

Progress of Fund Drives

School/Center - goal \$100,000 -- \$73,121

Campus Well - rev goal \$ 12,500 -- \$ 9,600

Thank You, donors. Slowly, ever so slowly, we are gathering the funds to begin to develop our campus.

Charlotte Fanfan



Her New Home



Housewarming Gifts

Early in January, Charlotte Fanfan and her family not only received a housewarming gift of food for her new home, but because of a nice gift from a Nebraska woman received a gift of beds and mattresses to get the family off the floor.

Faithful readers of the Flyer know that Charlotte and her family are refugees from Port-Au-Prince. After her husband was killed in a cross fire between police and gangs when he was returning home from work, they fled with only the clothing on their backs. She and her family have been in Fond Doux ever since. The home was made possible by gifts to the housing fund.



Beds for the Family



Her Previous Home

Creating an Irrigation System

At the request of our agricultural agent Mackenson Hilaire, the Foundation purchased a pump and some pipe to create a system of irrigation. During the month of January, a number of farmers in the region around the Methodist Church created the irrigation system by laying the pipe from Lake Miragoâne to the fields of the farmers.

The Foundation agreed to pay for pipe, the pump and the operation of the system for the first three months after which the farmers must assume the cost of operation. A board of nine farmers was created to oversee the management and maintenance of the system.

They are Johnson LOUIS, coordinator; Adanis LOUIS, assistant coordinator; Dieuemerite CHARLES, treasurer; Jacqueline COLO, secretary; Ilson THERMIDOR, Oscarl GEDEON and Ismene GEDEON, advisors; Jony PIERRE and Delice COLO, delegates.

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Obtaining the Pipe



Assembling the Pipe



Carrying the Pipe to the Fields



Hooking Up the Pump



Laying out the Pipe



Irrigating the Fields

Each participant has been asked to sign an agreement to participate in the cost of operation. A total of 31 farmers have indicated a desire to participate and are expected to join the project. The enthusiasm of these farmers is very high. Our hope is also high.

The number of participants has been capped at 31 until all the details of the program have been worked out and the governing board has taken control of the operation of the Project. How to share with the community is still to be planned.

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Support for Our Expanded Ministry

January gifts included a \$7000 gift from a Hillsborough woman, a \$2500 gift from an Ohio family and \$2645 from the Swansboro UMW. Such gifts grant us hope to fund our expanded ministry.

We are now providing or helping to provide an education for 300 children kindergarten through 6th grade. We are providing scholarships for 16 high school students and 3 university students. We are operating two English Clubs where over 100 young people are learning English. We are providing a nutrition supplement (Vita Mamba) to over 200 school age children to prevent malnutrition.

During 2024, we had 2586 patient visits at our clinic and treated over 70 children up to five years of age for severe malnutrition. We expanded our clinic to 4 days a week (up from 2) and added a physician and a laboratory technician to our staff. We paid for emergency or life-changing medical care and surgeries for 9 different people in other facilities for families that could not afford them.

During this past year we also remodeled one of the rooms of the clinic building into what is now an appropriately equipped and functioning diagnostic laboratory. We constructed a restroom and installed solar electric power. In addition, our shelter program built two houses, repaired three others and supplied many tarps to people with leaking roofs.

In other ministries, we provided emergency food relief to around 150 families. From Christmas to New Year we served a Christmas or holiday meal to over 845 people, many of them old people and children. We expanded our agriculture program from not only care of life stock (goats, pigs and chickens) to also helping farmers improve their gardens. In January, we created an irrigation system for the farmers between Lake Miragoâne and the Methodist Church of Fond Doux. Earlier, we conducted surveys on food, water, and restroom facilities. We provided mosquito nets and community education as well as testing water sources to prevent cholera and typhoid. We also installed community lights in Platon.

Yes, we can say that together we have made and are making a significant impact on the community. The people of Fond Doux, Ravine Parc and Platon are deeply appreciative. Yet, we also needed to say, “no” to some urgent cries for help! Heartbreaking!



Denise Jean Jacques Receives a Tarp and Food

Among the six most recent recipients of a special food and/or tarp grant was Denise Jean Jacques. Denise is very grateful. Finding adequate shelter is often a major problem. Many houses have leaking roofs or sides that do not withstand wind and rain. Of course, a new tarp is only a temporary solution. Finding food is also a major concern, especially during the dry season when gardens cannot produce food without irrigation.

Haitian Gratitude

Recently, Eluard Louis, our clinic director, shared some of his thoughts. They are worthy of sharing to the American audience:

“I am committed to helping people as much as we can. . . I know each and every single Haitian faces a lot of difficulties in their life; I myself am facing many. I would be thrilled if the foundation could help more people. We need assistance; indeed we need help. If the foundation wasn’t there, who knows how many people would suffer in Fond Doux. I applaud your dedication to our cause. We are not related, yet you support us, only in God’s name. I don’t know if I thank you all enough for your kindness and support to our families in Haiti. Words like “thank you” are not enough to show you all our gratitude.”

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Ravine Parc Pump



One of the basics of life is the need for water. Those of us living in the United States often fail to realize how privileged we are to have clean water available in our homes without question at all times. For most people in Haiti, they must carry their water from a community water source. A problem at the water source is a major community calamity. At the January meeting of the board of directors of the Foundation, the board approved the repair of the community pump that serves 200 residents of Ravine Parc.

A New Well



On Friday Jan 17th the board of directors of the Foundation also approved proceeding with the drilling of a well by the Akwan well drilling company of Haiti at a cost of \$8,008 USD on our land north of the Methodist Church. The price includes the purchase and installation of an electric submersible

pump and a generator. The well was made possible by a recent \$7600 donation for the well coupled with \$2000 cash earmarked earlier.

The board also approved the erection of a well house to house the generator and store garden tools. The well house cost estimate is for \$3,8045 USD. A water tank will be placed on the roof of the well house to service the future campus and perhaps nearby residents and gardens as well. Additional donations will be necessary to pay for this building.

The Foundation is hoping that we might break ground for the Community Center/school by the end of the year. The well is the first step in making this possible. The date is completely dependent upon the speed of reaching our goal of \$100,000 for its construction. The fund stands at \$73,121 at press time.

With the inadequate facilities of the Methodist school presently housed in the Methodist sanctuary, the staff and students of the school cannot wait for construction to begin.

Laboratory is Up and Running

During the first month of laboratory operation, the lab technician at the Fond Doux Community Clinic conducted 93 separate diagnostic tests, including 25 complete blood count examinations and 17 urine analyses. "These tests were conducted to ensure thorough diagnostic evaluations of the patients," said Clinic Director Eluard Louis. "The data gathered has been instrumental in helping our doctors and nurses provide better care for the patients."

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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.