

Bon Samaritan Episcopal Church



Given our organization's Episcopal roots and the many churches that partner with us, South Florida Haiti Project seeks to nourish spiritual life in Bondeau and help people grow in their faith. In 2015, South Florida Haiti Project Sam Owen developed funding mostly through churches in New York who partnered to construct Bon Samaritan Episcopal Church in Bondeau. Formerly known as St. Marie Madeleine Episcopal Church, the new church holds approximately 800 congregants and is the newest Episcopal Church in Haiti.



Before this church was built, services were held in a Bon Samaritan school classroom big enough for about 75 people; however, more than 350 people attended each Sunday, meaning they were forced to stand or sit outside. The congregation provided the first \$2,300 themselves, a testament to their faith and determination to have a church built in Bondeau. With many congregants living on just a few dollars a day, this was a significant contribution. It was the adamant desire of the Bondeau people to build a proper church that could not only house their worship, but be an anchor to their community. Their passion and faith led the initiative.

Bon Samaritan Church now serves as a spiritual home for the community and an additional resource for those in need. The music director supported by South Florida Haiti Project leads the beautiful music during worship. *Hear their amazing choir!*