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THE FIRST SEWING CLASS in Lifeline's new trade school program has been in progress this year. The students are taught a huge variety of sewing skills, equipping them to make all types of clothing. The ability to clothe their own family and eventually have their own sewing business is a testimony to the importance of this trade.



There has been an overwhelming response to the availability of bags that the class makes to sell to the teams that visit the mission. Each is one-of-a-kind and has the word "Haiti" stitched on the inside. Many times I help the students select the fabric, but they come up with their own pattern and design. The seamstress's name is written on the bag's label so that; 1 - the buyer knows who made it and; 2 - we know which student gets the proceeds from the sale.

The money that is collected when the bags are sold for \$20 to \$30 each is distributed as follows: 50% goes back into the program - to pay the teacher, buy supplies, and help future students. **The student immediately receives 25%, providing money to pay for her supplies and motivating her to keep working. The remaining 25% goes into her business account.** The first purchase of that account, her personal sewing machine, is a

first step to her starting a business. The point of the class is not only to provide valuable instruction in sewing skills, but to instill a resourceful business mindset in each student.

The Lord has absolutely blessed this ministry. It is our sincere desire that He gets full credit for any good thing that comes of this program. Not certain of exactly how best to organize and mobilize this program, we prayerfully sought the Lord for guidance. Always faithful, and able to do exceeding beyond what we can even imagine, He provided the supplies and placed the people that have been instrumental in



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turning the program into the success it now is. Years ago, Lifeline had a building constructed, faithfully progressing on the vision of someday having a trade school. **God provided the treadle sewing machines long before we knew exactly how they were going to be used.** I am (or was) a family and consumer sciences teacher. Through my education and experience I had actually learned, and taught, many of the things involved in the trade school. Though I had no idea at the time, God knew exactly what training I would need. The Lord also blessed us with a contact in Port-au-Prince who has a sewing school. She and I sat down for 3 hours talking about what things she had



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found to work and what to not waste our time on; it gave me a valuable starting point for the program here.

The 13 students in the class have learned a great deal since September '08 and **will start their own businesses after they graduate in just a few months.** I am so proud of these girls for their commitment to the time and effort this class requires. We have not made it easy on them; there are many rules that they must follow and sacrifices that they have to make, but they have chosen to remain true to the goals that they have established. They are doing a marvelous job.

This class is vital because it has a long-term effect on families. Lifeline has been meeting an immediate, and critical, need for years in the providing of nourishment for the children. We are now blessed to be able to take steps that enable them for the future. Lifeline is working diligently to help children and families by equipping the community to have greater self-sufficiency. The ladies in this class will be the first of many who have the ability to change their lives, as well as those around them, forever. *– Amber White*



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