

School Update Report

Members of the Haiti Committee

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you from all of us at Our Lady of Lourdes, Belladere. We come to you today with hearts full of gratitude for your love, your support and partnership through these challenging times.

As many of you may know by the newspapers, our nation continues to face significant political and economic difficulties. Year after year the situation become worst. Inflation has soared, necessities have become scarce, and many families in our community struggle daily to provide food for their children. Yet, during these trials, your faithful support has enabled us to remain some hope and stability in our parish and school children in Dosele.

I am pleased to report that despite these hardships, our school remains open and operational. When so many institutions have had to close their doors, we have persevered. This is no small miracle, and it is due entirely to the grace of God and your generous support. We currently serve about 100 to 120 children this year from 1st grade to 6th grade. While this is a decrease from our pre-crisis, we are grateful for each child who walks through our school. Many families have been displaced or have moved to other regions, but those who remain depend on us more than ever.

The school operates five days per week, from 7:30 AM to 2:00 PM. We try to continue to provide a hot meal for every child when it is possible depend on how the security on the road for the transportation is. This feeding program has become as vital as our academic instruction.

Our dedicated team of teachers continues to inspire us with their commitment. We currently have 6 teachers on staff, all of whom have remained despite the economic challenges that have made their own lives increasingly difficult. I would like to thank you so much for your support to pay the teachers salaries. Without your support those children may be out of education and initiate to the gangs.

We are glad our teachers continue to come, continue to teach, and continue to pour themselves into these children. Some have taken on additional work with some kids in the afternoon. The problem is textbooks, paper, and basic supplies like pencils and erasers are difficult to obtain and are expensive. We have implemented creative solutions—students share books, teachers create lessons that minimize paper use, and we rely heavily on oral instruction and memory work. There are no words adequate to express our gratitude for your support and love in our darkest moments.

As we close, I ask you to join us in prayer:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of education and for brothers and sisters who share in this ministry. We pray for peace in our land, for wisdom for our leaders, and for provision for every family struggling to survive. Bless those who have supported this work so generously and

let them see the fruit of their investment—not just in test scores, but in lives transformed, hope restored, and futures redeemed. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Thank you for standing with us. May God bless you abundantly!

Fr. Roderick Mitial

Pastor