

The Fond Doux Flyer November 2022

Haiti Paralyzed

Our Haitian partners have told us that the price of gasoline has shot up to 800 to 1200 Haitian dollars per gallon (on the black market). This amounts to the crazy figure of \$35 to \$50 (US dollars) per gallon depending on time and place. The major factor is that the roads have been blocked with barricades by protestors and gangs preventing its distribution. The combination of the cost of gasoline and the many blockades have totally paralyzed transportation and caused severe shortages of food, gas and water. The only transportation possible appears to be with small motorcycles with the ability to bypass roadblocks and gangs. Normal public transportation cannot function.



Virtually the Only Transportation

Unfortunately, the lack of transportation also closed our clinic for much of September and October (now reopened). Our nurse could not get to Fond Doux and our back-up nurse, who lives in Fond Doux, was trapped in Port-au-Prince for a long time. Further, just as we have received the money to proceed (see later articles), with several construction projects, they are also now on temporary hold until the transportation situation improves. The country is in tremendous crisis – the worst since the earthquake with outbreaks of cholera, starving people and the closing of schools, some hospitals and most economic activity, but without international assistance. Perhaps this will change soon.

Our Response to the Crisis

At the request of our Executive Director, the Foundation made a grant of \$1500 to provide emergency food for the vulnerable (starving people) in Fond Doux that have no food of their own and were unable to purchase any because of the paralyzed economy and transportation. On October 12, our

Executive Director Emile Maceus was able to purchase rice in Petit-Goâve. When he talked to the vendor, the vendor called a friend of his, who came with a pick-up truck. What? No one drives a truck with these gasoline prices! He was miraculously able to transport the rice to Emile's home. At the market place a very friendly previously unknown individual named Jean Jean helped them to load the truck. Surprisingly and providentially they were able to proceed without incident!



Jean Jean Loading Truck with Rice

The next day Emile was able to purchase beans and oil. Distribution took place on Sunday October 16th with over 100 families receiving food. Among those preparing for and helping in the distribution were Eluard Louis, Sarah Pierre Louis, Sandra Pierre Louis, Ancito Gene, Rosemarie Fontenel, Venelson Vitelus, Marie Vitelus and Executive Director Emile Maceus.



October 16th Food Distribution

With cholera breaking out in the country, our Haitian staff and volunteers are also working on a plan to prevent its outbreak in Fond Doux through education and distribution of soap and other supplies. Finally, the Haitians have found a way to reopen the clinic to give the residents some measure of health care although the diagnostic laboratory is not yet open.

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“DREAMS ARE BECOMING TRUE” Solar Power for Fond Doux



Solar Display at 10th Anniversary Celebration

One of the features of the 10th Anniversary celebration of the Foundation was a display of solar power. The picture here shows two examples of lighting. One is the small portable study lamp, which has a very small solar panel. They last about 10 hours per night if the panel is charged during the day. Lamps have been distributed to some students that have no electricity at home. More can be used (approximately \$30 per lamp).



Studying with a Solar Lamp.

The second lamp was run from the solar panel at the back of the display. It runs from the battery behind the lamp (virtually invisible in the display picture).

Jim Johnson explained that we are planning on a solar system like this to power the necessary lights, fans and refrigeration at the Fond Doux Community Clinic.



Battery and Converter

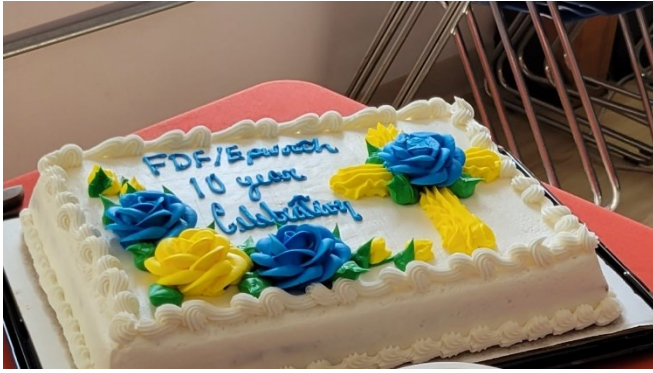
The plan includes places for villagers to charge their phones and/or computers. Gifts of \$3500 for this solar project were received at the celebration and following. Combined with the nearly \$4000 on hand previously designated for this purpose, these gifts will enable us to add solar electric power for the clinic. **Total gifts for the anniversary celebration were \$7,918. Thank you. Thank you, donors.**



Example of a Latrine with Solar Panels on Roof

The board has also authorized the building of a restroom (toilet building) upon which the solar panels will be placed. To the extent needed, special donations toward the toilet building will be augmented with undesigned contributions to the general fund to finance this project. These two improvements, together with the diagnostic laboratory (already paid for but not yet open) will complete most of the planned improvements to our clinic facilities. A big reason to celebrate! Thanks be to God! Thank you again, donors!

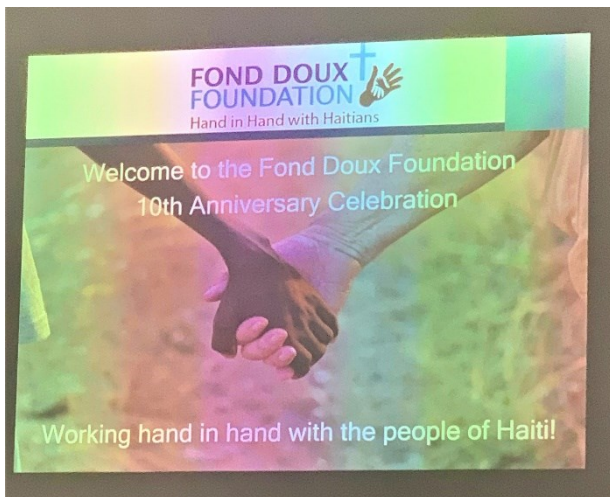
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10th Anniversary White Cake



10th Anniversary Chocolate Cake



10th Anniversary Slide Show



President Libby and Treasurer Brent

News from Dieuseul Istache



Dieuseul Istache is a medical student on a Fond Doux Foundation scholarship. He is in his final year of medical school taking his final rotation at Jacmel Hospital in Jacmel, Haiti. He is expecting to graduate in January, 2023. Unlike American medical students, he is already usually called Dr. Istache (although not yet graduated from medical school) because he is already treating patients in an intern setting. Like American medical interns he works very long hours. He works from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM Monday through Friday and then works nights Saturday and Sunday night 6:00 PM to 5:00 AM. Thus, he works 77 hours a week including 21 hours Sunday night through to Monday night (with only a three-hour nap time). He promised to give us more details when he can find the time. We wonder -- with that schedule, when will that be?

It costs about \$2500 to \$3500 a year to send a student to a university including room, board, transportation and tuition. Presently we have 5 students, including one who just graduated. Two more will be graduating soon. We would like to provide other students a university education We have many on a waiting list. Students receiving an education are expected to give back to the community. Could you become a sponsor?

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New Arrivals



Emily Holly Bithny Maceus

Emily Holly Bithny was successfully delivered by cesarean operation on October 5th at the hospital in Miragoâne, Haiti. Nadine and Emile Maceus are the proud parents of the beautiful baby girl after a difficult pregnancy. Mother Nadine is recuperating. Father Emile Maceus is the Executive Director of the Fond Doux Foundation.



Eud Miller Steinbeck Brown Louis

Eud Miller Steinbeck Brown was born on October 8th at the Fond des Blancs Hospital. The parents are Mila and Eluard Louis. The delivery was difficult but mother and baby are doing fine. Labor began midnight October 7th. The baby boy was delivered 16 hours later. The parents went to the hospital on Sunday night October 2nd to await delivery to avoid roadblocks. Father Eluard Louis is the bookkeeper- management assistant for the Fond Doux Foundation.

We wish both sets of parents many blessings and pray for wisdom in the days and years ahead!

“MORE DREAMS BECOMING TRUE”

Land Purchase

On October 26th, the Fond Doux Foundation completed the purchase of land across the road from the Methodist Church. This is the first step in fulfilling another dream – the erection of a community center/school in cooperation with Methodists in New York and the Methodist Church of Fond Doux.

The building will be general-purpose and is conceived to contain a restroom, a storage area and a food prep/kitchen area. Initial plans are to use part of the building for a library. It also incorporates a septic field for organic waste digestion. This building is planned to be used as a school in the mornings to relieve the overcrowded conditions in the Methodist School. Community meetings/training, and potentially a day care, festivals, trade school, and other celebrations or events will be held in the afternoon or evenings.

High School Scholarships

Because of the generosity of several Foundation donors a number of students will be able to attend high school this year, whose parents are unable to pay their expenses. Among these are Rosemarie Fontenel, Anecheca Jean and Lorvinsky Bogelin graduates from Hope for Tomorrow School in Ravine Parc and Romendia Sylvestre, a graduate of the Good Samaritan School in Platon. Rikenlove Boutoute and Japhcanie Alexis also have received high school scholarships. Emergency assistance (for uniform, shoes or tuition) was provided several other students as well.

“SO LITTLE CAN DO SO MUCH”

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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.