



This is beautiful Pétionville, a rich suburb tucked away in the hills overlooking Port-au-Prince, the capital of Haiti. In Pétionville, everything is impeccable. Even the road that leads there from Port-au-Prince is without the typical potholes that are all so familiar in Haiti. One would suppose [one was] in a different country by the look of these splendid mansions equipped with all the comfort known to the modern world. It

is there that the rich of Haiti live even though they can go nowhere with their big, expensive cars. It is there that one is sure to find the exotic restaurants, the art gallery, the tennis club, to name a few. All this [is] at the disposal of a chosen few. It almost seems that everyone has forgotten that at the bottom of the hills lies one of the many shantytowns of Port-au-Prince, Cité Soleil.



Cité Soleil, which means Sun City in English is anything but. Here people live in utter poverty and face death every day. There is no potable water, no electricity. Children have to dodge bullets just to go to school, and that is for those whose parents can afford to send them since nothing is free in Haiti. Gone are the beautiful restaurants. Gone the luxurious homes, the beautiful cars. No medical care. Like this child in the picture below, many

residents of Cité Soleil and other slums like it look for food in the garbage. Life is a daily struggle and one can't help but ask if this land would once again be known as the "Pearl of the Antilles."

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