

The Fond Doux Flyer October 2025

Clean Water for the Community



Neighbors Fetching Water at the Well

The well that we drilled on our campus was designed first to supply the needs of our campus i.e. drinking water for students at the school and for the participants in community gatherings, and then also to supply water for a restroom (yet to be built). It is contemplated that it will also be used to irrigate a campus garden. As a by-product, we believed we could also provide clean water for our neighbors. Our well was drilled one hundred feet to tap a lower aquifer and avoid so far as possible the easy surface water contamination of hand dug wells.

they came a longer distance. The need for clean water cannot be overstated. While the well was not drilled especially for this purpose, the Foundation rejoices in being able to provide this service for our campus neighbors.



Even Small Children Come



Two Boys at the Water Pipe

The Neighborhood use has actually been far greater than anticipated. We note that in our first picture someone came by bicycle, suggesting perhaps that

English Club Trip



Gathering at the School

On August 31st about 40 members of the English Club at Ravine Parc took a trip to the beach as a reward for good effort and attendance. The trip was limited to the most faithful. The group gathered at the school and were then transported to the beach at Grande-Goâve where they had an opportunity to enter the water and also take a boat ride.

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On the Boat



Gathered in the Pavilion



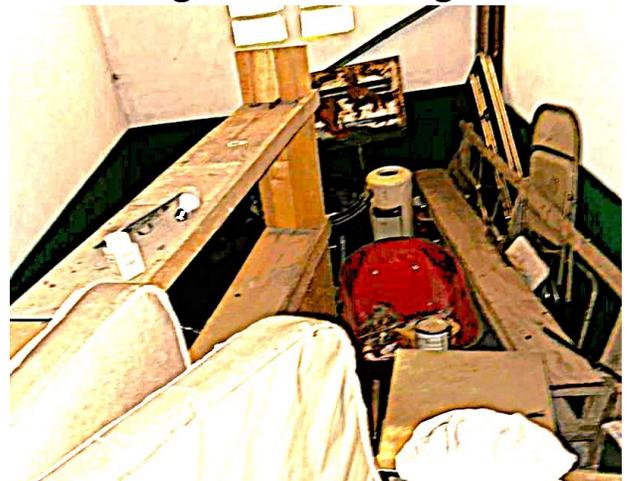
In the Water

The group was expected to speak English; but, of course, in their excitement, the natural Creole often took precedence. They were, however, expected to describe their day in English when they were back in class again.



Eating Lunch

Most participants have little opportunity to travel beyond their local community. It is difficult for Americans to appreciate what a unique event such as an event is. What an experience!



Old Storage Room

In order to make room to move the clinic pharmacy into the area where the night watchman resides, the board had the staff move the junk that accumulated out from the old storage room. This room has become the new pharmacy, Thanks staff.



Clinic Pharmacy

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Aldonis Laguerre Graduates



Teacher Aldonis Laguerre August 23rd

Aldonis Laguerre is our most recent university scholar to graduate with a degree in education. He graduated on August 23, 2025 from UNISMA (International University of Modern and Applied Sciences) in Miragoâne. He has been teaching for 22 years. When asked why he was seeking a degree now, he said, "Some of the methods that I had been using were no longer bearing fruit."

Previously a teacher at the School for Tomorrow in Ravine Parc, he is now teaching at New School Primitive Baptist in Trou Chouchou, a remote mountain area north of Fond Doux.

Knowing the value of good teacher training, he recruited seven other teachers from the same school to attend a four day teacher training event sponsored by the Foundation

He is the second university scholarship student of the Foundation to graduate with a degree in Education. Faédra Olivier, recently married to Mackenson Hilaire was the first. She is teaching kindergarten in Vialet, a nearby village east of Fond Doux. Johnson Louis, a teacher at the Methodist School of Fond Doux, is now attending Emile Durkheim Normal School in Miragoâne to become the 3rd university scholar to obtain a degree in education. Our Educational Coordinator, Emile Maceus, also studied education in Quisqueya University in Port-au-Prince.

Aldonis is widowed and the father of three children. We congratulate him on this achievement and wish him well in his new school.

Growing Chickens

The Fond Doux Foundation at one time planned to operate an egg farm as an agricultural experiment to increase the availability of protein to the local diet. The plan, however, was aborted when the land owner decided to charge too high a rent for the use of his facilities. However, our effort was not in vain. The man that the Foundation trained for the task, Dave Stevenson Michael, later built a chicken coop on land which he owns and has been raising chickens to sell for meat for about a year. Moreover, our effort to train this one man also had a ripple effect to inspire and enable others to follow.



Chickens of Eluard Louis

Eluard Louis and Jowasky Saint Surin decided to follow in his footsteps to improve their financial situation. About five months ago, our English Language Director, Eluard Louis, began raising some chickens on his father's land. He is on his second batch. About six weeks ago Jowasky Saint Surin, the Director of the Fond Doux English Club, began with 50 chicks obtained from Dave Stevenson Michael to do the same.



Jowasky's Chicks

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James' Story

As told by Junior Merjuste



In February 2025, I welcomed a little boy named James. When he arrived at my home, he only had one piece of clothing on him. His family situation was very difficult: his mother suffers from mental illness and no one knows where she is today. His father is also unstable. Some members of the community came to me and asked that I take the child in so that he would not lose his life. After much reflection and analysis, I decided to welcome James. I did not want to carry on my conscience the loss of a child's life when I could make a difference. In my eyes, he only needed medical care, food, and love to regain his strength.

That same month, I presented James' situation to the FDF, an organization that continually supports the community. They received my request with sincere compassion and stepped in to provide him with urgent care. At first, some people despised James. They called him "zombie" or "little death." But today, thanks to care and love, he has become a beautiful little boy filled with hope.

James is the first child to become part of an UYPH Orphanage. Today, we have 4 children in the orphanage: 2 who live with me daily, and 2 others who remain with their families, but I take care of them regularly. We have big dreams to expand the orphanage so we can transform the lives of more children like James. if you would like to be part of this change and help us grow the orphanage, you may contact the FDF or send us a direct message at

ufondation14@gmail.com (The Union of Young Progressives Haiti is a group of young Haitians organized to improve the community).

School Starts in Haiti

School started for some on September 29th. Others begin on October 6th. In preparation for school to begin, the three schools with which we are related, each had requests both for repair of broken school furniture and/or to purchase new school furniture for additional students. The board approved this for the Platon School and the Methodist school. Some building repair, furniture repair and new furniture may yet be authorized for the Ravine Parc School, but we were still waiting for additional information at press preparation time.



Building School Benches

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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.