

The Fond Doux Flyer September 2025

The Progress of Our Fund Drives

School/Center - goal \$100,000 -- \$99,138

Teacher Pay - monthly need \$2500 - pledged \$520

Because of your support, the building will soon be under construction. Thank You! Thank You! We need only \$862 more for the building!

The Methodist School

The Methodist School of Fond Doux is one of three schools affiliated with the Fond Doux Foundation. The others are the Good Samaritan School of Platon and the School for Tomorrow in Ravine Parc. The Methodist School was begun by the Methodist Church of Fond Doux because many parents could not afford tuition. So, they started a school where no child is turned away for lack of funds. The leaders also saw a school as an opportunity to introduce young people to the Church. It was a brilliant and successful idea. During the last school year 103 children attended the school. A major problem, however, has been that the school has no building. Grades kindergarten through grade four (86 children) have all been in the sanctuary separated only by moveable screens. Further the school is grossly underfunded.

This is where the Foundation comes in. In partnership with the Methodist Church, the Foundation desires to create a place for an elite education. That requires first of all a good teaching staff. The Foundation has entered into a contract with the Church to assure teachers their pay. Previously, the teachers often were not paid for months at a time. Also the Foundation will provide in-service training for them. To provide the school with adequate facilities we are combining the Foundation's need for a place to hold community meetings with a place for the school.



Drawing of Community Center/School

The building will soon be under construction, but we still need continued support! We will need to furnish the building and erect a restroom. We also greatly need increased monthly support for our teachers (pledges have just \$520 per month). **\$100 a month will pay one teacher We have a total of 25 teachers in the three schools. Can you make a commitment? We really need your help! \$1200 a year!**

The Ravine Parc School



School for Tomorrow in Ravine Parc

The Ravine Parc school is another school which is presently being helped by the Foundation. The school was started because there was no school in the community and children could not get an education. When the school was first started, it had some support from a national public official, but it lost this support as the national government has disappeared into nothingness. A wealthy local resident funded the school sacrificially until he ran out of money. Then the teachers could not be paid. The Foundation has given emergency aid. We will continue to be able to do so only if we find people that are willing to give regularly. A thousand dollars a month would go a long way to insure its survival, maybe even thrive. That is why we are looking for money for teacher support.

The school has two damaged classrooms in need of significant roof repair. They also need additional benches (desks), chairs and chalk boards. The school is expecting a significant increase in attendance for next school year (about 36 students - a 31% increase.)

Wedding of Ms. Fania Ernest

It is with great joy that I inform you of the wedding of our respected Laboratory Technician, Ms. Fania Ernest, and Mr. Wedleysan. The ceremony took place on Saturday, August 23, 2025. The couple exchanged their vows during a civil ceremony, followed by a religious ceremony at 3:00 PM at the Assemblée de Dieu Plaines, Pastor Brunel. On behalf of the Fond Doux community, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to Ms. Ernest and Mr. Wedleysan, and we wish them a lifetime filled with love, joy, and blessings.

Sincerely, Eluard Louis, Director
Community Clinic Fond Doux Foundation

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Clinic News



Dr. Dieuseul Istache

Slightly over a year ago, we added a physician to our staff, Dr. Dieuseul Istache, and opened our clinic 4 days a week. Dr. Istache received his university and medical education on a scholarship provided by the Foundation. A little over eight months ago, the Foundation opened a laboratory for our clinic by hiring Sheeder-Fania Ernest to be our lab technician. We also operate a small pharmacy, so that our medical providers can treat illnesses on site. In addition, we added a program to treat and prevent malnutrition among preschool children and opened our doors to host a pregnancy program offered by Hope Beyond Borders for expectant mothers. These additions to the staff and program have enabled us to offer a higher level and more comprehensive health care to the residents of Fond Doux and vicinity.

Most of the care that we offer is free to those who come. Originally, we hoped to charge for our services to those that could afford to pay. We hoped the clinic might eventually become self-sufficient. But we soon discovered that most people could not afford to pay for their health care. In fact, many came to the clinic precisely because they were unable to feed themselves. The need for subsidy is undeniable! Our commitments have gradually increased over time. The ability of the clinic to become self-sufficient depends on an increase of the economic condition of the community. Until then, most of our health care must be offered free.



Sheeder-Fania Ernest

The addition of the laboratory greatly increased the medical staff's ability to provide modern medicine. Our lab technician provides approximately three complete blood counts per day. Beyond blood tests, she conducts urine tests, stool screenings, sputum analysis and skin tests as well. She runs tests for anemia, inflammations, pregnancy, diabetes, H pylori, HIV, syphilis, typhoid fever, malaria, sickle cell anemia and parasites. She can detect tumors, dehydration, liver disease and monitor certain treatments.



Mothers and Children Waiting

The initiative to treat malnutrition is by far the biggest reason for people to come to the clinic. The government has also recently given the clinic permission to provide vaccinations that were previously reserved for government sites.

Our efforts are not only to treat disease, but to prevent it where possible. Our nurse provides periodic health education classes for the community, an activity that we hope to expand. When school begins, we expect to provide medical check ups to the students at the three schools with which we are affiliated and others as well. Mission to Haiti usually provides check-ups for their sponsored students in Fond Doux. By agreement, our clinic will provide these also.

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Maternity Leave



Nurse Myrdred Delva.

Our regular nurse, Myrdred Delva is about 8 months pregnant. Her doctor suggested that she take rest until the time of delivery. Beginning August 1st she was temporarily replaced by her sister Valerie Delva, who competently filled in for her when Myrdred had taken medical leave two years ago. Valarie, better known as Vava, is thus well known in the clinic and familiar with all phases of the work. She can pick up the duties easily. Myrdred is expected to return to her duties approximately November 1st.



Nurse Valerie Delva

Vava did her nurse's training at ECIP (The Nursing School of Petit Goave). Before that she had studied office computing. In addition to serving as our nurse for 6 months in 2023, she has served as a university instructor and is also a mother of a two year old child. We welcome her back on this temporary basis.

Family Gardens



Mackenson Hilaire and Emile Maceus

Mackenson Hilaire, our agricultural agent is 2 months into his contract focused on establishing small family gardens. This plan is designed to enable sustainable nutrition through varied food production and encourage family self-reliance. The objectives are to insure food self-sufficiency for up to 20 families, to improve nutrition through crop diversification, to reduce food costs, to encourage community collaboration and to introduce families to sustainable agroecological practices.

The plan includes composting techniques and biological pest control (repellent plants, ashes, liquid manure, etc.). Where needed the Foundation is also providing supplies and materials to get started: Seeds or plants (local and resilient), tools such as rakes, shovels, and netting or fencing for protection. Long term we may consider Integration of small livestock (chickens or rabbits) and sale of surplus at local markets.

Presently enrolled are Jean Bertrand Alexis, Marianne Narcise, Jean Richard, Schenaidine Louis, Rivenson Elisma, Charlotte Fanfan, Heste Jeudy, Atimise Desire, Opiniaque Édouarzin, Beatrice Telemaque, Jolanda St-Julien, Janel Jeudy, Jeudy Gaspard, Makender Louis, Elda Sincré, Bigot Cleana, and Makenson Desulmé.

Teacher Training

Many teachers in the three schools with which we have relationship have little to no formal teacher training That is true in many other area schools as well. Many have only a high school education. To improve the quality of education the Foundation offered training for the teachers of our three schools

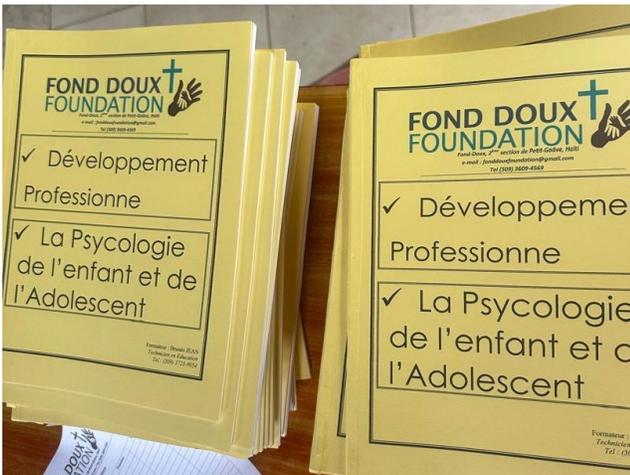
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and invited others as well, Monday, August 18 to Thursday, August 21, 2025, from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.



Class in Session

The topics covered this year were Professional Development and Child and Adolescent Psychology. Professional Development covered such practical things as planning bulletin boards, planning the first week of school thoroughly to get off to a good start including a memorable first class and the importance and manner for reviewing the day. It even included stretching exercises, reading aloud by the teacher and writing a personal journal.



Handout Book for Study and Reference

The other subject covered was child and adolescent psychology including the memory and attention span of children. All the lectures were gathered into a handout book for future reference.

The leading professor was Jean Brunès from the Center for the Fundamental Application of Pedagogical Aptitude in nearby Vialet. He previously taught at the National Maurice David School in Vialet and is a graduate of Cornerstone Christian University. In the evaluation of last year's event kindergarten teachers asked for some help directed specifically for kindergarten teachers. The second resource person was Danise Michel, a graduate of the Emile Durkheim

Normal School and a kindergarten Teacher at the National School Maurice David of Vialet with 9 years' experience teaching kindergarten. Registration included 55 area teachers. High attendance Tuesday 54 participants, Wednesday 52 and Thursday 53..

Virtually all of the teachers of our three schools and administrators of the schools were present including 11 from the host Methodist School, 8 from Ravine Parc including its owner and founder, and 5 from Platon. (The school has only 5 teachers.) Several other schools sent many of their teaching staff. There were eight teachers from Zion School of Gardor, and eight from the New School Primitive Baptist school both in Trou ChouChou, way up in the mountains north of Fond Doux. They were recruited by our recent Normal school graduate Aldonis Laguerre who will be a teacher there this coming school year. There were also four from the Jean Dicette Bernard School.



Small Group Sessions

The event was organized by Emile Maceus, our Haitian Executive Director. Lunch was prepared by Felicite Georges, Etienne Widleine, Mona Felix, Jesulene Dolma, Majorie Jolissaint, Marie Jeanine Vitelus and Mona Charlotin.

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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.