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From Addiction to Purpose How a Haiti Teen Challenge graduate found healing, hope, and a new vision for his future.

At Haiti Teen Challenge, we are deeply grateful for every donor, partner, and prayer supporter who makes life transformation possible. Because of your generosity, young men and women are being given the opportunity to rebuild their lives, rediscover hope, and walk into a new future.

Scripture reminds us in 2 Corinthians 5:17 that **“if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new is here.”** Over the coming months, we will be highlighting graduates whose journeys reflect resilience, restoration, faith, and renewed purpose. These stories are living reminders that God still restores, rebuilds, and calls people into purpose.

This month, meet Bitoss (“bee-tuhss”) François, in his own words.

As you read his story, we encourage you to pray for our students and graduates — and to continue partnering with us as we bring hope, healing, and transformation to lives across Haiti through Haiti Teen Challenge.



My name is Bitoss FRANÇOIS.

I was born and raised in Fort-Mercredi, *{A neighborhood located in the hills above parts of downtown Port-au-Prince. The area takes its name from an old fort ("Fort Mercredi") dating back to the 19th century, though today it is primarily known as a densely populated residential neighborhood. <https://haiti.fandom.com/>}*

Due to a lack of financial means to attend university after completing my secondary education, I unfortunately fell in with the wrong crowd. It was in

that context that I became addicted to alcohol for years, before entering the Haiti Teen Challenge (HTC) program.

Today, I am a graduate of HTC, and I am studying international relations.

I was inspired to write my first book after a series of messages titled “*Leading Like Jesus*,” preached at Rendez-Vous Christ Church. I realized that these teachings perfectly reflected the leadership model embodied by Dr. Julio Volcy and the leaders of Rendez-Vous Church and Haiti Teen Challenge.

This realization deeply inspired me to write about this leadership style, which allowed me to adopt a new vision of the world and radically transform my life.

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Haiti Teen Challenge's mission and vision are from Isaiah 61:1-9.
HTC is "raising up Godly leaders of integrity,
empowering them to rebuild THEIR nation for God's glory."



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