

## Faédra Olivier Graduates



**Ingreed Faédra Olivier**

Ingreed Faédra Olivier was the first person selected by the Haitian Fond Doux Foundation Committee to receive a scholarship to attend a university. The first three scholarship recipients were chosen by American FDF members directly. She was the first and only woman to be selected. The previous selections were all men. The subsequent Haitian choices were also men. She was surprised by her selection three years ago, although she was the top student in her class at Ecole Mixte Capois La Mort, her Fond Doux high school. She said, "To tell the truth I did not know that I was going to attend college because my family could not afford it."

She chose to go to Ecole Normale Emile Durkheim, a normal school. It has a three-year teacher training program and she chose to specialize in kindergarten instruction. She graduated Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup>. She has another year available on her scholarship and has chosen to continue school for a few more months in order to study for a teaching certificate. She needs to pass an examination. She said as she was talking about her future, "All my dreams are to work with children." This scholarship like all our university scholarships was made possible because a generous donor stepped forward to underwrite the cost, generally about \$2500 per year. We currently have 5 university scholars, including Faédra. We will not be able to add another this year without a new donor or donors.



**Side View of Faédra's Home**

It is remarkable that someone with such a poverty-stricken background (See her home above) can become a college graduate. She is not only the first member of her family to attend college. She is the first member of her family to actually hold a job for pay! She taught kindergarten for one year in the afternoon while going to school in the morning.



**Graduation Ceremony**

We congratulate her on her achievement. A condition of her scholarship is that she gives back to her community by teaching at least one year for each year of scholarship.

### Other University Scholars

**Emile Maceus**, our executive director graduates in December from Quisqueya University. He has a thesis to finish. **Dieuseul Istache** finishes medical school in January. **Schneider Saint Surin** is at UTESA in the Dominican Republic studying computer engineering. **Lepetit Delmas** is at the University of Miragoâne studying accounting. Each is supported by a generous donor or donors. What a difference in their lives and in the community!

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### Fond Doux Community Clinic



**Community Nurse Ready for Patients**

The biggest project that the Foundation has yet attempted is the Fond Doux Community Clinic. It is off to a good start. The initial plan is to be open every Thursday. During its opening the clinic committee discovered that the interim plan for how much free care to offer was inadequate. The plan had been for all patients to purchase their own medication at cost – usually \$5 to \$6 in American dollars. However, three of the very first four patients were unable to pay for their medications, which meant that it was the same as having no care.



**The Clinic Pharmacy**

This event led to an emergency call to the USA. The decision was to provide the medications nevertheless. However, the Haitian Committee must now go “back to the drawing boards” about how to limit free care. The Foundation does not have the resources to offer totally free care. So, the Haitians are struggling to find the right way to equitably limit free care to the needy of Fond Doux and at the same time charge the people that can pay for their own health care. The FDF will be searching for sponsors to pay for the ongoing expenses not covered, estimated initially at \$1000 per month.



**Patient Examination**

Among the first patients, the two largest complaints were respiratory problems (coughing, sneezing, sore throat) and gastrointestinal problems (vomiting, diarrhea, belly pain). Some came with significant problems. Several patients were referred to a hospital for x-rays and/or lab tests.

Further building improvements to the clinic were made this month. The clinic is a joint project with the Wesleyenne Church of Fond Doux as the clinic building is owned by the Wesleyenne Church. The Foundation requested an agreement that if the Foundation makes further capital expenditures that the Church will continue to use the building for clinic purposes and not non-renew the lease to use it for other purposes. This has now been done, which has opened the doors for further improvements. The Foundation has now repaired a village water pipe and laid pipe to the clinic to enable the clinic to have a good water supply. {See the story in this issue.}

The Foundation is also pursuing solar power as the best way to provide electricity for the clinic and may be getting close to coming to an agreement with the Wesleyenne Church on the manner and means. We desire to use lithium batteries if we can get them to Haiti. They are not presently available in Haiti. Shipping them is highly regulated. The alternative is to use lead batteries. We may need to do so.

### Chicken Farm Update

We have encountered what we hope is a temporary delay in our plans for a chicken farm to provide needed protein in the diet of children in Fond Doux. One hoped for source of start-up funds has fallen through (a local church). Further, the land we hoped to buy did not become available to us. We are looking for another source for the start-up (\$11,000) and a new site. Nothing is easy in Haiti!

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### Joy for Water Source Repair



**Repairing Water Line**

A major side-benefit of the repair to the waterline to bring water to the clinic is that nearby residents also now have a new good source of water! A village waterline pipe bringing water from a village reservoir broke years ago. It had not been repaired.



**Water Source Next to Clinic Building**

Our repair not only allows villages to obtain water at a source next to the clinic but at two other places as well. This greatly reduces the distance some villagers need to go to get water. The Foundation rejoices with the villagers! Had we but known!!



**Villagers at Second Location**

Had we known how little it would actually cost us, we would have done it earlier. The total expenditure both for repairing the water line and for piping the water to the clinic building was less than \$2000 USD. What an incredible benefit for so little money! What a blessing for those villagers! So little can do so much! That could be a motto for us. It was made possible by the contributions of our generous donors. Thank you for your continuing support!



**Third Location**

To be sure, the water to these water stations does not flow all the time; it flows only three times a week for two hours in the morning and two hours in the afternoon. Sometimes they may close one of those days – if the reservoir is low. Then someone comes by the night before and tells some people that the water will not be turned on the next morning. Such are the realities of Haiti! But the ability to get water close at hand is very beneficial! They fill their buckets both morning and afternoon to make it last.

### Bookkeeper-Management Assistant

Eluard Louis, a resident of Petit-Goâve and previously a student at Quisqueya University, was recently hired to become management assistant to our Executive Director Emile Maceus and as our Haitian bookkeeper. He is married and 27 years old. Eluard has the great advantage of speaking excellent English. He studied English both at Wonderful Institute in Petit-Goâve and later at Haitian American Institute in Port-au-Prince, which is considered the best English school in Haiti. With his English language ability, he will be able to facilitate translations and reports.

He also will be the chief bookkeeper for the Fond Doux Community Clinic as well as the Haitian custodian of receipts for all Haitian expenditures of the Foundation. A copy of each is transmitted to the American treasurer.

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### **Eluard Louis Signing Contract**

Eluard comments on the conditions in Haiti: Due to the situation in the country at the moment, everyone is worried. We want to protect our survival because we only live in uncertainty and worry, and these are in all forms. Not only are we afraid in our stomachs, but we are also afraid for our lives, afraid of being robbed. What does it mean to live without tranquility, without joy, without peace?

What I want: I want the foundation to have the competence, the value to exist here, that the foundation continues, and really serves the people of Haiti, the people of Fond-Doux. That's why I dedicate my time and my skills to help them.

### **Ernst Joins the Police Force**

Eluard replaces Ernst Point du Jour, who was previously announced as taking the position of Secretary-bookkeeper and had been introduced in our March issue of the Flyer. However, Ernst was able to obtain the job of national policeman, a position for which he had previously applied. At that time, he said, "I tried to enroll in PNH (Police National d'Haiti)... Unfortunately, I was not selected." But now he has been selected and has chosen to accept that position. We wish Ernst well.

### **Invitation to Become a Sponsor**

The Foundation has a number of people that contribute regularly to one or more of our projects, some monthly on a continuing basis. These people are the "backbone" covering our recurring expenses – scholarships, the Platon School and now the clinic. However, we need a new base to support the clinic. Moreover, we could expand our nutrition program if we had even more such commitments.

**Clinic.** Former Board member Karen Thorson suggests on Facebook finding a group of individuals that would agree to become sponsors of the new clinic by contributing \$35-\$40 per month. 30 such people could cover the costs of our charitable care.

**Nutrition.** If we can add another 30 people we could also cover the costs of nutritional supplements at three schools, Platon, Methodist and Ravine Parc. Right now, we are only able to cover one: The Good Samaritan School at Platon.

Most importantly, we can neither maintain the clinic nor expand the nutrition program without committed supporters. We are deeply grateful for those that currently make our work possible and we sincerely invite others to join the cause.

### **"SO LITTLE CAN DO SO MUCH"**



To learn about our projects or to donate, you may contact the Foundation in a number of ways:

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The Fond Doux Foundation engages friend-to-friend with people in and around the village of Fond Doux, Haiti, helping to provide better access to medical care and health education, improved nutrition through agriculture and animal husbandry, educational scholarships, and intercultural faith-based activities. FDF is a 501(c)3 organization based in Durham, North Carolina.