

## The Fond Doux Flyer March 2023

### Seeking Invitations

On January 15<sup>th</sup> and February 19<sup>th</sup>, the board of the Fond Doux Foundation met to consider the next steps for the Foundation. A very important step is to broaden the base of funding for the Foundation. At the present time we are far too dependent upon a small (tiny) group of key supporters. The loss or death of anyone of them could cause severe financial difficulties for our work. Establishing a secure broader base of financial support is essential. The Foundation is hoping to find groups, churches and organizations that will commit to continuing support as well as individuals.



**Presentation on Fond Doux Foundation**

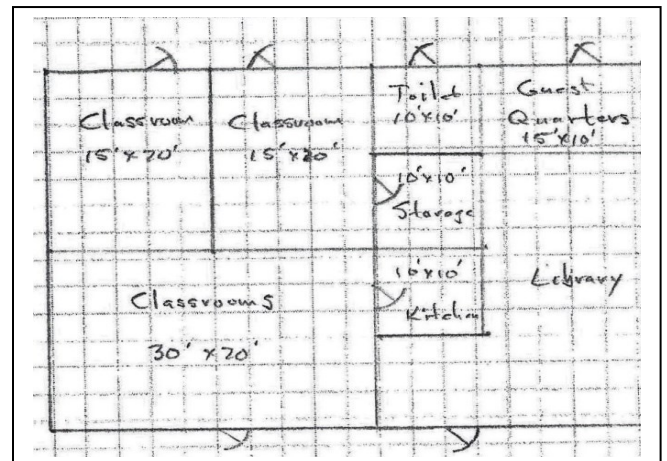
This is particularly important in order to fund our clinic (Fond Doux Community Clinic) and our school (The Good Samaritan School of Platon). We have ongoing expenses for salaries and supplies and for nutritional supplements for the children (Vita Mamba) at the school. We would like to develop stable sources of income that commit to regular giving so that we know that we can continue these programs and expand them well into the future. You can help us, by inviting us to give programs in your church or for an organization or a group of which you are a part. We would love to tell the story of our work in Fond Doux. Invite us. How to contact us can be found at the end of this newsletter.

### Capital Funds Sought

This year we are also especially looking for capital gifts for two projects, a latrine at our clinic and a new community center on our newly purchased land. Here we will hold community programs and house part of the Methodist School.

**Clinic Latrine/Solar Electric System.** A public rest room is essential for the clinic. Final costs for the restroom depend upon whether we develop a septic system. Our preliminary estimate for the rest room is that it should be under \$10,000 although we actually have an estimate of \$25,000. We have almost \$3000 on hand and thus are looking for an additional \$7000 or more to complete this project. Solar panels will be installed on the roof for electrical power for the clinic. Fortunately, we have now received sufficient money for the solar system. Thank you, special donors. We expect these two projects to be completed this year (2023).

**Community Center/School.** This project is the most expensive part of proposed development on the land that we own north of the Methodist Church of Fond Doux. It represents our commitment to a long-term partnership with the Methodist Church and its school as well as to the community. The Methodist School has approximately 100 students crowded into one room which also serves as a worship center. Our proposed building may be built in stages, depending upon how quickly we can raise the funds to erect the building. Plans call for a building that will have four class rooms and a library as well as other amenities.



**Preliminary Drawing for a Community Center**

We have raised or set aside \$12,000 toward the first phase of this \$80,000+ project. If we are successful in raising what we need, we hope to build at least the first phase of this project in 2024. Whether that happens obviously depends upon finding the finances. Some four or five figure donations would go a long way toward meeting our goal, but many small donations can get us there also. Everything helps. Encourage your friends to learn about the need in Haiti and learn of our work. A well and a toilet are phase two or really phase one B & C. Once again, we hope to use solar power.

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### Congratulations -- Graduates

The Foundation has over the years given several students a scholarship to attend a university. During 2022, two students, Faédra Olivier, and Dieuseul Istache, completed their university education.

**Faédra Olivier.** Last year, we reported on Faédra's graduation from Emile Durkheim Normal School. She is now teaching in Vialet, Haiti the village immediately east of Fond Doux and the location of a market place for much of Fond Doux.

**Dieuseul Istache.** Dieuseul Istache is graduating from Université Royale d'Haiti with a medical degree. He spent the last seven months of medical school serving as an intern in Jacmel, Haiti hospital. He still needs a year of social service for the Department of Health -- the last step before he can "hang out his shingle" as a licensed physician.



**Dr. Dieuseul Istache**

Asked about his recent experience in Jacmel, this is what he said:

"Today, I am very happy with the steps I have taken. I thank the great God of the universe for everything. Talking about my experience in Jacmel is the result. Everything I had on my plate (He had earlier reported

on long working hours) was because I love medicine. I spent almost 7 months at the Saint Michel Hospital in Jacmel in several different departments such as emergency, maternity, internal medicine, pediatrics and orthopedics. I practiced well in these services and I succeeded in all these services.

And now I am waiting for the social service in order to receive my license. While waiting for this service, I give my support to the Notre Dame hospital in Petit Goave. Concerning graduation, we have not yet set a date due to the insecurity in the capital. We are being careful, Once the date is set, I will let you know.

I say a big thanks to my big brother Brent Engel and the other people who have contributed to my success, even if it's not over yet. I have a road to travel, I need your prayers daily."

**Venelson Vitelus.** A different type of milestone was reached by Venelson Vitelus. On February 12th, he graduated from the Simple English School in Miragoâne. He is the son of Marie-Janine Vitelus and serves sometimes as a reporter for this newsletter. He joins his high school classmate Jowasky Saint Surin as SES alumni, whose SES graduation we reported last year. Both are in their 13<sup>th</sup> and final grade of traditional school. Like European countries, Haiti requires 13 years of schooling to obtain a high school diploma.

### Scholarship Donors Sought

Presently the Foundation is providing university scholarships to 3 students: **Schneider Saint Surin** is a student at PUCMM (Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra), a university in the Dominican Republic, majoring in computer engineering. **Dawine Delmas** is a student at Centre Universitaire de Developpement Intégré in Miragoâne, majoring in accounting. **Ancitho Gene**, our most recent addition, is studying at Ecole Normale de Petit-Goâve, majoring in education.

We also would like to offer a scholarship to Johnson Louis, our Bible story leader in the Saturday Club, who is interested in becoming a teacher. To offer this scholarship requires a donor (or donors) to provide \$6,000 over a three-year period. To add other deserving high school graduates a university education may cost between \$2000 to \$3000 per year. Recipients would be chosen by a Haitian Committee. We do not offer scholarships unless we have pledged donors.



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### Clinic Emergency

The Fond Doux Clinic is not a hospital and usually treats people with fevers, rashes and mild disorders (more like a doctor's office); but on one recent day, the clinic served as an emergency room for a young man injured by a machete. It occurred up the mountain at Trou Chouchou, which is the region on the way to Platon immediately north of Fond Doux, called the third section of Petit-Goâve. He was taken to the nearest place for treatment which turned out to be the Fond Doux Community Clinic. He had lost a lot of blood. The clinic does not store blood, but it did have IV solution to restore body fluid.



**Nurse Vava & IV with Patient after Bandaging**

### Cooperation Begins

A pregnancy Program sponsored by Angela Lewis of Edmund, Oklahoma and administered by Michaëlle Sainatus of Fond Doux began meeting in the clinic building on January 26<sup>th</sup> with 14 pregnant women enrolled. They meet in room three to receive medical check-ups and education each week. They also receive pre-natal vitamins and other nutritional supplements as needed to try to ensure healthy babies.

Because many Haitian women suffer from chronic malnutrition, many children are born underweight and have a high mortality rate. This program is designed to give the children a good start in life by being born healthy. Funds are raised by Angela Lewis. It is costing the Foundation only the use of the building. Our nurse will follow them after the birth of their children. We are glad to be participating in this cooperative project. The Foundation welcomes this program into the clinic.

### Ophthalmologists

Executive Director Emile Maceus arranged for a group of Ophthalmologists from Leogane to come to the Fond Doux Community Clinic for a one-day eye clinic on February 4<sup>th</sup>. It is the beginning of a cooperative arrangement for the clinic to have access to eye care for the village of Fond Doux. Thirty-four people were seen. The Foundation paid for the treatment fee for 10 patients, who could not afford the cost.



**Consulting with the Eye-doctor**



**Ready to Read**

### School Children Receive Check Ups

Children from four Fond Doux Schools (Methodist, Wesleyenne, Capois la Mort, and Ravine Parc) are receiving medical check-ups from our nurse. The program began February 1<sup>st</sup>. The children walk with their teachers from their school to the clinic where they are provided a free medical exam to catch small problems before they became big.

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**Children from the Methodist School**

The check-ups were arranged with the principals of the four schools by Emile Maceus, our Executive Director.



**Measuring the Height**

### **Agricultural Project**

Every year when Dr. Libby Engel, a veterinarian, went to Haiti, she would set a time to deworm goats. The Haitians assisted. Now the Haitians do this themselves. Recently Emile Maceus, Dave Stevenson Michael and Ernst Point du Jour went to Platon to deworm some goats. They dewormed 35 goats and plan to return to

do more. The timing of the trip was not so great as they went when there was drought and many farmers had untied their goats so they could scavenge better for the scarce vegetation to eat. The Foundation regularly serves the village of Platon as well as Fond Doux.



**Ernst, Emile & Dave**



**Deworming the Goats**

### **“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.