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Johnson Louis Helps 5 children



Teacher Johnson Louis

Johnson Louis is both a teacher at the Methodist School of Fond Doux and a university scholarship student of the Foundation. In addition he cooperates with the 15 farmers in the irrigation project near the Methodist school. Previously, he served as Bible story leader at the Saturday Club at the Methodist Church. With the small amount of money that teacher Johnson earns he is helping 5 children with school supplies and food. He would like help, if possible. When asked his relation to these children, he said, "Pastor, I am like a father because I am so comfortable with them and their parents too."



Jean-Philippe Antoni



The Antoni Home

Jean-Philippe Antoni is one of seven children in his family. He is in the 4th grade. His mother's name is Bigot Cleana. "Their father abandoned them," Johnson says. "Sometimes, when I earn money, I give them money to buy some books and uniforms. His mother does not have a way for her to take care of the children. I don't like where they sleep."



Darlina and Makender Louis

Darlina Louis, the daughter of Makender Louis, is in the 3rd grade. She is 8 years old. Johnson says, "She has problems eating and getting books for school. She sometimes sleeps without eating. Her father is disabled. The mother is absent."



The Dezulmé Twins:

The one in the black shirt is called Djoudmaelson. The other is Djoudmaël. Johnson explained: "They are seven and in their first year of primary school. Their parents are Duversaint Clelia and Makenson Dezulme. Their father doesn't have a job, but their mother does laundry for people. With the little money she makes, she takes care of the children."

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The Dezulme home

The last of the five children that Johnson helps is Milouse Orelus, daughter of Elda Sincr  and the late Olivier Orelus. She is in fourth grade. Johnson says, "I pay for her school fees. Sometimes, I pay for her car. . . But I don't know how she eats." Milouse lives with her single mother and grandmother, neither of whom has a job.



Milouse Orelus

Starting Gardens

These four families were referred to our agricultural agent, Mackenson Hilaire, to see whether they could benefit from starting a garden. After meeting with each of them, the answer was, "yes." Mackenson said, "After a brief interview with each of these people (Makender Louis, Elda Sincr , Bigot Cleana, and Makenson Desulm ), I saw the need to support them, especially in our agricultural program. I met each of them individually and discussed with them the possibilities for setting up small gardens at their homes. They are interested and are waiting for the day we start.

The program includes a variety of crops. Leafy Greens: amaranth, spinach, cabbage, lettuce; Fruiting Vegetables: tomatoes, eggplant, okra, peppers; and

Roots and Tubers: carrots, beets, cassava. The plan includes learning about composting, fertilization (especially manure) and organic pesticides and proper fencing. There are 15 other families involved in this program of establishing gardens..

Emergency Food Distribution



This is Judette Pierre with the food that she received July 9, 2025. She was delighted for the food and shared her thanks to you. She is a widow.



This is Shakira Marcelin, with the food that she received. She was very happy and shared her thanks. She is 15 years old, a scholarship student and in the 8th grade. Her father is handicapped. Her mother died 4 years ago.

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This is August Jeudy with the food that he received. He is blind and an orphan without siblings or aunts or uncles. He was very happy and thanked you. He said, "May God bless and keep blessing you."

Ravine Parc Crisis



Temporary Water Source in Ravine Parc

The pump for the only well in Ravine Parc has been broken for several months. As a result, the residents have been forced to get water at a sand mine. The Foundation repaired the community pump a couple of months ago, but the water table dropped and the well has leaking pipes. The pump needed several additional parts in order to function. Then in July we recently received the following message:

"Good morning, my Dear Pastor!

I hope that you had a good night. Remember that I explained to you how the situation is for the people who live in the community of Ravine Parc. I can tell you at the moment, the water that we use isn't good to drink. We have to repair the pump because the water that the people drink gives the majority diarrhea. You said to me, try to contact Emile and give us some information about it, to learn what we can

do. After we contacted the repairman, he gave us all the information. After that I sent you all the information. I ask you please try to contact the board again to see what you can do to repair it because the people in the community have problems.

Dear, I wish you to understand my message: **We have to get water!** I ask you to please contact the board to get a solution. Without repair, people could die from the water that we use at the moment."

Ancito Gene -- (This message was edited)

Our immediate response was to tell them to boil the water and asked the community for donations. They were able to raise 2000 Haitian dollars from 20 families (about 100 people including children use the well). The cost to repair the pump again including new pipes and new parts was 36,100 Haitian dollars (\$1,390 US). The board as an emergency measure approved the repair. We hope donations will cover the cost.

Haitian Life is Stressful



Eluard Louis, Director of English Studies

What is Haitian life like for one of our employees? When Eluard Louis recently spoke about his stress, he was asked about its source. He replied:

"You asked me about the source of my stress. I would describe it like a tree with many branches. As a young person, I carry many dreams and projects in my heart, but the situation in the country keeps sabotaging them. It feels like I'm stuck in a tunnel with no visible exit. What once gave me hope — the dream of a better Haiti — is now fading into something uncertain. Every promise of change seems to vanish. Things aren't just stagnant; they're getting worse. Even the international forces that once promised help now seem silent.

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I'm living under constant insecurity:

- Food insecurity, where purchasing power has collapsed.
- Physical insecurity, where harm can come at any time.
- Moral insecurity, where manipulation, mistrust, and exploitation have become part of daily life.

It feels like we Haitians have become passive, zombified, colonized again in a different way. There's no more organized political resistance, no strong civil response. It's like we've given up our country to gangs. We are marginalized and silenced.

Yes, these realities form the core of my stress. I live in an environment where fear and despair are constant. The kidnapping of . . . , a close friend, added another layer. While we're grateful for his release, we still don't know what trauma he's carrying, as he hasn't returned to Fond Doux yet.

At the clinic, I see poverty up close every day. People come not just for medical help but for something to eat. Sometimes when I'm just sitting in clean clothes, they assume I'm financially stable and ask for help. And when I have something - even if it's only 500 gourdes in my pocket (about \$3.80), I share it. But witnessing so much need with so little ability to help is emotionally exhausting.

I try to stay active — working on different things to earn a daily living. But I've reached a point where my expenses are more than double my income. If that's my situation, I can only imagine how much worse it is for those with no work at all.

Personally, I don't have problems with my job itself. Yes, the stress sometimes makes me less productive, but changing jobs isn't even an option here. Jobs are scarce—especially in this part of Haiti.

Eluard”

Eluard is one of 38 people employed and supported by your donations at one of the 3 affiliated schools or by the Foundation itself

Did You Know?

Did you know that the Foundation sponsors three schools, an English club and a clinic? Did you know that 315 children are receiving a basic education from the Foundation through the affiliated schools or from scholarships? Did you know that nearly 140 children are learning English through English Clubs? Wow!

Did you know that almost 250 students have been receiving Vita Mamba to prevent malnutrition? That

80 children have been or are now being treated for severe malnutrition in our clinic? That our clinic had 2009 patient visits this year through July 21st? Did you know that It is open 4 days a week?

Did you know that we can build a house for \$6,000?

Did you know that in 2024 there were 104 donors to the Foundation? That 24 gave less than \$100 USD? That 7 donors contributed \$10,000 or more? Did you know that we needed every single gift and deeply appreciate each and every one! Thank You!

Did you know that we need to expand our donor base? Help spread the word. Thanks.

The Progress of Our Fund Drives

School/Center - goal \$100,000 -- \$97,450

Teacher Pay - monthly need \$2300 - \$520

For the building we are close, “Hallelujah!” We recently received a \$10,000 USD gift for this purpose. Thank You! Thank You, especially those that gave sacrificially to reach this goal!



Construction Is Soon

BUT, we still need more support! We will need to furnish the building and also erect a restroom. We also greatly need increased monthly support for our teachers. **Can you make a commitment? Or a group of which you are a part? Just \$100 a month will pay one teacher. We have 25 school teachers!**

“SO LITTLE CAN DO SO MUCH”

To learn about our projects or to donate, 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.