

## PEOPLE YOU SHOULD KNOW

### NAHUM NAZAIRE

Nahum Nazaire is a man who exemplifies the spirit of HoHAYE. We are proud of his accomplishment and he is a proud new member of the organization. He is someone you should know!

I am Nahum David Nazaire. I was born and raised in Haiti. I am the first of six children. I have three sisters and two brothers. While I was living in Haiti, as a little boy I always wanted to do something positive with my life and to be an example for my siblings and others. I did not have any idea how I was going to accomplish such a goal, because in Haiti there are not too many opportunities given to the youth. But, the Bible tells you "God makes a way where there seems to be no way." As a young man my dad always told me, son, if you need to succeed in life you need to have an education. I kept that line in my head for as long as I can remember. I appreciated every chance that I had to have an education in Haiti. Unfortunately, it is almost impossible to do so in Haiti. In my late teens, God blessed me with an opportunity to come to America through my mother and so many others who helped her with the whole process. I was listening to a preacher many years ago. He stated that God gives each one of us a



blank check, it is up to us to write the amount. When I came to the United States almost ten years ago, I figured that being here was my own blank check from God. It was up to me to recognize how I was going to handle it. Ever since then, I started my journey to pursue a college degree. May I tell you it was not an easy journey? There were a lot of ups and down. I had to work two to three different jobs to support myself financially. I would take classes at night in different community colleges. Finally, after I had enough credits I transferred to University of Illinois as an engineering student. Well, more obstacles came my way that prevented me from completing my degree. I did not give up. God brought my wife Brina into my life. She introduced me to Roosevelt University. I transferred to this University and with God's help I was able to complete my degree in Chemistry. I always put God first in the midst of all of this hardship. I believe that God promised us that he is always going to be there even through the valley of death. I felt like giving up on several occasions. But, with God by my side I never did. I thank him every day for being my number one strength. Lastly my friends, I can say that I am a Chemist today not because of who I am or what I have done but because of who He is and what He has done.

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**Elie Joseph, Madianie Joseph,  
Margarite Perrier & Jeanine  
Thevenin**



Why should you know them? They are among other adults like Immacula Dieudonne, Madette Isidor, Sylvia Solon who are very young at heart. These are the people who exemplify the spirit of HoHAYE by going to Niles North by Old Orchard Mall in Skokie, night in and night out, to learn English as a Second Language. They immunized themselves from the negative people who think only those who are in their 20's can learn. On Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, they along with a few dozen people, young and old alike, received their certificate of achievement.



We congratulate them and pray that many others will follow in their footsteps. They are the champions.

Do not let age deter your dream. Keep going until the good Lord calls you home. We must continue to work, be productive, and to learn until the last second of our earthly life. If you need help, do not hesitate to contact HoHAYE. We exist for your success. The later you acquire education the sweeter and more rewarding is the end result.

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**FRIENDS OF HAITI YOU SHOULD KNOW**

True friends are hard to find nowadays. So many people keep on playing the blame game when it comes to Haiti. It is difficult to uncover the sincerity in the rhetoric. Amidst its struggles Haiti has found some new good friends. Good friends are people who match their talk with their deeds. These friends teach at McDade School located at 8801 South Indiana Ave in Chicago. Tired of reading the hopelessness of the Haitian people they took it upon themselves to mobilize their students to take action. They collected the articles of the different



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Haiti. This is marvelous. I hope we can learn from their deeds.

