

Progress on Fund Drives

School/Center	-- goal \$80,000 --	\$33,000
Clinic Latrine	-- goal \$ 8,000 --	\$ 5,888
House Fund	-- goal \$ 5,500 --	\$ 3,635

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Strike Affects Fond Doux

On Wednesday, January 17th, we received this message from our assistant Director Eluard Louis:

“FYI: Since Monday, the country has been on strike. We can say that this affects all activities, no businesses are open. The markets are almost empty. Schools are not working. Thank goodness we don't have a protest where we live, but it feels like we do due to the fact that everyone stays at home. Positive points: The streets are accessible. There are no demonstrations in Fond Doux, no streets have been blocked. Some places like Les Cayes are more motivated, . . . the streets are blocked, quite a few demonstrators have been seen.”

Gang violence has long affected travel to Port-au-Prince, but now the road through Les Cayes and also Miragoâne is also affected by the demonstrations. This increases the isolation. Earlier in January some visitors from the US had visited Fond Doux by going through Les Cayes. Now this route is blocked also.

Correction

In last month's Fond Doux Flyer, we incorrectly reported that Vita Mamba had replaced other snacks at the Ravine Parc English Club. The report was pre-mature as we had anticipated the arrival of the shipment of Vita Mamba. In fact, the Vita Mamba pick-up did not actually take place. It is manufactured in Northern Haiti and transported to a warehouse in Port-au-Prince, but gangs control a portion of the road between Port-au-Prince and Fond Doux (Carrefour). We made 6 attempts to pick up the precious cargo, but each was aborted because of an active blockade of traffic except for one attempt aborted by the need for vehicle repair. We will arrange the pick-up when it becomes possible. We have 80 boxes already paid for.



Demonstration in Carrefour, Port-au-Prince

Cholera Hits Again

The Foundation received word that one of the high school students sponsored by the Foundation was recently afflicted with cholera. On the morning of the onslaught, around 4:00 AM, he began vomiting and had severe diarrhea. His brother rushed him to Sainte-Thérèse Hospital in Miragoâne. He was diagnosed with cholera, a disease caused by unclean drinking water, more specifically water contaminated by cholera bacteria from run-off from human feces of people suffering with the disease. The disease is fatal less than 1% of the time if treated swiftly, but left untreated can be fatal up to 50% to 60% of the time. The Foundation was contacted to provide some emergency help.



Cholera Patient

Cholera is rare in the US, but is common in areas without proper sanitation. Unfortunately, a large segment of the Haitian population including those in the Fond Doux area do not have access to proper restroom facilities and relieve themselves on the open ground, creating the conditions for cholera to swiftly spread.

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Last month we announced plans for the erection of a restroom at the Fond Doux Clinic sponsored by the Foundation. We have been planning this for well over a year, but have needed to scale back the design several times to accommodate available money. More ambitious designs were too expensive.

Using proper sanitation facilities, providing clean drinking water and the practice of handwashing are the chief means of prevention. The Foundation has been instrumental in trying to arrange all three. In 2022, the Foundation repaired a water line near the clinic. Last year and this, it has been working on handwashing stations. The new restroom attacks another source of the problem. Thank you, donors.

Dry Homes



Christella Julsaint's Leaking Roof

There are many houses with bad roofs in Fond Doux. The Fond Doux Foundation was able to waterproof two homes because they recently received a gift for roof repairs. One house was the home of Christella Sylvester Julsaint, our community health worker.

Christella's words after the repair:

"Thank you. Thank you is even not enough to say for this support. I am very happy to see the roof is repaired. When it rained, we knew some very difficult periods. We couldn't leave the house when we expected rain because everyone in this house knew how bad it would be. There must be someone in the house to try to avoid our stuff getting wet from the rain, because the roof was heavily damaged. Again, thank you to the FDF who heard

my voice and came to help. I will forever be grateful for this. May God bless the FDF and everyone who contributed!"



Repairing Roof of Christella Julsaint

The other house was the home of two of our high school supported students, Anecheca Jean and Rosemarie Fontenel. Although their house was not as bad, water also got into their home when it rained. In each case, the basic structure of the house was relatively stable. Repair was possible.



Home of Anecheca Jean

However, sometimes the walls are not solid or stable. The only possible solution is to build a new house. At one time the Foundation had a goal of erecting a new house every year but never succeeded. We have actually built three and help repair several.

The three homes that we built were two-room homes. The last cost around \$11,000 USD. This is very cheap by US standards, but very expensive as a percentage of our gross income. Thus, we have limited our building to only what is earmarked for the projects. We have a number of homes that we wish to replace with tiny one-room homes.

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Home of Charlotte Fanfan

We expect to replace this tent with a tiny home as soon as we have the funds. A small, dry, sturdy house is far superior than a small unstable wet one. We inquired how much it would cost to build a small one-room house. The estimate came back at \$5,500. So far, we have raised \$3635 in cash and pledges. When we have the funds, we will build additional small homes, hers and others. Please specify Housing Fund to help with your donation.

Home for Dave Stevenson Michael



Dave, Sandy and Daphcamaëlle

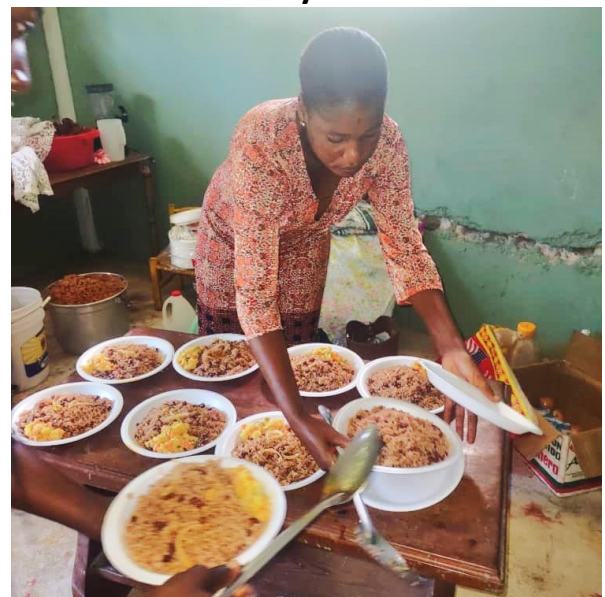
Dave is our night watchman at the Fond Doux Community Clinic. He and his wife Sandy have a six-month old baby. This past month, he was notified that the house in which he has been living was being put up for sale and he had one month to vacate the premises. Two years ago, he started to build himself a home. However, his income is very meager and the best that he could do was almost (but not quite) complete a foundation for his home.



Partially Complete Foundation

Now, he needs to find a place to live in a month. He contacted our Executive Director to see if we could help him buy building materials with either a loan or a grant. He and his friends would build the home. We agreed to help him with materials

Holiday Meals



Serving Fond Doux Christmas Meal

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For the last three years the Foundation has served a Community Christmas Meal in collaboration with the Methodist Church of Fond Doux, and previously to that in connection with the Primitive Church of Fond Doux. Members of the Methodist Church prepare and serve the meal. This is a way to make the holidays festive. When people have so little, a meal is a way to be happy, especially when food is scarce and people are often hungry. The meal took place on December 26th, 2023. They served 400 people.



Christmas Meal

The Foundation has also provided a New Year's meal for the students, families and staff of the Good Samaritan School of Platon. This was arranged by Pastor Jonas Pierre, administrator of the school.

For the second year, we also funded a meal for the families, students, and guests of the English Club in Ravine Parc. This was arranged by Ancito Gene and Venelson Vitelus, teachers with the club. It was held on December 30th, 2023. The students presented a program.

Afterwards the teachers said: "First of all, we greet each of the members of your mission for Haiti, more precisely, the board of the Fond Doux Foundation. We don't have any words to explain and show you how happy we are for the time that we had together. We thank you for the support that you give us. We pray that Jesus Christ will keep blessing you during your life. A good thanks also to each of those that agreed to give something to enable us to realize this activity (the donors)."



Ravine Parc Program

They then relayed this message from the students: "We greet the staff and members of your mission to Haiti, especially the members of the board. The greatest thanks to dear Pastor John Clausing and the other members of the board! We thank you for the activity that you helped us to realize. First, we bless the name of Jesus' Christ because he gave us the health to participate. In the name of Jesus Christ, we keep praying for Him to bless you so that when we have an activity, the board will be able to continue to help us. We don't have any words to thank you and to show you how we happy are. We never forget to thank the directors Emile Maceus and Eluard Louis. For that reason, we beg you keep helping us to learn English at the club. Thanks."

The Foundation rejoices with you, our English language students.

"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.