

The Fond Doux Flyer December 2023

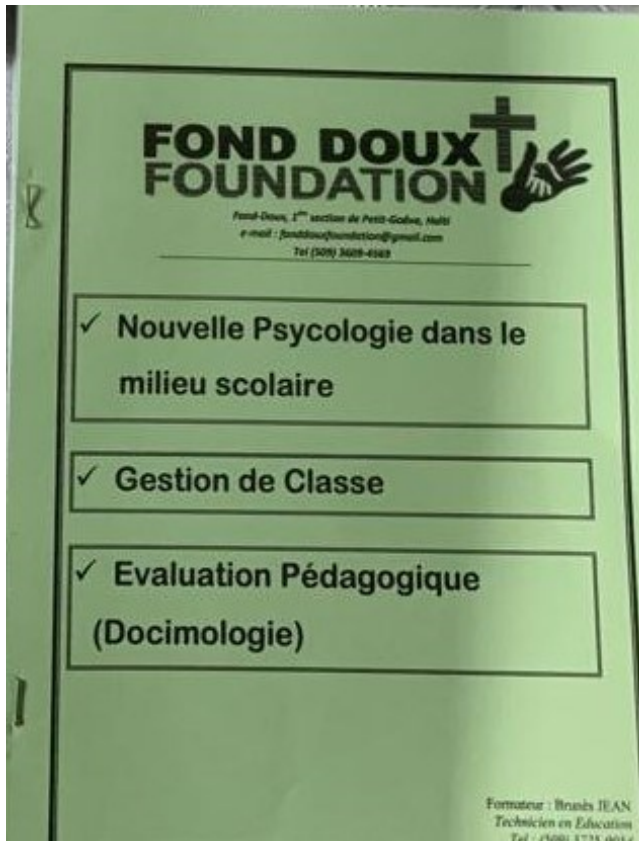
Teacher Training

The Fond Doux Foundation is the primary sponsor of the Good Samaritan School of Platon and has working relations with the Methodist School of Fond Doux and the Hope for Tomorrow School of Ravine Parc. On Wednesday November 1st through Friday November 3rd the FDF sponsored training for the teachers in these three schools. Participants also included the teachers of English in our Ravine Parc English Club as well. Some teachers in other schools also attended one or more days.

Each day began with a prayer and a word of welcome followed by the participants expression of their expectations.

Education. He lives in Violet. Each day ended with the students' evaluation of the events of that day.

Many of the teachers in these schools lack formal teacher education. So, teacher training is a necessary part of our design for quality education for the students at all three schools. This is the second year that we invited the teachers from the Methodist School and those at Ravine Parc School to join in the training sponsored by the Foundation for the teachers at the Platon school. The training was held at the Methodist Church of Fond Doux.



Assembled Packet of Information

Topics for the first day included school rules and a new (changing) psychology for the school environment. A discussion began on class management. The second day continued the topic of class management and a discussion began on educational evaluation or testing. On day three there were workshops on the science of testing and a variety ways of testing were explored. The presenter was Brunessa Jean from the Technologies of



Teachers as Students on Day One

Members of the Methodist Church headed by Lovely Felix, Vice-Principal of the Methodist School, arranged a dinner each day for the participants. Our executive Director Emile Maceus arranged the training.



Graduates of 2023 Teacher Training

Teachers that attended the complete training event (all three days) received certificates. These are highly valued by the teachers.

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Emergency Food Distribution



Fond Doux -- November 23rd, 2023

Haiti has been plagued for many years with people suffering from malnutrition and hunger. This year has seen a significant rise in the number of hungry people. The nation has been hit with hyperinflation of over 40%. Not only has inflation in the United States created a problem, but the steady rise in gang violence and the conflict with the Dominican Republic have multiplied the problems of obtaining food. The Dominican Republic used to provide many fresh farm products for the village markets, especially eggs; but the closed border with them has severely limited this source of food, sharply raising food costs. The Executive Director Emile Maceus asked us to provide an emergency food distribution as he was aware of many hungry people, especially hungry children. On Thursday November 23rd, Thanksgiving Day, a distribution was made in Fond Doux and on November 25th in Ravine Parc. It was made possible only by our generous donors.



Ravine Parc -- November 25th

Childhood Malnutrition



Malnourished Child at Fond Doux Clinic

Recently a child was brought to the Fond Doux Clinic with severe malnutrition caused by his parents' inability to afford food for their children. The great tragedy is that the parents came to Fond Doux to seek a better life. They were told by a trusted friend that there was a job for them in Fond Doux. When they arrived, however, they were told that the job had already been filled, but that they had another job for the parents in a school. Unfortunately, the different job also turned out to be ill-fated. School jobs in Haiti have small pay and schools are notorious for not paying their employees all of their promised pay. This turned out to be true again. Meanwhile, the child became severely malnourished. A Genuine tragedy!

Although the clinic has been preparing to treat such emergencies, the needed medication, Medika Mamba, was on back order when the child arrived. The child needed to be referred elsewhere until the therapeutic food could be obtained. The clinic staff, however, continues to follow up to see that the child is being taken care of. Treatment for malnutrition of Haitian children has been spearheaded by "Meds and Food for Kids," a Haitian based NGO from whom the Foundation purchases nutritional supplies.

The Foundation not only can now treat severely malnourished children at the clinic, but it provides a nutritional supplement Vita Mamba for all children at the school in Platon, the Methodist kindergarten in Fond Doux and the English Club in Ravine Parc in order to prevent it. It costs \$50 per child per year!

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Medical Emergency



Charlotte Fanfan – Severely Ill

Charlotte Fanfan was rushed to the hospital in Miragoâne on November 14th by our Executive Director, Emile Maceus, when she was found ill and too weak to stand. She underwent diagnostic tests and was found severely anemic, had a urinary infection and a kidney problem along with several other serious conditions. A neighbor is taking care of her children. A different neighbor stayed with her at the hospital. Thank you, neighbors! The Foundation has been assisting her in some way since she arrived in Fond Doux after fleeing the gang-infested Carrefour district of Port-au-Prince two years ago. She has had her share of misfortune over the years.

A Difficult Life

Charlotte was raised by her godmother whom she thought was her birth mother until she overheard someone else talking about the situation. But as she recalls, she otherwise had a good childhood. She had food to eat. She went to school. She had a good life until her godmother died.

But when her godmother died, she needed to fend for herself. She moved from place to place until she found a home with a woman that ran a restaurant, who gave her a place to stay, food to eat and necessary clothes in exchange for working for her. But the woman's husband kept hassling her to have sex with him. She did not want to tell the woman about it, because she had no other place to go. However, when the situation

became very difficult, a friend suggested she knew a way to better herself. Charlotte agreed without further asking. She moved in with a voodoo priest. Unfortunately, that situation was even worse. He actually forced her to have sex with him telling her, "This is how we can please the spirit and get a better chance in life." When she became pregnant, he made her take some medicinal plants that caused her to miscarry. She later did have a child.

Eventually she found a man interested in her. She fell in love and moved in with him. Things were looking up and she was happy and had two children. Life was "smiling again." But one day, he did not come home from work. She never found out what happened to him, He just was gone! It was also just before the yearly rent was due. She could not pay it and had no choice but to move out. She sold all her furniture to get some money and moved in with another man to have a place to live.

This home was not in a good neighborhood. It took her a while to get used to the sound of gunfire. Her new man had a job at a bus station and left early in the morning and came home late at night. One night when returning home from work at night, he found himself at exactly the wrong place. He was killed in a crossfire between some gangsters and the police. She was 5/6 month pregnant.

After giving birth and terrified by the gangs, the place became untenable. Taking only the clothes on her back and no money, she fled. Some very kind people helped her with bus fare for her and her 4 children including the very young child. Her only thought was to get out of there – any place else. She had no destination, but the bus she took was toward Miragoâne. The bus broke down in Fond Doux and she found her way to the Primitive Church of Fond Doux the next morning. She told her story to the Church.

The Church decided to help her. They found temporary housing. The Foundation gave some food and medical care. Then with the help of the Foundation, they found what was thought to be a more permanent room for her and a job at the school. Life was looking up again.

Unfortunately, further trauma was to afflict the family. First, the employment turned out to be a mirage. She did not get paid. So, she quit. Charlotte was untrained and found no other employment. The Foundation continued to provide food for her and her family.

However, problems were to become much worse again. Our best understanding of what happened is

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Clinic News

that the school teacher of her oldest child brought a ring to school. She put her ring in a bag and it disappeared! The teacher was convinced that Charlotte's son took the ring and took it home with him. Charlotte, however, maintains that the accusation was entirely false, that her son had not in fact stolen the ring. She made a big issue of it. However, both boys were expelled from school.

But that was still not the end of the matter. Not only did she not get paid, not only were her children expelled from school, but she confronted her landlord with what she considered a major a problem. Nasty words were apparently exchanged. The story has not been fully shared, but the family was expelled from their room. She was homeless again. She and her family found temporary shelter by living with a friend in a miserable house not fit for one family not alone two. However, the Foundation purchased some land for her (real cheap) and with the help of friends she erected a tent, as a first step toward providing a place that can finally be her own.



Charlotte Fanfan's Home

This is where she was living when she found herself ill and Emile Maceus, our Executive Director rushed her to the hospital. She is now at home, has medication and is recovering. By the grace of God, we hope that good fortune will finally strike Charlotte and her family. The two school-age children are now attending the Christian Academy, Ecole de Jesus, with Foundation support. Her prayers and our prayers will be and are being answered with your help.

Matching Donations

If you are planning a donation to the Fond Doux Foundation and are employed, ask your employer to match your donation. Many employers will!



Sheelove Spen Mauril and Mother Daniella

Daniella Mauril brought her six-month-old daughter to our clinic because she was sick with a fever. The nurse was able to treat that, but she also discovered that Sheelove has a congenital abnormality of the left lower limb known as congenital short femur or hypoplasia of the femur. It is completely treatable if taken care of before the age of one. She was referred to a hospital for further treatment. However, the hospital is in Carrefour, a gang infested section of Port-au-Prince. She has not been able to go to the hospital for the testing or treatment. Local hospitals do not have the expertise. Alternatives are being explored. Pray!

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