

HaitiMission

READY OR NOT HERE I COME

YES, IT'S ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR!



Hello, everyone! Warm greetings from the Haiti Mission and especially from our children at “**Notre Maison**” (Our Home), the orphanage in Fonds-Parisien, Haiti! We hope that you and your loved ones had a great Summer, and are now ready to welcome the Autumn season and, for many, a brand-new school year! It’s hard to believe that our kids at “**Notre Maison**” are now in their second year of school. It feels like only yesterday that we were busy looking for a teacher who would teach our kids as the regular schools in Fonds-Parisien wouldn’t accept them as pupils, having never been in school at their ages. All thanks to God, we were blessed to find a qualified teacher and a helper in September 2016 to teach our children and get some of them ready to move up to the next class.



Having said that, it wasn’t the smoothest ride. We hit a little bump in the road towards the end of the school year, as our main teacher left Haiti to join her fiancé in Brazil. Thankfully, the helper was able to successfully complete the school year with very little disruption.



So this year, we embarked on a new search to carefully select a replacement teacher for our children. After conducting phone interviews with several candidates, Marie Volcy traveled to Haiti on August 24th to meet with the short-listed candidates and selected our new teacher who will be starting with our kids this fall. Marie also brought along some school materials and uniforms to help get the kids ready for another exciting school year!

NOTRE
MAISON
WELCOMES
TWO NEW
CHILDREN

While Marie Volcy was in Haiti she reported that “Notre Maison” now proudly houses 10 children, having added 2 children on her trip.

Accomplishments:

Like Samuel said, "Thus far the LORD has helped us." (1 Sam. 7:12). As several are already aware, prior to 2002, the Church of Christ did not exist in Fonds-Parisien, my hometown in Haiti. With determination, God's blessings and the assistance of several brethren, a very successful 8-day Evangelism Campaign was conducted in 2002. This resulted in 12 baptisms, one of whom was my very own sister. Subsequently, through yearly semi-annual trips to **Fonds-Parisien, the congregation has been strengthened to a membership of 60** (not counting children). The gospel has been preached at the Church and public gatherings and hundreds of needy (mostly children) have been fed.

Furthermore, in November 2015, "**Notre Maison**" (Our Home) orphanage opened its doors as planned with a **50-bed capacity**. We are truly grateful to God and to all, who in one way or another, have joined us on this wonderful journey and we pray that God will bless you and yours in return!

Opportunities:

While we rejoice in our accomplishments thus far, we understand that there is a lot more to do. I'm sure those of you who have traveled to Haiti with us can testify to this; as you have seen the **need** with your own eyes.

If necessary funding was available, with God's help, we would be able to accomplish the following:

1. Evangelism - Within 3 years, increase attendance to about 200 from its current number of 60. It is estimated that about 100,000 of people now live in Fonds-Parisien and its surrounding areas. This increase in Fonds-Parisien's population is due especially to the 2010 earthquake which caused thousands of people to move to Fonds-Parisien from the greater Port-au-Prince area. Indeed "The harvest is plentiful".

**SOLAR PANELS
SUPPLY MUCH
NEEDED POWER**

Thanks to a generous gift from a brother and from Texas & his wife, when we go to Haiti in November, Lord willing, we will be able to purchase & install a small solar system. This system will provide the most needed energy for both the orphanage & the church building. Electricity is almost non-existent in Fonds-Parisien, Haiti, so this system will certainly be a great blessing. We thank God for this family's wonderful generosity.

We have a van and would need an additional van to help transport people to and from worship. Also we would need to support a preacher/teacher to help equip the church for this ministry. A good used van (preferably diesel) would cost about \$20K in Haiti, but could be purchased abroad and shipped to Haiti as well. About \$3K a month would be required to support the preacher/teacher and carry out this ministry.

2. "Notre Maison" (Our Home) orphanage - Increase the number of kids at the orphanage from 10 to 50. Yes, we have some exciting news! We just received two new children this past month and now have 10 children at the orphanage. We currently have 24 beds available but the potential to lodge up to 50 kids! If we had the funds, we would buy 13 more bunk-beds (to accommodate 26 additional children). Similar to the beds we currently have at \$200 each for a total of \$2,600 would be shipped to Haiti. Taking care of the physical, educational, spiritual and emotional needs of 50 children would require about \$10K a month. These funds would cover everything, inclusive of food (3 meals a day), clothing, basic health care (no free health care in Haiti), schooling, staff and security.

3. Feeding the hungry - There are more needy children on the street than "**Notre Maison**" the orphanage could ever take in and there are many needy adults as well. Therefore, while the primary focus of our mission trips is evangelism, at least twice a year we prepare some food and feed as many as we can. For example, in December of 2012, we fed over 400 people at a meal where we roasted a calf which had been donated for the occasion.



Haiti is a poor country and the situation of the entire country, including Fonds-Parisien, worsened with the 2010 earthquake. Now the situation worsens even more as thousands of people impacted by the disastrous earthquake moved to Fonds-Parisien and its surrounding communities. Such a sudden increase of the population has caused the needs for food and other basic necessities to rise significantly. If we had the financial means, we would feed some of these people at least once a week. This would require about \$1K a month. As you would expect, the success of our mission in Haiti has come with a lot of faith, prayer, brethren's support and generosity. The future success of this work will depend on this continued support. Your help is greatly needed in this wonderful work of love with the children and the church in Haiti. Even if you are not able to make a contribution, your prayers for this work and for the people of Haiti are greatly appreciated.

GRACE DE DIEU

In His service,

Jean Volcy

HURRICANE IRMA

Several have reached out to find out how our folks in Haiti, the orphanage and the church are

doing. Well I am glad to report that God heard our prayers and everyone is safe. "Thus far the Lord has helped us." Glory to His name! They only had a couple of hours of rain in Fonds-Parisien. In fact, the whole country escaped the devastating effects of this monster category 5 hurricane. Only in the North of Haiti, in Cap-Haitien and its surrounding areas, did they feel a bit of a stronger rain and wind as Irma made its way from Turks and Caicos towards Cuba. God knows that Haiti couldn't resist a category 5 hurricane so He came to our rescue. We are grateful for all God's blessings and for you as well, and the great blessings you have been to the Haiti Mission and the people in Haiti. Thanks again for your continued thoughts and prayers.

OUR 2 NEW ADDITIONS!!

Davensky & Roodley are brothers. We welcome them to Notre Maison



DAVENSKY

6 years old!



ROODLEY

4 years old!



TENDING THE GARDEN

Changler conscientiously tends to the garden surrounding the orphanage building; growing papaya, corn and bananas.

"He who tills his land will have plenty of food, But he who follows empty pursuits will have poverty in plenty." Proverbs 28:19

SEPTEMBER 16TH

Haiti Mission planning meeting in preparation for the November trip!

NOV 1ST

The Mission Team sets off for Fonds-Parisien, Haiti from Nov 1 - 15th. Work activities include preaching, sewing classes and a fair bit of handy work.

NOVEMBER 6TH

A new solar panel is planned for installation at the orphanage!!