

It's not alphabet soup but it is a much-needed alphabet chart

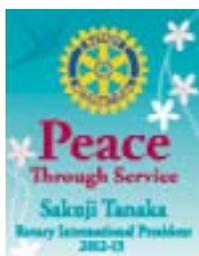
A most amazing sequence of events that began with a web search and ended with a new partner will mean a giant leap forward for literacy in Haiti.

Our fourth Partners in Literacy Haiti (PILH) work team visit will be July 20-31. We will teach the Haitian Creole alphabet and get parents involved in children's learning for school success. We have been searching for three years for a Haitian Creole Alphabet poster. Creole was adopted in 1960 as an official language alongside French. But two generations later, its progress as a language for teaching in schools is still painfully slow, and new generations of teachers are only now being trained to teach in Creole.

So it was by a most fortuitous web-search, PILH found a wall poster showing the Haitian Creole alphabet. We have now added Dan Linginfelter, principal at Outside Source Design, in Indianapolis, as a partner in our cause. We will receive these posters at a reduced rate and in turn PILH will connect Dan to other organizations and efforts in Haiti that can use the posters.

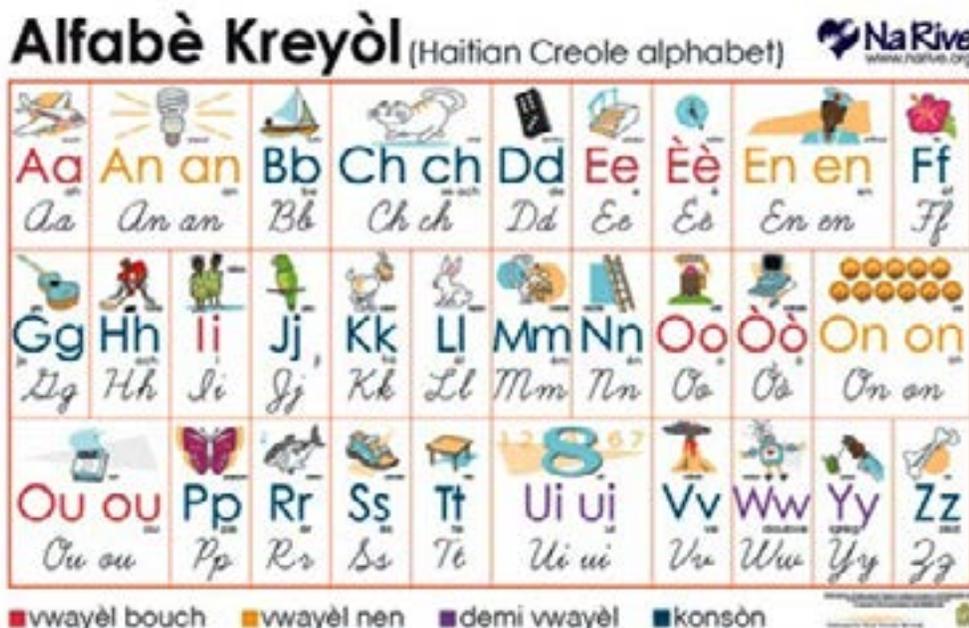
Dan and Brian Noble, his senior designer, created this attractive poster showing the letters of the Haitian Creole alphabet, each illustrated by an original drawing of a person, animal, or thing whose name begins with that letter.

The poster shows how to write each letter in capital and small letters in the French-style script favored by Haitians, and the name of the letter in Creole. The letters are color-coded into their four linguistic groups (oral vowels, nasal vowels, semi-vowels and consonants). Our 67 native Creole-speaking PIHL teachers—with posters in their classrooms—will pronounce the letters for their students *and their parents*. (This will be the very first poster in some classrooms!)



After completing several PILH-designed parent workshops on using the alphabet to build vocabulary, parents will receive a smaller size poster for home use. Teaching the alphabet is the foundation of literacy, and we will now place a family literacy tool within the home. This could not be more exciting because it may touch and encourage parents who are not literate to take a first

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1 \$25+ to buy classroom weatherized posters - 25" x 42" (cost \$550).

or

2 \$50 to help buy Family Literacy weatherized mats - 11" x 17" (cost \$1800).

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