

Practical Help for Teachers



Teacher Training August 26-28

A second round of teacher training for the teachers (grades one through six) in our three supported schools was held on September 3-4, 2026. Gasthony Eustache was the trainer for the August training for teachers grades one through six. After that training he sent a message to the Foundation: "Today, it is with immense pleasure and great honor that I take this opportunity to congratulate the FDF as a whole for all the developmental work it is carrying out in Haiti, particularly in the Fond-Doux community and various neighboring communities, especially in the field of education.

I feel very proud that you chose me as the facilitator to provide three days of training for the teachers, with the goal of helping them provide a modern education to the children.

In fact, on the final day of the training, I made an important observation. I noticed that the majority of the teachers are able to work theoretically, particularly because some of them have attended teacher-training. However, when they move to the practical stage, their performance does not always correspond to the work they are expected to carry out every day in the classroom. They still have significant gaps that need to be addressed, especially those teaching at the elementary level.

After I returned home, . . . I said to myself that if the FDF is committed to providing its services on a continuous basis, why should I not also make myself available for two additional days to help them address some of these gaps? With that in mind, I made myself available to provide two days of practical training on lesson preparation and lesson presentation for teachers from First Grade through Sixth." (Editor's note: for no additional fee.) The additional training took place at the meeting room at the clinic.



Gasthony Eustache

Ancito Gene, educational director of the Ravine Parc School, responded to the training in this way: "Even as a normal school graduate, I learned many things from the trainer, and I will be able to help the teachers when they have trouble in teaching. The trainer was very patient with the teachers. He was very good . . .

This morning, I am sending this message to thank you and the other members of the board for arranging the teacher training. It was both interesting and good, especially for the teachers at Ravine Parc School. During the training, the teachers learned many things that they never knew about teaching. For this reason, I thank you and ask you to please convey thanks to Jim and the other members of the board. All the teachers at the Ravine Parc School also express their thanks to the board and to Junior Merjuste, General Manager of the Foundation."

Food Assistance Program



"My name is Evens Charlemagne. I live at Fond-Doux. I am 28 years old, and I have three children. The older woman on my left is my mother, and the woman on my right is my wife, along with two of our children.

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I do not have many words to say, but I would like to express my deepest and most sincere thanks to the FDF. I have recently recovered from an illness, and I spent everything I had on my treatment. My entire family had to sell the little things we owned so that I could receive the care I needed and recover.

There were times when I did not even know when we would have our next meal at home. But thanks to the FDF, things are now becoming possible for my family.

Thank you so much, FDF. My entire family joins me in thanking you for your support. May God bless you abundantly."



"My name is Yvrose Pierre. I am a widow, and I live at Culpelier. I am 50 years old, and I have seven children, although unfortunately, only three of them are currently living with me.

Today, I would like to speak on behalf of my entire family to express our deepest gratitude to the FDF for the food kit we received. This gesture means so much to us, and it is difficult to find the right words to fully express how grateful we are.

My family and I gratefully received this food kit, and I pray that God will continue to bless the FDF and everyone who made this support possible.

Thank you so much, FDF. Thank you again for your kindness and generosity."

Every month the Haitian Fond Doux Foundation Advisory Committee, Fritzmann Saint Surin, Chairman, chooses 3 vulnerable families to receive an emergency food kit. The other members of the committee are Johnson Louis of Culpelier; Landany Ferrus of Fond Doux and Noel Joseph of Ravine Parc. They try to choose the most vulnerable families over the entire greater Fond Doux Community. The locals are aware of their neighbors' needs.



"My name is Janine Vitelus. I live at Fond-Doux. I am 60 years old, and I have four children. I am single, and I am a businesswoman. *(Note: that means she tries to sell things at a local open-air market.)*

I would like to sincerely thank the FDF for all the support you continue to provide. I am truly grateful for this assistance, and I am very thankful because during every difficult moment in my life, God has always placed someone in my path to help me and my family.

Thank you "from the bottom of my heart." May God continue to bless you abundantly, so that you can continue helping even more families. Thank you so much!"

Classroom Construction



Digging the Footer.

Work on the classroom building on our campus has begun in earnest. The construction is expected to take about three months. When completed it will serve as the home of a school jointly sponsored by the Methodist Church and the Foundation, charted as the Methodist School of Fond Doux.

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A house across the road from our campus was rented to store tools and materials to prevent theft.



Working with Rebar in Front of Storage House.



Pouring the Concrete Footer



Third Row of Block Completed

We still need some major contributions to erect a restroom building and add the solar electric power.

\$10,000 Provides solar electrical power for the school.

\$30,000 Provides a latrine for the school and campus.

\$35 Provides seeds and tools to start 1 family garden.

\$50 Provides emergency food for 1 family for 1 month.

\$100 Pays 1 teacher for 1 month.

\$400 Restocks our pharmacy for 1 month.

Sudden Illness



Mackenson Hillaire, Agriculture Agent

Mackenson Hillaire is one of the staff members of the Fond Doux Foundation. He works as our agricultural agent, cultivating a nursery on our campus land, developing family gardens, running a youth club to introduce agriculture to youth, and working with some farmers who developed irrigation to improve crop yield and food supply.

About a month ago, we received this word from our clinic director, Dr. Dieuseul Istache. "I would like to inform you that Mackenson Hilaire suddenly became ill, lost consciousness, and fell into a coma. He was taken to Notre Dame Hospital in Petit-Goâve, where he received some medical care and services.

I have reassessed Mackenson's case because I believe his condition requires further attention and additional medical investigations to better determine the possible cause of this episode."

Mackenson recovered quickly from this scary episode and is back at work but is undergoing further testing. He and his wife are also the parents of a newly born son.



Liam Hillaire, Born September 14th

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Ravine Parc School Roof Repair



Ravine Parc School Roof, One of Two Buildings



Painting the Roof

Preventive maintenance is very important in reducing future damage and obviously the additional associated costs. We thank a generous donor for funding this repair.



Removing the Debris



Replacing Damaged Metal Sheets

The roof of the Ravine Parc School for Tomorrow rusted through and was causing leaks into the classrooms below. The school is one of three schools with which the Fond Doux Foundation has partnered to provide a primary school education. On the weekend before school started, a group of laborers took off the damaged metal sheets and replaced them. Then they painted the roof of both buildings in an effort to prevent further damage.



All Doors Were Also Painted

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