

# The Fond Doux Flyer COVID-19 Special

## Fond Doux Prepares for COVID-19



COVID-19 is scary for Americans. It is even more scary for those whose health care system is weak to non-existent. There are about 30 ICU beds in all of Haiti, says Paul Farmer of Partners in Health. On March 24th at 12 noon the Fond Doux Foundation Committee held an informational meeting on COVID-19 for the people of Fond Doux. The meeting was arranged swiftly after the first case of the virus was confirmed in Haiti. There were about 70 people present for the meeting. Dieuseul Istache, a medical student on scholarship from the Foundation, arranged the content of the class. He was assisted by nurse Dahana from Port-au-Prince and nurse Michou from near Fond Doux.

Dieuseul shared the origin of the virus and its effects on the body. Nurse Dahana explained how you catch the disease and how to avoid it. Nurse Michou and Dieuseul demonstrated hand washing and social distancing. You notice that in the picture above how many of the people spread out.



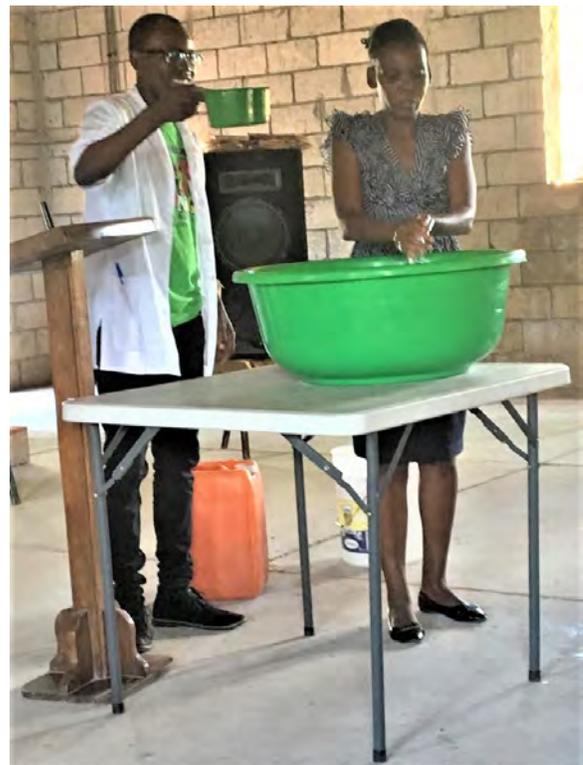
**Dieuseul Istache Teaches about the Virus**



**Nurse Michou and Dieuseul Demonstrating Social Distancing One and Half Meters**



**Nurse Dahana -- How You Get the Virus**



**Nurse Michou and Dieuseul – Handwashing**



**Soap for the COVID-19 Class**

The Committee purchased soap from funds provided by the Foundation to provide for 30 families that could not afford to buy soap, but they also gave some soap to everyone that came to the class.



**Soap for Distribution**

**Schools and Factories Closed**

For the second time this school year the universities in Haiti are closed. After the first case of the coronavirus was confirmed in Haiti the schools, universities, vocational centers, and factories were closed by the president until further notice; gatherings larger than 10 people have been banned. A curfew is in place from 8 PM.-5AM.



**Distributing Soap.**

The gathering occurred in time to avoid the curfew and meeting ban imposed by the President. The donation of soap was made possible by the generosity of Foundation donors

Our scholarship students are again on a hiatus from school. Faédra says she was ordered to stay at home and Emile Maceus is again back in Fond Doux following mid-terms with his school closed.

**Other COVID-19 Cancellations**

Due to travel restriction imposed arising from the COVID-19 pandemic the April Mission Trip to Fond Doux has been cancelled, probably the June trip as well. The presentation at McMannen UMC has also been postponed. For further information contact us through our website or address below.

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### New Music Assistant

Guivelande DOMINQUE replaced Valaine Vitelus in the music project. She was born in La Gonave on October 1, 2000. Her Dad is Ernst DOMINIQUE. Her mother is Violette PETIT-FRÈRE. She has 4 brothers and 3 sisters. She is now living with two of them, a brother and a sister in Fond Doux, our village. Guivelande attended primary school at École National de Madelaine. She is now pursuing her secondary schooling at Ecole Francois Rabelais and is in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade. She is assisting Ismaelo Polistin with the music club.



**Guivelande DOMINQUE**

### The FDFC Explores the Clinic Building



**The Clinic Building**

As the FDF and FDFC inch closer to bringing to fulfillment the proposed Village Nurse/Clinic proposal, several members of the FDFC explored the clinic building owned by the neighboring Wesleyenne Church as part of a cooperative program to improve health information and health care for the village.



**Emile Maceus and Exam Table**



**With Two Members of the Wesleyenne Church**

For more information on these and other projects contact us

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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