

The Fond Doux Flyer November 2024

A New House



The Roof Goes On

There is joy in the Fanfan family as they get ready to move into their new home. The house was started May 31 of this year and after many delays is nearly ready for occupancy. They now will have a dry, stable and substantial shelter. The cost of the new home, however, has not yet been fully subscribed. We still have a deficit of \$1,474 to pay toward the building of the house. We are also purchasing or making bunk beds to get the family off the floor for sleeping. Special donations to help pay for the house or the beds would be much appreciated. Our donors have always been generous. But sometimes when projects are completed, the donations to finish paying for them dry up. Can we get some donations for this before we start a new project? Thanks.

It has been a long road for Charlotte and her family. They fled from the violence in the slums of Cité Soleil (Sun City) in Port-au-Prince in October 2021 with only the clothing on their backs. Linda Mitchel, an FDF board member of the Foundation, said it was one of the worst experiences of her life during one of her trips to Haiti “just to pass through” this slum of Cité Soleil from which Charlotte fled. You may recall the story of her escape from Port-au-Prince and arrival in Fond Doux. It was previously featured in earlier issues of the Flyer. It is a tragic story. But a brighter future is ahead. It is being made possible by FDF donors. Thank you. Your generosity is appreciated.

Thus although this will be her fifth place of residence since arriving in Fond Doux, she has been very happy to be in Fond Doux, even though the last home was only a tarp tent.

Old Home



The two oldest children, Ricardo and Markenson, are enrolled at the Christian Academy de Jesus, entering 4th and 2nd grade respectively. Ricardo is 11 years old. His schooling had been interrupted by the family’s trauma in Port-au-Prince. Markenson is 7 years old. Both have been continually enrolled in school since arriving in Fond Doux with Foundation scholarships – making a remarkable difference. They changed schools from Capois la Mort to the Christian Academy de Jesus last year, when the family moved into the tent that has been their most recent home. Five year old Robin is now ready for school and should join the two older children. Charlens, the baby was just 4 months old when they arrived, but is now three years old and may join them next year in pre-school.



Refugee Family Shortly after Arrival in 2021

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The Next House Replaces This



Home of Nosline Anoriscar

Nosline Anoriscar is a high school student at the Wesleyenne School in Fond Doux on a Foundation scholarship. She lives with her mother in this dilapidated house. We hope to be building another \$6,000 one-room house after we finish paying for the Charlotte Fanfan house.



Nosline Anoriscar and her Mother

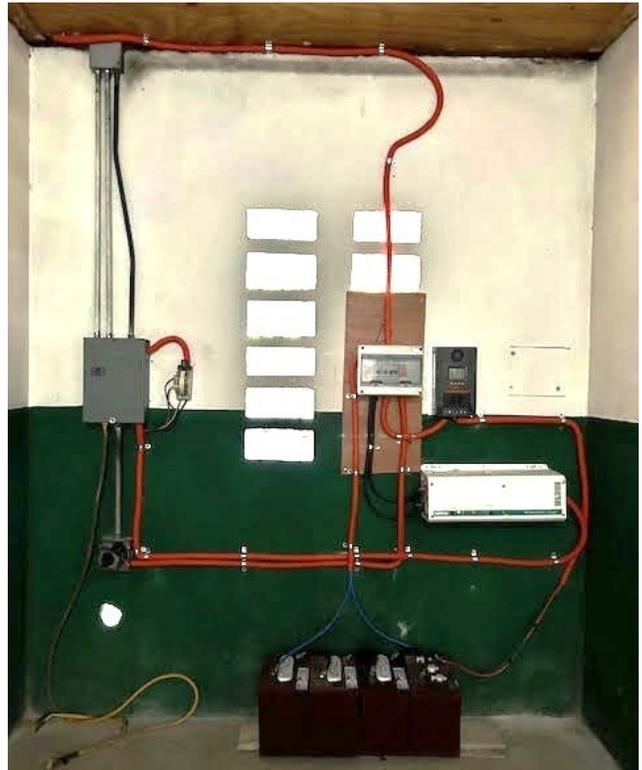


The Clinic Toilet



Nearly Complete Toilet

The long awaited clinic toilet is now a reality. The toilet building serves as the mount for the solar panels that serve as the power source for the clinic. Having electricity makes an enormous difference, as we all know when our power is out for more than a few hours.



Electrical Unit Components

Although the solar panels are on the roof of the toilet, the batteries and inverter are in the clinic storage area. Lights and fans in the clinic are now working to the great joy of the staff.

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Well-lit Laboratory

Unfortunately, however, we developed an unexpected different problem. In 2022 the Foundation repaired a municipal water station intended to be a reliable water supply for the clinic. However, the water main is very old and rusty. It broke in another location. The cost of repair is approximately \$5600. So, finding the right water source is another problem to resolve!



Water Station near the Clinic

The board is mulling over whether to drill a new well, to repair the water main again, or to search for another solution. Meanwhile the Foundation is trucking in water at about \$3.00 to \$4.00 a tankful until a better solution is developed.



Refrigerator for the Laboratory

Among the new equipment purchased for the laboratory is a refrigerator to temporarily store lab specimens and to keep lab supplies that need to be refrigerated including such things as CRP kits, ASO kits and stain solution. Without proper refrigeration, these items can degrade, leading to inaccurate test results and potentially compromising patient care. We now have almost everything we need. A small centrifuge will be coming from the US when Brent Engel visits later this month.

New Teachers



Jaël Jemima Compte, Platon School

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The Good Samaritan School in Platon has a new teacher for the kindergarten. Jaël Jemima Compte is 21 years old, single and was born at Marianie and lives in the Platon region. She attended The Christian school of the New Moon through 3rd grade in Marianie, the Community School of Canaan for the 4th grade, the co-educational school Zenith of Canaan from 5th through the 9th grade and completed senior high school at the Coeducational African Methodist Episcopal Institution of Marianie, graduating in 2023. She is said to have good dynamic interpersonal skills with a sense of responsibility, team spirit and ability to work under pressure. Her experience is one year of teaching 1st to 3rd levels of kindergarten at Fond Doux. She has a good mastery of both French and Creole. She attended the in-service training at the Methodist School sponsored by the Foundation. The Foundation is the sponsor of the Good Samaritan School which is dependent upon our support.

The Methodist School in Fond Doux, a project of our partner the Methodist Church of Fond Doux, also has hired a new kindergarten teacher. We will give more details in next month's Flyer.

The Foundation has made donations to the Methodist School, which is seriously underfunded and is trying to upgrade the school and plans to allow the school to use our proposed community center as a site for a major part of the school. [See next article.]

Fundraising Challenges

At our September Informational dinner at Epworth, we highlighted three fundraising challenges which we are addressing. Number one is the challenge of raising as quickly as possible \$60,000 needed to build a community center that will house part of the Methodist school. The needs of the school were vividly demonstrated when the school hired a talented and experienced kindergarten teacher to improve the kindergarten instruction. However, when she came and viewed the conditions under which she would be teaching, she immediately told the administrators that she would not come to teach under those circumstances. We are asking our donors to make as large a one-time donation as possible to enable us to build this facility, a facility that will serve the people of Fond Doux for a long time.

The other two challenges are to develop stable continuing support for both the Fond Doux Clinic and the nutrition program. The Fond Doux community will

not be able to sustain these programs without outside assistance for some time. By American standards the needs are modest. The present needs of the clinic are about \$16,000 per year, but will probably be about \$24,000 a year by the end of next year or even sooner. What we do is a medical miracle. We pay six staff members as well as provide diagnostic tests and medications. To operate a similar US facility would cost several hundreds of thousands of dollars. We cannot expand to meet the challenges unless we have people and organizations that commit to continuing support. Thank you regular supporters!

The nutrition program has four major components: medically treating severely malnourished children at the clinic; providing Vita Mamba, a nutritional supplement for school children; emergency food distribution to vulnerable people; and an agricultural program to improve the food supply in both quantity and nutritional quality. The Vita Mamba costs about \$50 per child for about 200 students and could easily be expanded. But our eventual goal is to help them feed themselves – thus the agricultural improvement Project. Presently, we are working on a program to improve tomato and cabbage production with 16 local farmers (gardeners).

Progress of Fund Drives

School/Center - goal \$100,000 -- \$58,106

Fanfan House - still needed = \$ 1,474

Campus Well - goal \$ 10,000 -- \$ 1,400

Thank You, donors. Without you little can be done

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To learn about our projects or to donate, you can reach the Foundation in a number of ways:

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Or through Epworth UMC Church, Durham, NC

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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.