



**This month's pictures show how the teachers delivered school work for the students while the school was closed—on their motorcycles! The school classes resumed in late May and students at the school wear their masks.**

### **News from St. Louis Parish School**

Like schools in the U.S., all Haitian schools were closed by the government this past Spring when the first cases of Covid-19 arrived in Haiti. As Haitian families do not have computers, distance learning was a challenge, yet our teachers met the challenge and delivered school work throughout the community on their motorcycles! Students returned their work to a special place at the clinic. The school reopened to students in late May and the 2019-2020 school year will extend until November 9, 2020. The 2020-21 school year will open on November 16, 2020. The school calendar was adjusted to make sure all students are able to continue as best as possible with the interruption of in-person classes!

The Sponsorship Renewal letters for the school year 2020-21 are in the mail! Please look for them and contact us with any questions or concerns. Your sponsorship is more important than ever as rising costs continue to burden the poorest families. We are not able to send photographs of the children this year since we had to cancel our trip that was planned for early April.

The Haiti Outreach Ministry has prayerfully decided to support Fr. Augustin and the parents in their desire to continue the school to the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. We are in need of more student sponsors! The teachers are able to be paid through a portion of our sponsorship fees.

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. We do not know when our next visit will be able to occur. If you are not a sponsor and would like to partner with the ministry in this valuable investment, please use the form on the reverse side! THANK YOU!

### **News from St. Louis Parish**

We received an emergency request from Fr. Augustin to request funds to help feed the community. Since the school has not been in session, the children have not been able to receive the lunch we provided. We advised Fr. Augustin to use the school lunch funds to help feed the children and their families. We also were able to send extra funds to help. Fr. Augustin emailed us: *We are a little good at Pointe à Raquette. It seems that the hot sun at Pointe à Raquette us against the spread of the Covid-19. So far we have no confirmed cases in the community. With the extra support from St. Francis, we bought the food kits and distributed them to 500 families. People are so happy with the support. We say a thank you bouquet for your generosity and love. I again feel more intensely God's call to follow Him in the little ones and the poor!*  
Fr Augustin



The distribution of the food kits.

***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, Angie McFarling, 540-569-6041 or [stfrancishaitioutreachministry@gmail.com](mailto:stfrancishaitioutreachministry@gmail.com).**

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## MAKE A DIFFERENCE: SPONSOR A STUDENT



St. Louis Parish School

La Gonave, Haiti

### Sponsor a Student Pledge Form

#### Donor Information (please print or type)

Name	
Billing Address	
City	
State	
ZIP Code	
Telephone (home)	
Telephone (business)	
Cell or fax	
E-Mail	

I would like to sponsor a \_\_\_ boy \_\_\_ girl \_\_\_ any Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade \_\_\_\_\_

#### Pledge Information I (we) pledge a total of \$30.00 per month (\$360 per year) to be paid:

\_\_\_ Monthly \_\_\_ Quarterly \_\_\_ Twice a year \_\_\_ Annually

I (we) plan to make this contribution in the form of:

\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_ Check \_\_\_ Automatic Payment

Enclosed Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for # \_\_\_\_\_ months sponsorship

I am unable to sponsor at this time but would like to make a one-time donation of  
Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable  
to:  
St. Francis - Haiti Outreach  
**118 North New Street**  
**Staunton, Virginia 24401**

Name
Signature(s)
Date

#### Acknowledgement Information

I would like to sponsor a child \_\_\_ in honor of \_\_\_ in memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send acknowledgement to: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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