

The Fond Doux Flyer August 2024

Progress of Fund Drives

School/Center	- rev. goal \$100,000 --	\$ 48,106
Clinic Toilet	- rev. goal \$ 10,000 --	\$ 8,175
Next House	- goal \$ 6,000 --	\$ 00
Campus well	- goal \$ 8,000 --	\$ 1,400

Thank You, donors.

The Depth and Breadth of the Mission

Did you know that Fond Doux Foundation provides education for 100 children? That we provide a dietary supplement to prevent malnutrition for 180 children? That we are treating 60 other children for malnutrition? That we had over 800 patient visits to the clinic in the last three months? That we have built 4 houses, repaired two others and given out dozens of tarps to help provide dry housing? That we plan to construct a building to overcome the crowding in the Methodist School and provide a secure place for community gatherings? That we tested water for bacteria, repaired a water pump, several water stations and plan to drill a new well? That we built one latrine and that our next construction project is a toilet at the clinic? That we are establishing handwashing stations at seven different schools? That we have conducted numerous community classes on hygiene, nutrition, disease prevention and family planning? That we have given out many mosquito nets? That we have conducted surveys on the incidence of malaria, cholera, water sources, use of mosquito nets, eating practices of children, soil types and gardens, and location of handicapped individuals? That we vaccinated all the pigs in Fond Doux and have dewormed many goats and have hired an agricultural agent to increase yields and nutritional value of Fond Doux gardens? That we give out hygiene kits to keep girls in school? That we have provided solar lamps for students, and also solar beach lights in Platon? That our scholarship program has educated a Fond Doux man to become a physician and that he is now back in Fond Doux at the clinic? That we have also educated several teachers that are also back in Fond Doux? Did you know that the Foundation was involved in all of these?

The Financial Challenges

Last month, the July Flyer featured the dramatic changes in Foundation activities over the last five years. This month we look more at the resultant financial challenges. Three new partnerships of the last five years account for many of our increased expenditures. We are looking for more funds for these and other significant activities.

The Platon School was the first of the new partners. Since entering the partnership, we have added a room

and a new teacher, as well as a latrine. The school has 58 students and five teachers for three levels of kindergarten and six grades.



The Platon School

We have assumed continuing financial responsibilities in two major areas, teacher's pay and student's nutrition. We would like to support the teachers with a minimum of a \$100 a month salary. With five teachers that would require \$500 a month. About \$375 a month is covered by present regular donors. We need to find a donor or a group of donors to regularly pay an additional \$100 a month for the fifth teacher.

Secondly, we are supplying Vita Mamba to all students in the school. The cost is about \$50 per child per year. The effect of this project on the school has been dramatically noticeable. If those that have contributed toward the Vita Mamba program this year continue to pay the same again, we will be able to cover this expenditure. Keep up the support. The Foundation has also provided teacher training.

Basic Need: An additional \$100 a month sponsor.



Nurse at the Fond Doux Clinic.

A second new project is the clinic. The clinic opened a little over two years ago. Long term, the viability of the clinic is dependent upon securing stable continuing support. One way would be if we can find individuals and/or a number of groups to commit themselves to

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each pay the salary of a staff member of the clinic. Present monthly pay: Physician \$200 (part time), Community Nurse \$165 (part time), Lab Technician \$100 (part time when hired), Custodian \$100 (fulltime), Community Health Worker \$75, and Night Watchman \$65. As the clinic grows the part time salaries will grow as they become fulltime. Do you have the courage to ask your Sunday School class, women's group, men's group, or even youth group to pick a staff member and provide the funds to pay their salary? Other needs are medicine, medical supplies, and donations for surgeries and other major medical care beyond the ability of the clinic to handle.

Need: About \$16,000 annually. – Our Greatest Need.

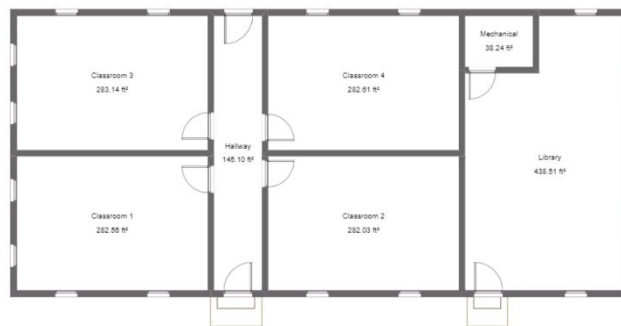


The Methodist Church of Fond Doux.

The third new partnership is with the Methodist Church of Fond Doux. They have been very helpful in providing a meeting place for our Saturday Club and community events. Not surprisingly, they have asked us to bring some financial support to their school in return. Regretfully, we have not been able to provide continuing support. The school is months behind in meeting their payroll. Therefore we have made a few emergency grants to help pay teachers. Our only commitment, however is to relieve the overcrowding when we build our community center. Our greatest need here is for capital funds for a building and a well. We are about 45% of the way there; we really need several more major one time gifts.

We will build as soon as funds become available. If you or someone you know can make a large figure donation to make this building a reality, it would fill a great need. We appreciate all gifts. Every gift brings it closer.

Total Capital Funds Still Needed: About \$60,000.



Floor Plan for Community Center/School

We are not responsible for the Methodist School teacher's pay: but because the school is behind in the payment of their staff, special earmarked donations to help our friends would be much appreciated.

Total Payroll: \$925 USD per month

Other Challenges (incomplete listing):

Vita Mamba: We already have a Vita Mamba program at the Platon school (58 students) and at the Methodist kindergarten (40 students). We would love to expand to the whole Methodist school, but that would require an extra \$4000. We also use it at two English Clubs (80 students). We use Medika Mamba in the clinic for an additional 60 small children. We had one-time gifts to pay for this, this year. We may need new donors to continue our present program. It is a great program.

Scholarships: We have three university scholars, about 19 primary school and 10 high school students, and requests for 23 more. The cost varies according to grade level. It could be as much as \$400 each annually. A university scholarship is approx. \$3000 annually.

Expansion would require new donors or new money.

Agricultural Efforts: The cost of deworming and vaccinations has usually been covered by a single generous donor, but is not guaranteed, especially if the cost escalates. A six month trial period for improving gardens has been paid for. It is hoped the gardens will pay for themselves, but the cost to continue paying an agricultural agent has not been assured: Cost is \$200 per month. Can we find a group or a donor to fund this?

Housing: The Foundation would like to help several families with unrepairable houses.

One Room house: \$6,000

Two room house: \$11,000

Thank You! We thank all our donors who have been making each of these things happen. Limitations in our work are primarily financial. We do have some great donors! You know who you are. We cannot do our work without you. We invite new ones. They are needed. We pray that you will consider this mission as your mission.

Our deepest appreciation!

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Increase in Clinic Numbers



Children in the Nutrition Program

In all of 2023 we had a total of 812 patient visits at the clinic. The clinic was open 2 days a week. We averaged about 8 patients per day. During the last three months we have had over 800 patient visits. There are several factors for the dramatic increase. During the second quarter there was an outbreak of a fever, now somewhat contained, running through the community, and an expanded publicity program. Further, in April of this year, we expanded the number of days the clinic is open from two days a week to four days and added a physician. However, the increase in the days that the clinic is open is not the main reason for the increase in numbers. The increase is in large part due to the nutrition program for pre-school children. On nutrition days the number of patients explodes when mothers bring their preschool children for check-ups and to receive their nutritional supplements.

Haiti has had a problem of food vulnerability for many years, but the gang activity of the last few years has greatly exacerbated the problem by cutting off economic activity primarily by stifling transportation including transportation of food. We are glad the clinic has been there to respond to the nutritional challenge of children in the community. Of course, the increase in numbers also brings a financial challenge to the Foundation because it also increases the cost of running the clinic. Most of the people that we serve cannot afford to pay for their medical care. We thank the donors that have made the clinic possible with their repeated gifts.

Because the nutrition program at the clinic has had far greater demand than we anticipated, we were in need of additional supplies. President Dr. Libby contacted "Meds for Kids" and was told the supplies could be picked up in Port-au-Prince. Our Executive Director told

our President that he had a man that could pick up the Medika Mamba by bypassing the gangs in Port-au-Prince. Dr. Libby tells the story thus:



Nutrition Day at the Clinic

"Since we were going to the effort to pick it up, I asked Emile [our executive director] to check with Myrdred and Eluard [from the clinic] and see what they thought we would need for each of the Plumpy Nut (for infants) and Plumpy Doz (for toddlers). The response was 55 boxes each. That would be thousands of dollars. So, I told him we would not be able to get that much; but we would do what we could. Hans had told me they were both available in PaP but at different locations. Emile assured me the man could get to both of them.

I went ahead and ordered 20 boxes of each plus the 3 that we have already paid for of the Plumpy Nut. . . . and they were picked up. Unfortunately, the man incurred new gang posts and they (the gangs) stole 2 boxes of each from us and other things that the man was picking up for other people. I guess we are lucky they didn't take more of it, but this is just so frustrating and disappointing!



Medika Mamba Unloaded at the Clinic

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So, we ended up with 21 boxes of the Plumpy Nut and 18 boxes of Plumpy Doz. This should be very helpful to the nutrition program that Myrdred is running.”

Thus we are supplied for the moment and hope that when we need other supplies we will not need to pass through gang infested areas again. Perhaps the Kenyan police will ameliorate the problem. Pray with us!

University Scholars



Aldonis Laguerre

Our most recent university scholar is Aldonis Laguerre, a teacher at the School for Tomorrow in Ravine Parc. He will graduate in August 2025 in educational sciences from UNISMA in Miragoâne. He has been teaching for 22 years. When asked why he was seeking a degree now, he said, “Some of the methods that I had been using were no longer bearing fruits.” Despite poor pay, he was able to pay for his previous studies but is now financially struggling. The Foundation agreed to pay for his tuition, books and transportation for the final year when they obtained a donor for these expenses. He is recently widowed, 48 years old, and the father of three children. We wish him well.

Other university students:

Johnson Louis (a 2023 scholarship recipient) has just completed his first year at Emile Durkheim Normal School in Miragoâne and in his second year of a three year program. He is a teacher at the Methodist School of Fond Doux and the Bible story teller at our Saturday Club. He is single and 30 years old.

Japhcanie Alexis has been chosen as the next university scholar (a 2024 university scholarship). She is expected to begin her first year of nursing in the Fall. She is 19.

Two university scholarships are temporarily on hold:

“Lepetit” Delmas was a 2022 university scholarship recipient. He originally studied in Miragoâne for a year; but after transferring to Institut Universitaire Référence in Port-au-Prince, gang problems prevented safe travel to attend his classes. The scholarship will be resumed if that problem can be resolved.

Schneider Saint Surin (2021 scholarship recipient) was a computer engineering student in the Dominican Republic. His scholarship was suspended when the Dominican Republic revoked all Haitian visas and the university refused further enrollment. He is presently in the USA seeking student status here.

House for Charlotte Fanfan



Although construction on Charlotte Fanfan’s house started several months ago, it was delayed by illness of the mason. We are pleased that Charlotte and her four children may soon be able to move from her tent into a substantial and dry home. It is only a one room house, but she will have a secure place. We are hoping to find some work that she can do to help herself. We thank all the people who contributed to the housing fund.

There are many people in need of safe and dry homes. We have a new family chosen for the next house We plan again a simple one room house to replace a leaking unrepairable one room house.

“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.