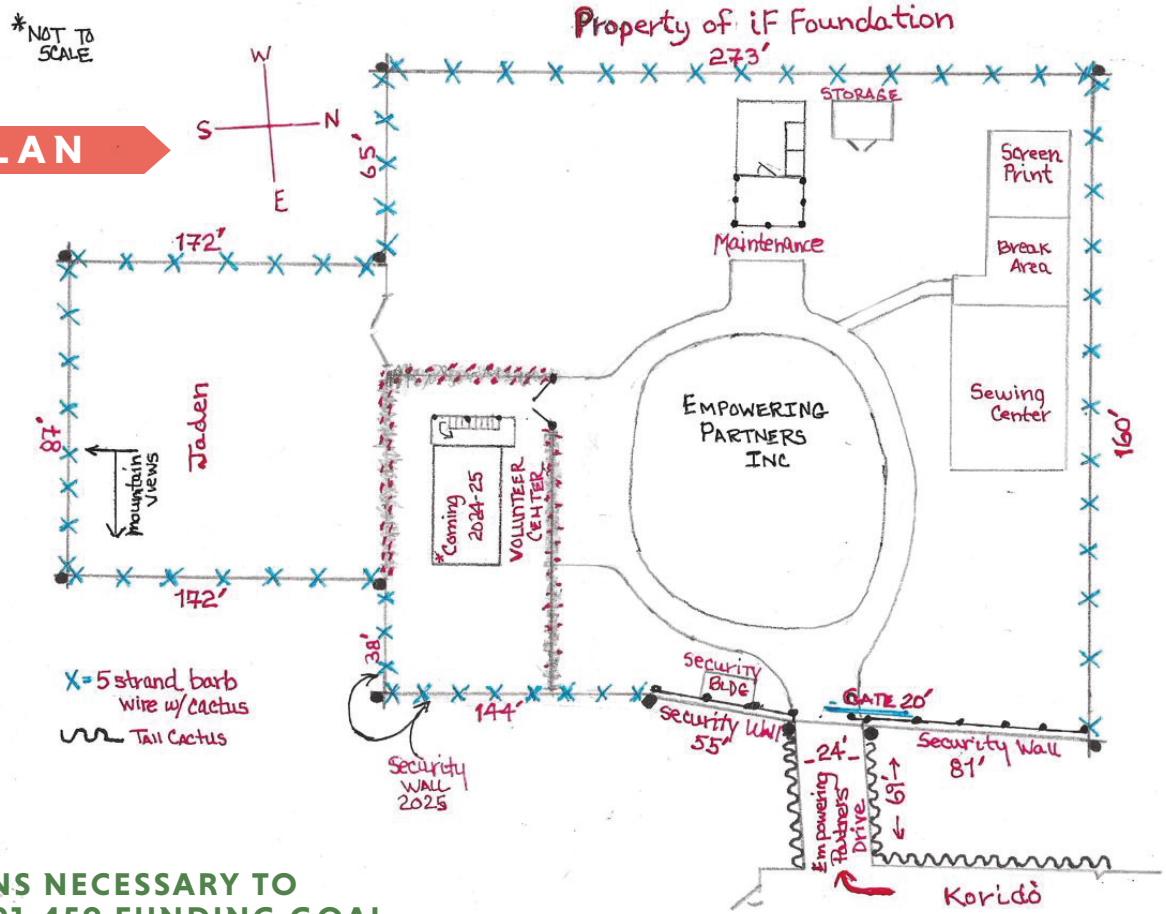
	Time frame	Budget
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install Screen Printing Program equipment (new & previously acquired) <li style="padding-left: 20px;">• EPI has previously acquired and is currently storing several pieces of screen printing equipment <li style="padding-left: 20px;">• Purchase & install Heat Transfer equipment and supplies \$4,000 <li style="padding-left: 20px;">• Purchase Bernette Embroidery Machine B77 (and supplies) \$2,000 <li style="padding-left: 20px;">• License, install & train students on CorelDraw Design & related software \$1,500 	2024	\$ 7,500
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employ students (trainees) and certified interns (graduates) for two years <li style="padding-left: 20px;">• Screen Print Program represents an investment in students, graduates, and the local economy <li style="padding-left: 20px;">• The sale of items produced creates reinvestment back into the program <li style="padding-left: 20px;">• Monthly labor costs will average \$600 (or \$7,200 annually) for 2024-2025 <li style="padding-left: 20px;">• Estimated sales of products produced in the program are \$2,500 in 2024 and \$4,000 in 2025 	2024-2025	\$ 15,000



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EPI SITE PLAN



CONTRIBUTIONS NECESSARY TO RAISE EPI'S \$391,450 FUNDING GOAL

Donors @ Pledge Level	Size of 2-Year Commitment	Annual Investment	Cumulative # of Donors	Cumulative Amount Raised
1	\$50,000	\$25,000 /yr	1	\$50,000
1	\$40,000	\$20,000 /yr	2	\$90,000
2	\$30,000	\$15,000 /yr	4	\$150,000
3	\$20,000	\$10,000 /yr	7	\$210,000
4	\$15,000	\$7,500 /yr	11	\$270,000
4	\$10,000	\$5,000 /yr	15	\$310,000
6	\$6,000	\$3,000 /yr	21	\$346,000
6	\$4,000	\$2,000 /yr	27	\$370,000
7	\$3,000	\$1,500 /yr	34	\$391,000
FUNDING GOAL				\$391,450



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Evangelical Mission:	
<i>Experiencing God with Thibeau Residents</i>	\$119,200
Trade Skills:	
The Commercial Sewing Program	50,500
The Commercial Screen Print Program	22,500
EPI Thibeau Haiti Campus Operation & Enhancements	199,250
Two-Year <i>Enlighten & Empower Thibeau, Haiti!</i> Funding Goal \$391,450	

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BEYOND Enlighten & Empower THIBEAU, HAITI!

EPI is exploring the following future initiatives to address the physical and spiritual needs of local Thibeau residents.

EPI Home Church

EPI Building and Construction Trades Center

EPI Micro-Finance Services

EPI English Language Classes

EPI Adult Haitian Creole Literacy Classes



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