



Proposed Campus Plan

Our Present Challenge

The Foundation purchased land north of the Methodist Church of Fond Doux, our main Haitian partner, for future development. The land was purchased with funds donated solely for that purpose. The center of this new development will be a school/community center to house a major portion of the Methodist school in the mornings and serve as a community center after the school day is over.

The school was founded in 2012. The main reason for its creation was the large number of children that did not go to school because their parents could not afford to pay for their schooling. A second reason was a lack of kids in the church. The Church saw that if they had a school, affiliated with the church, those kids would come to the church, learn to serve God and find interest in the activities organized by the church. This has proven in fact to be true.

Presently, however, the school of 100 students is crowded into the sanctuary of the Church with classes from pre-school through the 6th grade. The school is in desperate need of a building of its own in order to

create a more favorable educational environment. The Foundation is committed to making this a reality. But it is a challenge.



Methodist Church of Fond Doux

The first phase of the project is the most daunting – raising \$80,000 USD to build the main building. We have \$20,000 now on hand for this purpose. We need to raise an additional \$60,000 for this first phase.

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Unfortunately, our donor base is quite small. It will require sacrificial donations from present donors and probably new donors as well. We pray that God will touch the hearts of enough people to make this happen. Are you one of them? Pray with us, please!

The proposed building will consist of four classrooms. Two of the class rooms will probably have a folding partition between them to enable them to be opened into a larger assembly area for community events. Architectural drawings have not yet been made. The design is still flexible, but present thoughts are that the proposed library will also be attached. Solar panels will be installed on the roof to provide reliable electricity.

Nurse Vava Has Twins



Nurse Vava Explaining Cholera

On Thursday October 5th, Nurse Myrdred called Eluard Louis, the clinic director, to say that she would not be able to be present that day for the clinic session because of a medical emergency. She needed to take her sister, Valerie Delva, better known as Nurse Vava, to the hospital because she was in painful labor with twins. Thus, Myrdred took Vava to Boniface Hospital in Fond des Blancs as a precautionary measure.

When they arrived at the hospital, however, there was no bed for Vava. She was eventually able to see a nurse, who examined her and said that her cervix opening was too small for birth to take place. The twins were fine. She continued in labor. Six hours later she was examined again by a nurse (no beds yet available) who told her that the twins were still fine. However, about 5:00PM the doctor was finally able to examine her and said that one of the babies had an irregular heart beat

and that they should prepare immediately for an emergency cesarean operation.

They discovered that the hospital was lacking certain surgical instruments and they ran out of surgical thread following the operation. (We did not hear how they actually managed to overcome that problem.) One of the twins required resuscitation. Despite this ordeal, in the end both babies and mother are fine and the next day they were discharged from the hospital.

Nurse Vava served as our nurse at the Fond Doux Community Clinic January through July of this year when our regular nurse, her sister Nurse Myrdred, was on medical leave. We are much relieved and grateful that all survived the multiple problems and are now at home. We wish mother and sons well.

Additional Classroom at Platon



Stand Alone Room on the Left

The school at Platon is one of the major projects of the Fond Doux Foundation. It serves 58 students pre-school through the 6th grade. Last school year we added a fifth teacher to the school, but we had only 4 classrooms. A new classroom was built and is pictured on the left.

The whole school building is a make shift building made with canvas, metal roofing and plywood. Without a doubt, providing a better facility for the school is a great need and is part of our long-range plans. Unfortunately, there are many other pressing projects that come before this particular one. This includes a building for the Methodist School and finding a way to keep the Ravine Parc School open.

In the meantime, we did create a room for the new teacher. The canvas siding of the old building was also replaced with sheet metal. Thank you, donors.

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Clinic Business



Removing a Pin from his Foot

The Fond Doux Clinic receives a variety of patients. Recently, a man came to the clinic with a broken-off pin stuck in his foot. The nurse needed to anesthetize the area to dig it out. We were glad we could deal with it.



Virgil Merlens Referred

Sometimes, the clinic is unable to deal with the problem. This young lad was referred to an orthopedist because of birth deformities of his legs.

School Future in Doubt



Hope for Tomorrow School

Members of our Haitian staff and associates have urged the Foundation to find support for the School for Tomorrow in Ravine Parc, up the mountain from Fond Doux. Most of the 100 primary school children (K thru 6th) come from very poor families that will lose the possibility for an education if it closes. For the last two years we have provided a very limited (tiny) support. Now, it is reported that the school is unable to pay the teachers (now two months in arrearage). The principal had been selling logs to support the school. Apparently, this source of money has sharply fallen. The teachers have been telling the Principal Noel Joseph that they cannot continue to teach without pay as they need to supply food and clothing for their own families. The school probably needs about \$6,000 USD to survive and \$12,000 USD to prosper. These are small amounts by US standards, but presently not available to us or them.

The school is the location of our Ravine Parc English Club for which we recently authorized extension of the Vita Mamba nutrition program to the 60 members of the club because of hunger problems of its members. However, the implementation of this program has been delayed because of difficulties in getting the Vita Mamba. It is made in Northern Haiti and the warehouse is in Port-au-Prince. The club was organized by Ancito Gene, a former teacher in the school, who lives at Ravine Parc. The director of English Club curriculum is Eluard Louis, the assistant director of the Foundation.

The Foundation supplied \$600 USD to the school this Fall from a donation earmarked for the school. More is needed.

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Shoes for School



Some of the shoes

Students from Ravine Parc need to walk several miles to attend high school in Fond Doux (7th grade through 13th grade). Early in October, Ancito Gene, one of our Haitian partners, took a group of our supported students shoe-and-clothing shopping.



Ravine Parc HS Students

These students (left to right) are Miquel Belarbe, Rosemarie Fontenel, Lorvensky Bogelin, Anecheca Jean, Danaïca Elva, and Nosline Anoriscar.

Handwashing Stations

Thanks to the generosity of Scott Greg, the Foundation is installing handwashing stations at the Fond Doux Community Clinic and at the Wesleyenne, Methodist, La Bonne Semence, Pastor Vinelon, Capois La Mort, Centre D'Amour, and Ravine Parc Schools. We hope also to place one at the Platon School.

This is the second attempt at establishing handwashing stations. Earlier, Scott had helped build some wooden stations in a couple of locations, but they were damaged by vandalism and theft. These will be sturdier and should be able to withstand vandalism.

Handwashing is difficult to maintain without handwashing stations because of the lack of running water and bleach or soap. The schools are agreeing to provide the bleach or soap. Handwashing is the first line of defense against many diseases, especially typhoid and cholera which periodically sweep the community (and nation).

Street Lights in Platon

Last month we reported that the purchase of a couple of street lights for the village of Platon had been authorized by the board, so that children had an opportunity to study after dark. We can now report that the lights have been purchased and are awaiting word of their erection. The Platon villagers themselves are planning to erect the lights. This is a cooperative effort by the Foundation and the villagers.

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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.