

The Fond Doux Flyer May 2024

Progress of Fund Drives

School/Center -rev. goal \$100,000 -- \$45,106
 Clinic Toilet - rev. goal \$ 10,000 -- \$ 7,875
 House Fund - goal \$ 5,000 -- \$ 4,025
 Thank You, donors. We are making progress. Thank you also for all who contributed for Vita Mamba.

From Our Haitian Director

Dear contributors, I don't know you all, but I want to share this message which comes from the deepest part of my heart. During the last few years my country has unfortunately fallen into chaos, and up until now our government has been unable to do anything even as I write this message.

Famine is increasing; health problems are increasing in all the corners of the country; the question of insecurity is in full swing, which unfortunately plunges us into despair. The question of insecurity is not without consequences. Many NGOs have left the country, while no other body has been able to fill their place. I know many schools which have unfortunately closed their doors because they had been supported by NGOs who are not able to continue their support. This is to tell you that the present moment is really serious.

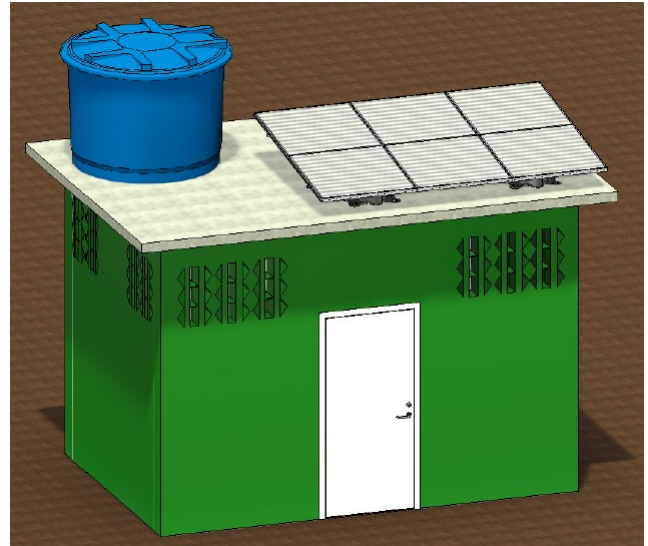
Besides all that, I would like to thank you for the support you have entrusted to the FDF. Your contributions are giving hope to a whole group of people who have lost even the taste for living because of the situation in the country. This is the case for most of people that the Foundation (FDF) has been able to help, some with a surgery which was crucial to their survival. The list of young people that the Foundation is supporting for education is very long. There are also a good number of people who did not have a house wherein they could sleep and whom the Foundation through your support was able to help. All this comes to my mind and to be honest I would feel guilty not to thank you.

You have probably not visited Haiti and yet your support is changing the lives of many people. For everything you have contributed, I thank you and appreciate your help.

I pray that you can always feel God's blessing in your life and also your family, and may God bless your country in all its endeavors throughout the nations. God bless America.

Emile Maceus, Executive Director
 Fond Doux Foundation

Clinic Toilet Construction Approved



Drawing of New Clinic Toilet

In April the FDF board approved construction of the long awaited clinic toilet. You will notice from the picture that the roof of the toilet building also serves as the location of the water tank for the clinic and solar panels to power the clinic's electrical system. Presently all electricity comes from a gasoline generator. There has been no restroom at the clinic for the last two years. So, this is a critical upgrade to the clinic facility

House Construction Approved



Charlotte Fanfan's Tent

The board also authorized the construction of a small one-room home for Charlotte Fanfan and her family on land that we purchased for this purpose. While some donations for the construction are still needed, the board feels comfortable that those donations are forthcoming. Her story has been told in earlier issues of the Flyer.

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New English Club in Fond Doux



Fond Doux English Club

Jowasky Saint Surin gathered around 14 young people together on Saturday December 16th and 17 on Sunday December 17th to organize a new English Club in Fond Doux. They have continued to meet through January, February, March and April. This is now a sponsored project of the Foundation.



Jowasky Saint Surin

He introduced himself as follows: “Good afternoon, everyone, I'm Saint Surin Jowasky, presently a student. I'm learning Office Computing since last year until now, but I am to graduate this year. I'm a beneficiary as a student from FDF. Thanks. EKLAIR is a superior Institute of construction, architecture and computer science. In fact this is where I'm learning. This school is located in Miragoâne. It has been there since 2010 and has had 10 graduations already. 🎓”

Jowasky is a 2023 graduate of the Capois la Mort High School (top of his class) and is also an earlier graduate of the Simple English School in Miragoâne, having attended on a Foundation scholarship. He also previously worked with the English Club in Ravine

Parc, which has grown to 60 people. His older brother, Kender Saint Surin previously ran an English Club for several years in Fond Doux. This was disbanded when he emigrated to Chile in 2018.

The goal of the English Club is to work on understanding and speaking oral English. The club can be a huge asset to supplement English instruction in the schools as well as helping those with no other instruction to learn spoken English.

The English language program of the Foundation is funded by an American donor that underwrites the expenses of the program except for the Vita Mamba snacks. Eluard Louis is the administrator of the program. Recently, the Foundation authorized pay for the teachers. Previously they were unpaid volunteers. The English teachers at the Ravine Parc English Club are Ancito Gene, Venelson Vitelus and John Pierre.

Clinic Cleaning Problems

Water. Water. Where is the water? At the April board meeting of the Foundation, it was reported that all the wells in the vicinity of the clinic had gone dry including the water station by the clinic. We had thought that when we repaired it two years ago that we had a reliable water source. Apparently not. The clinic has needed to go to a well near the Methodist Church to obtain water, a 20 minute walk — an incredible hardship for our cleaning lady.



Rosemène Merjuste, Cleaning Lady

If the water shortage is not bad enough, the staff also reported a new development. For the last two months, bats have taken up residence in the clinic. They come in during the night and create a mess and odor. The cleaning lady Rosemène Merjuste has needed to work overtime to clean up this mess but has managed to keep it clean. Thank you, Rosemène, for your dedicated service. Steps to remove the bats are in progress through screening of entry points. The Wesleyenne Church of Fond Doux, who are co-sponsors of the clinic has also okayed the corrective measures.

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Methodist School Assistance

Recently, one of the teachers of the Methodist School of Fond Doux wrote to the Foundation's secretary: "Pastor, there is something I want to share with you. We have teachers who are frustrated. They find it difficult to work. Can't you have a little talk with others to be able to send a little money to encourage them?"

The background of the message is the Foundation is planning to build a building (to share with the school) to eliminate the terrible overcrowding of the school. There are 120 students in the school. Seven of the nine classes meet in the sanctuary of the Methodist Church. They are very anxious to have better teaching conditions. Yet, the big issue is that the staff has continued to work but had not received any pay for four months. No wonder there was frustration!

While the FDF is not responsible in any way for the school's expenses, in April the Foundation made an emergency grant to the Methodist school to pay their dedicated staff. Another donation will be made in May to help pay them again.

Emergency Food Distribution



Food for Distribution

On April 26th, Ancito Gene and Venelson Vitelus purchased 3 bags of rice, 2 jugs of oil and a bag of beans and distributed it to 20 old or handicapped people that live in or near Ravine Parc, up the mountain from Fond Doux. They were assisted by Venise Foreste. Altogether there were 25 people that received help. This included seven old people that had no children to help them and 5 younger people that are orphans. Among those helped was Senatus Senelia, who has an injured hand and Jeudi Fatri who has an injured back. Our committee member

Ancito Gene said, "These people cried because they always go 2 or 3 days without food; they don't have anyone to feed them. Things are very hard for them." He would like to help them periodically.



Food Distribution



Senatus Senelia



Jeudi Fatri

Ancito then continued:

"God is blessing you because I know when someone takes care of someone, God is taking care of him also. I hope that you will be able to receive that blessing in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord." We wish to relay this message of God's blessings to you as well.

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Brothers Assist Foundation



John Pierre, English Teacher

John Pierre is the son of Madam Christella Sylvestre Julsaint and her first husband Jean Yves Pierre, who died when John and his brother Jean Guitho were very little. Madam Christella is the community health worker employed by the Foundation. She is the wife of Citho Julsaint, previously a goat keeper for the Foundation. John Pierre attended the Capois la Mort primary and secondary schools and later went to an English School in Petit-Goave. When the Ravine Parc English Club became large and developed many different levels of English ability and ages, John Pierre was recruited to be a third teacher in the club to enable the club to handle the diverse levels. He joined Ancito Gene and Venelson Vitelus as teachers with the club.



Jean Guitho Pierre, Health Worker Assistant

Jean Guitho Pierre is the other son of Madam Christella Sylvestre Julsaint and her first husband, the late Jean Yves Pierre. Madame Christella although a competent health worker is only semi-literate with a meager classical education. She received practical

hands on training for her health work, but Jean Guitho has done the record keeping for his mother. As such he often accompanied his mother in her work. When his mother became ill, she sent him to the clinic to fill in for her clinic duties and make her reports. Because she experienced an extended illness, he became very familiar with all the clinic procedures as a “gofer”.

Recently, with the increased number of days for the clinic to be open, the clinic needed someone to assume intake duties when Clinic Director Eluard Louis is absent. Director Louis recently assumed duties as a lecturer on English language medical terms at CTECH, The Christian Institute for Technology in Miragoâne. Jean Guitho Pierre, completely familiar with all aspects of the clinic, became the logical person to assume those duties when needed.

Jean Guitho like his brother attended Capois La Mort primary and secondary schools. For a time he also studied English, but at the Simple English School in Miragoâne. He also served as a mason assistant when Dave Stevenson Michael was building his house. We are pleased to introduce these two brothers who have become part of the Fond Doux Foundation team.

A Thank You

We received this message this week from Johnson Louis, one of our university scholars: “I had no hope of going to a university; no, I was born in a poor family. If it wasn't for the foundation, I had no hope. I have no words to thank you! I will continue to pray.”

“SO LITTLE CAN DO SO MUCH”

To learn about our projects, you can reach 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.