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# THE PRACTICE OF GLOBAL FEMINISM

THE CASE OF MARIE CHAUVET  
AND SIMONE DE BEAUVOIR

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In April 1967, while the dictatorship of François Duvalier celebrated the tenth year of its rule, Haitian novelist Marie Chauvet sent a letter to Paris to Simone de Beauvoir asking the French philosopher for her assistance in publishing her latest manuscripts. Thus began a trans-Atlantic correspondence between two unlikely figures. What began as an unsolicited request soon developed into a working trans-Atlantic friendship between the two women that would last until Marie Chauvet's death in 1973. To read this correspondence is to see global feminism in practice.

