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This month's pictures show the teachers from Our Lady of Pointe-a-Raquette School at their continuing education which your generosity makes possible. Also pictured is the first ever electrical socket in Bob's clinic! Learn more by reading on!

News from La Gonave

The people of our twin parish St. Louis have been quite busy these past 2 months! The school continues to improve as the new principal is working to establish a library at the school. She has asked some parishioners to build a large case where the books will be kept, and they are waiting on the glass to fit the case. The library will enable both the children and the teachers to have many additional resources. The teachers are compiling "wish lists" of books they would like to see in the library. A great idea for a Mother's Day gift might be to help the library by donating \$15 to buy a new book for the library in honor of Mom! If you are interested in doing this, please fill out the form at the end of the newsletter and return to the office by Tuesday, May 6 so we may send an acknowledgement to your mom!

The 3 teachers have been able to continue the Teacher Training in Hinche also thanks to your support. The training will be ongoing until next year, and the teachers will gain a special certification. This will be a terrific advantage for our school. The teachers who have been attending have shared what they gain through giving workshops to the other teachers at the school.

THE HAITI COMMITTEE THANKS ALL OF OUR NEW SPONSORS!!

Last weekend, we were overwhelmed by the generosity of parishioners who signed up to sponsor children in the school. We are half way to our goal of obtaining 50 new sponsors! Please continue to prayerfully consider whether you might be able to become a sponsor. And thank you to all who are making sacrifices for those children less fortunate!

The children are doing very well, and the yearly graduations and celebrations will be coming in June~

The school will be celebrating 10 years this year so keep posted for a special Sponsor Appreciation Event that the HAITI OUTREACH Committee will be holding this fall!!

News from Bob's Clinic

Due to the success of our Clinic Challenge and to the generous donation of a parishioner, many improvements have been made to Bob's Clinic. The clinic was wired for electricity!! This is the first time that the clinic will have reliable power. The clinic was able to also fix the crumbling floors and walls to the patient cubicles. In addition, the clinic was able to establish a separate lab area where the equipment can be kept away from extreme dust. We are working to expand the lab tests that are able to be done on site so that the people do not have to travel over the treacherous mountain, or take a boat to the mainland for routine tests. Please see the pictures of the clinic in this newsletter.

The new Lab!



A new patient cubicle.



The new wiring!!



As always, thank you so much for your support of the people at our twin parish of St. Louis. You are truly making a difference in so many lives, and Fr. Beneche and the people of Pointe-a-Raquette appreciate your support more than can be expressed. They continue to pray for us at St. Francis each day.

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 steuart@cfw.com.

I would like to honor my mother by giving the gift of a new book for the library at Our Lady of Pointe-a-Raquette School!
BRING TO THE OFFICE BY TUESDAY, MAY 8 SO AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT MAY BE SENT BY MOTHER'S DAY!!

___ \$15 to give the gift of a new hardback book for the school library

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____

Please send acknowledgement to:
Name: _____
Address: _____