

Water Pump Replaced



The pump at the village well, the major source of water for the entire village was broken. Every day the women of the village come to this well to fetch water for the entire day. The failure of the pump was a great problem for the community. Because of the donation for repairs by the Foundation, the village has easier access to water. The men of the village are here installing the new pump. It is really impossible for us to imagine what life would be like for us if we had to fetch water long distances and not even have a pump. The pump is a hand pump.

**New Principal at Fond Doux
Primary School**

Danis Joseph begins this fall as the new principal at the Fond Doux Primary School. He is also one of the members of the Haitian FDF Committee in the process of learning English on an FDF Scholarship. He previously was the principal at Gibney.



Three Dreams Move Toward Reality

Plans to move three dreams toward reality began to take place during the recent August 2-8 mission trip to Fond Doux when representatives of the FDF Board and mission team met with the Haitian Fond Doux Foundation Committee. They prioritized three main projects. The FDF & FDFC are now determining what precisely needs to be done for each and ascertaining the costs to be advertised to potential donors.

1. Community Nurse. The Foundation has been laying plans to hire a community nurse and has a candidate in mind. A nurse in Haiti can act in the same way that a nurse practitioner in the USA does. She can triage patients, prescribe medications and treat some ailments. She will be part time – probably two days each week. The joint group, Haitians and mission team, explored a location for a room where she could examine patients. The room already has some walls, but it needs to be roofed and floored and made ready for occupancy. Creating this room and hiring of the nurse is possible because of recent generous donations including many at the successful June fund-raiser--book-signing event. Maintaining the clinic will require

additional funding. Yet, the costs by American standards is very modest. This is an exciting moment.

2. The Library. The FD Foundation is planning a major project for the Tenth Anniversary of our mission in Fond Doux that began in 2011. It is our hope that we can raise the funds to create this library in the next two years so that we can have it dedicated as part of a grand anniversary celebration in 2021 or 2022. A director of the library has been chosen, a board of directors is partially formed, the location has been chosen, and plans for governance are being laid by the Haitian FDFC. Decisions on the nature of the roof and other physical characteristics still need to be made. A Capital campaign for funding will probably need to be arranged.



The above structure will be rebuilt, floored, roofed and modified. The advice of the NCSU Architecture Department is being sought.

3. Soccer Field. The FDFC places this high on its lists of priorities. The area soccer teams form a league in which a team from Fond Doux has played. In 2017 the Fond Doux team were the champions of the league, but the teams do not have a regulation size field on which to play. Several years ago, then FDF board member Karen Thorsen led a fund-raising drive to create a soccer field in Fond Doux. Unfortunately, the contractor was insufficiently supervised and did not complete the work adequately. The field needs to be enlarged to become regulation size and steps to prevent soil erosion also must be taken. The villagers have done some work on the soil erosion problem, but more needs to be done. The first task is to ascertain the cost of enlarging the field and solving the drainage problem. We will keep you informed.

English Language Scholarships



The School Uniform

Four young adults of Fond Doux recently enrolled in English language schools -- all four members of the Haitian Fond Doux Foundation Committee. They are 1) Danis JOSEPH, 2) Ancitho GENE, 3) Valdine VITELUS and 4) Barthélémy DELMA. They join Venelson VITELUS who had already been enrolled. The Simple English School is in nearby Miragoâne. The students attend three days a week and travel to school by tap-tap, the Haitian version of public transportation. The teachers at SES speak impeccable unaccented English. All five students are sponsored by the FDF.

Two other members of the Fond Doux Foundation Committee in addition to Pastor Brucely Delma speak English. They are Emile Maceus and Schneider Saint-Surin. They have often served as translators for our mission teams. Learning English serves as a stepping stone for a better life in Haiti as most foreign visitors to Haiti are from the USA and the United States is by far the biggest trading partner with Haiti. The fact that so many members of the FDFC are learning English will also facilitate our partnership with the village.

The Fond Doux Flyer

September 2019

FDFC Members

Pastor Brucey Delma -- President, Emile Maceus -- Vice-President, Fritzmann Saint-Surin -- Church Deacon, Schneider Saint-Surin -- Publicity, Barthélemy Delma (middle right), Valdine Vitelus (middle left), Wesley Paulo, Sonrise Colidor Paulo (Wesley's wife), Jeanliphete Delma, Ancitho Gene (far left), Danis Joseph -- Primary School Principal (far right).



FDFC Members Learning English

Five Hours Walk for Goat Classes

Every Year the veterinarian Libby Engel conducts classes in goat care when she goes to Haiti. This year was no different. The class is very popular with members of the community. But the value of the class is illustrated by the fact that this year five men from the Marchavane District high in the mountains walked five hours to attend. They left at 5:00 AM to join the class in Fond Doux. After the class at 4:00 PM they began their five-hour walk to return to their home. Altogether about 40 people including a FEW WOMEN (progress!) attended. About one half the class were repeaters.



Goat Class



Men from the Mountains Singing

Before departing the men from the Marchavane mountains led an impromptu worship service of prayer and singing in thanksgiving for their participation. A very inspiring moment!



Sharing of beans and Rice

Although our goal is a hand-up and not a hand-out, we do share beans and rice to the families designated by our hosts. Here we prepare the individual bags.

Bible School

Bible School is a big event for the children of Fond Doux and Platon when our mission team arrives. This year the theme was Noah's ark.



Bible School in Platon



Bible School in Fond Doux

REVISED MISSION STATEMENT

Embracing the call of Jesus, the Mission of the Fond Doux Foundation is to empower those who live in and around Fond Doux, Haiti, helping to provide:

- Vacation Bible school and Christian cultural activities,
- Sustainable agriculture with the goal of improving nutrition,
- Education in animal husbandry, public health and English as a second language,
- Community Support for the health and well-being of the villagers

All to the glory of God —adopted Aug. 25, 2019
[The revision is to reflect our Christian motivation.]

Scholarship Student Chosen

The Haitian FDF Committee announced the selection of the person to receive the four-year university scholarship made possible by the generous donation of Dr. Debra Sudan of Durham, NC. The recipient is Ingrid Faédra Olivier. On receiving the news, "All the family were overjoyed." She has enrolled at Ecole Normale Emile Durkhein in Petit-Goâve, which is a school for training teachers, although other courses are also available there. She desires to teach Kindergarten and is expected to return to Fond Doux as a teacher in the Fond Doux School, when she is finished with her studies – one year each for each year of scholarship. She is 19 years old, a 2019 graduate of the Fond Doux Secondary School and laureate of her class (equivalent to a USA valedictorian).



Faédra Olivier - University Scholarship Recipient



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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, USA, whose Christian community outreach began in 2011.