

# Leadership Board

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**Save the date**  
**14-15 Feb, 2020**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference**  
**Naples, FL**



  
**“You must do things you think you cannot do.”**  
Eleanor Roosevelt



To learn how you might volunteer, schedule a vision trip, work with the **LaGonave Ministries Alliance** or to request a guest speaker, contact:

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## LaGonave Ministries Alliance

In 2016 four organizations agreed that working collectively greater objectives could be achieved than working individually. Today the LMA consists of churches, small groups, non-profits, universities, and individuals who are using experience and expertise to help Pastor Agones in his community-building endeavors. We are a virtual powerhouse of resources committed to **share the Gospel by:**

- Training the Christian Disciple Leaders
- Training the Next Generation to care for Orphans
- Developing the Community through Education, Training, and Microbusinesses
- Building an infrastructure to support the community

We are committed more than ever to the call of discipleship and our responsibility to engage in mission work. We hope you are inspired by the impact of one young man and what he is doing for the lives of the children and his communities. The opportunity to keep this alliance going forward is meaningful beyond words. We hope that you will consider where you might fit in its endeavors.



## LaGonave Ministries Alliance



**Building Futures,  
Shaping Lives,  
All by Grace.**

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**We need You on our team!**

# 35 Years and Counting

In 1984, Ralph Tuthill, an American from Mattituck, NY, visited LaGonave Island. Ralph encountered a young street orphan, Agones, as he walked about the village. In his conversations with the young Haitian, Ralph realized something was special about this 7-year old child who wanted to learn to read but had to work on the boats to survive. Ralph spent much of the remainder of his life sponsoring Agones' education, helping him to become a Pastor, and launching their shared dream – to spread the Gospel and to build Christian communities on LaGonave Island, Haiti.

Pastor Jean Jacques Agones is tireless in his work. Through his charismatic leadership, the Lord is transforming the small village of Betoiti (Turtle Bay) into a thriving community on an island that is home to Haiti's forgotten people. Nan Le Bron (place of darkness), a destitute, remote mountain village is just beginning its transformation with the digging of a community well, the opening of a makeshift school and a new "tent topped" church plant.



## Life on LaGonave

- ▶ Lack of electricity and fresh, clean water
- ▶ Limited food sources
- ▶ Rapidly rising inflation
- ▶ Hostage to political unrest on the mainland



In many cases, the morning snack will be the only food and clean water a child will have all day. **Empty bellies do not learn.**

## Haitian Education

- ▶ 50% of children are not in school
- ▶ 60% will quit before 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- ▶ Less than 2% will graduate from secondary school
- ▶ 61% of the adult population is literate

The College of Ralph Tuthill opened its doors in 2010 with a handful of students. Today 206 K-6 students receive a free education in a safe and happy environment. The curriculum program is designed to build a healthy body, mind, and spirit. Service learning is integrated in the upper classes to build self-esteem and community citizenship.

Education in Haiti is not free. On LaGonave the costs are prohibitive for many families. Through the Scholarship Program, secondary students are offered the opportunity to continue their education.



In return, the Honor Students, like Stanley shown with his mother, give back to the community. The program's goal is, that like Pastor Agones, these young people will become educated, solid citizens who will return to their island to help build a brighter future for everyone.

At a time when inhumanity and intolerance seem on the rise, our individual spirits are renewed because of our relationship with Pastor Agones and these kind, hard-working people.