

St. Francis-Haiti Outreach

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NEWSLETTER

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This month's pictures show Annie Joseph who is one of the new kindergarten students at Our Lady of Pointe-a-Raquette School and the new motorcycle provided by funds donated by the Staunton Rotary Club and Joe Vincent.

News from Our Lady of Pointe-s-Raquette School

The last day of school for the children was on June 21st ! Twenty graduates celebrated with a small party for the entire school. The school committee and Fr. Beneche have arranged camps during the summer at the school. The children attend in the morning, eat at noon and then return home. The camps also allow us to pay the teachers for work during the summer. This is all possible because of your generosity! The first summer camp for the children began on July 6th!

The three teachers in the training program, Bodelet Rosier, Jean Pathico Dorvil, and Lucita Guerrier, have completed the teacher's course for national certification and take their exams in July! Keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this important exam.

We are also working toward improving the English curriculum in the school. By learning to speak and write English well, many opportunities are opened to young people. We will be working with the Diocese and will hopefully be able to purchase books to help augment the classroom verbal teaching. Please consider supporting this effort through our Honor With Books program (see other side!).

The Sponsorship Renewal letters should arrive in the mail in the next week. Please look for them and contact us with any questions or concerns. The school would not exist without your sponsorships. Please know how much your generosity is appreciated! We again are asking for you to send words of encouragement for us to share with the classes during our visit in the fall. We also ask that you share your email address with us so that we may send updates and information by email to save money on postage. Please include your email address on your sponsor card, or email us at stfrancishaitioutreachministry@gmail.com so we can add you to the list!

News from Bob's Clinic

As you see from the picture, a new motorcycle has been purchased for the clinic through the generosity of the Staunton Rotary Club and Joe Vincent. Because they are now able to reach rural villages, Dr. Junior Etienne and Dr. Jimmy Fort have begun home visits which help to expand the reach of the clinic services. In addition, Lisa Olshove is working with the organization Midwives for Haiti to identify local women who are candidates for their training program. Most births in Haiti are home births so these women play an integral part in the community. We so appreciate these important partnerships! If you as an individual, or as member of an organization, would like to partner with us to fund a scholarship for educating a midwife, please contact Marie Thomas! Collaboration is so important!

***Men anpil chay pa lou. Many hands make the load lighter.
Bondye beni ou. God bless you.***

For more information about our programs, please contact Marie Thomas, 540-255-3166 or stfrancishaitioutreachministry@gmail.com.



Honor with Books

A unique way to honor a special person & support future students!

Honor with Books provides a meaningful way to pay lasting tribute to a special person while making an important contribution to students at Our Lady of Pointe-a-Raquette School in Haiti. With a gift to the Honor with Books Fund, you will help to buy a new book for the library, provide instructional materials for a classroom, or help with teacher training. The gift supports a critical acquisitions need, and the loved one, friend, special teacher, or colleague will be remembered in a very special way.

Remember Honor with Books for:

- € Graduations
- € Memorial Tributes
- € Professional Honors and Retirements
- € Weddings and Anniversaries
- € Birthdays
- € Mother's Day, Father's Day, Grandparent's Day
- € Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations

*“Books are the carriers of civilization.
Books are humanity in print.”*

-Barbara Tuchman

Recognition: When donors make a gift to the St. Francis Haiti Outreach Honor with Books Fund:

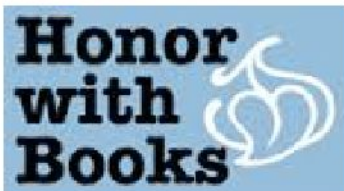
- € A letter of acknowledgment will be sent to the honoree, or their family.
- € The donor will receive acknowledgement by email, and receive a tax form in January.

The Opportunities

- € \$25 will provide a new hardback book for the school library
- € \$50 will provide instructional material for a classroom
- € \$100 will send a teacher for additional training

How to Give

- € Fill out the form below and mail to Haiti Outreach, PO Box 2563, Staunton, VA 24402-2563!
- € Or to request a form by email, contact **Honor with Books** coordinator Diane Pekala at stfranchishaitioutreachministry@gmail.com or by telephone at 540.292.0549.



I enclose:

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- ___ \$100 to send a teacher for additional training
- ___ Any amount to put toward a new book

Make check to: St. Francis Haiti Outreach

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