

The Haitian Project, Inc.
Community Update: Continuing on a Theme
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Top Row: The sixth and final cement sheer wall pour for the Jean-Jacques Dessalines school building structural repair. In third photo (right) Fr. James Cuddy, Providence College Chaplain with Deacon Patrick Moynihan after completion of the pour. Bottom row: Graduation mass and commencement ceremony for Louverture Cleary School's 17th graduation

Last week, we achieved two benchmarks. On Thursday, we poured cement for the 6th and final sheer [reinforcement] wall to complete the structural repair of our second and largest seismic project. The JJ Dessalines will go back into use this September! It was a great cement pour!

We also celebrated our 17th graduation. With each year graduation gets better. This year of special note was our students' punctuality and cooperative participation in each and every element of the program. We are maturing as a community, as student body and an institution. I was especially impressed with the young men's outfits. As God would have it, my son, Timmy, left behind a mauve colored shirt—so, I could match the attire. It might seem trivial, but that made graduation seem all the more coordinated.

It was also a special graduation because our *Maren* (class godmother) was unable to attend physically, but did so beautifully in spirit that it felt as if she were there. I had Michelet Lofficial, a 1998 LCS graduate and current THP Board Member, read Shirley's letter in Kreyol to the community. Perhaps, this paragraph, which sounds absolutely Louverturian, will express why it felt as if Shirley were right there with us:

“Now is the time for you to focus on what your gift is and how best to use it generously for the service of others. Think about your education, think about your values, set your goals. These things will give you the power to make a difference in, and to give hope for, the future. It’s a big responsibility, but the training you received here at LCS has helped prepare you for this challenge.”

Continuing on last week’s theme, I will let the pictures tell the rest of the story of the joyous occasion.

Peace, Patrick

P.S. With the conclusion of the school year we will take a break from our weekly updates, resuming with the start of the new academic year in August.

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“What you receive as gift, you must give as gift.”
“Se gratis nou resevwa, Se gratis tou pou nou bay.”

---Matthew 10:8