



## **St. Francis-Haiti Outreach**

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***NEWSLETTER***

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**This month's pictures show the new pastor, Fr. Wilnec Augustin, with some of the children of the parish, and Dr. Jimmy making a house call exam of a family, including an elderly woman, young child and entire household.**

### **News from Pointe-a-Raquette**

A new pastor has been appointed by the bishop to Saint Louis Parish! We welcome Fr. Wilnec Augustin, a young priest who was ordained on December 29, 2012. He comes to us from St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Carrefour, Haiti. He studied Psychology at the State University of Haiti and speaks English! He shared that his vocation to the priesthood is a true gift and grace from God—he has a great love for the Blessed Mother and the Blessed Sacrament. He also has a special devotion to St. Francis, and seeks to serve in Christ those who are the weakest—the children, the sick, and the poor. He has also been active in the Charismatic Renewal in Haiti. He is settling in to the parish, meeting the community, and is very happy to be in Pointe-a-Raquette. He asks us to pray for him always. He wrote to me on November 2 to say that the community remembered Dr. Linda Kofeldt in a special way during the Mass for the Feast of All Souls. We are happy to welcome him and to work with him to support the parish! We look forward to meeting him on our trip in February!

### **News from Bob's Clinic**

As you see from the picture, Dr. Jimmy Fort has begun home visits which help to expand the reach of the clinic services. The success of Bob's Clinic Challenge helps to enable this most important ministry to reach rural villages. He is visiting the villages of Nan Boukan, Ti Palmiste, Grand Vide, Troie Louis, and La Torre to make home visits to families and elderly people who otherwise would not have access to health care. The doctors have been able to give antibiotics and put stitches in a woman who had a deep cut, and also to admit a very sick man to the hospital for IV fluids. In addition, they gave vitamins and peanut butter, and advised a family with a 4 year old severely malnourished child. These are families who are not able to travel to the clinic, and so otherwise may have had serious complications result if these conditions were not caught with a home visit. Thank you for your generosity in making home visits a reality! You have blessed the people in ways you will never know!!

### **News from Our Lady of Pointe-a-Raquette School**

The first day of school for the children was on September 14<sup>th</sup>! We have a growing attendance and dedicated teachers. We are thrilled to report that the three teachers in the training program, Bodelet Rosier, Jean Dorvil Pathico, and Lucita Guerrier, successfully completed the teacher's course for national certification! We were blessed to have the opportunity this past week to host M. Richard Joseph from the Bureau d'Education in the Diocese of Hinche who helped facilitate the training of the teachers. In fact, he informed me that M. Pathico had one of the 5 top scores on the exams in July! This is a tremendous accomplishment! Thank you for your prayers for the teachers!

Please consider sponsoring a child in honor of a loved one as **a CHRISTMAS GIFT that will give twice!** The school would not exist without your sponsorships. Please know how much your generosity is appreciated! **A sponsor form is included on the other side of this newsletter.**

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

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Our Lady of Pointe a Raquette School, La Gonave, Haiti

**Sponsor a Child Pledge Form-Light the life of a child!**

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

### Pledge Information

I (we) pledge a total of \$25.00 per month (\$300 per year) to be paid:

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

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

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I am unable to sponsor at this time but would like to make a one-time donation of  
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