

The Haitian Project, Inc.
Community Update: Getting Into the Full Swing of Things
September 7, 2011



Today, we welcomed our newest Louverturians for a three-day orientation of LCS. Incoming sizyem (7th grade) students will take a tour of campus, learn the charism of the school, and participate in key aspects of school life, such as netwayaj (campus and neighborhood cleanup), dormitory and classroom procedures, and mealtimes in the cafeteria.

It's exhilarating to see our 60 new students. The two most exciting days of LCS life are the day the new sizyem students come in and the day he or she graduates. They come in wiry and full of energy, and they go out a bit thicker and taller, smarter and more confident. Since grace builds on nature; however, the future leader is already present in the new arrival--like a wick that will become a very bright candle.

As the newcomers get settled in and learn the ropes to life at Louverture Cleary, we also continue with summer activities before school begins next Tuesday. Pictured above, are the children from the *Jén Moun Program* participating with the Volunteers in some gardening to keep the playground area looking as well as it does. The Jén Moun

Program (or youth program) enables adolescents from the school's neighborhood, in addition to our enrolled students, to engage in LCS activities throughout the year. Also pictured above are children from the *Timoun Program* (the child development program), participating with Volunteer Rebecca Finney, who will help guide the program this year, in some theater exercises. Even before the start of school, Volunteer Emily Marquet, has been putting other Volunteers and students to work with her creativity and theater skills to enrich our outlets for the arts at the school.

You may have noticed over the past couple weeks we have been sharing with you words that have been carefully discerned by our Board of Directors to guide and direct our mission. Following the Mission and Charism of The Haitian Project, we would like to share with you this week our Vision and Goals. We hope they will encourage you in your support of THP and the students of LCS, as they inspire and drive our Louverturians, staff, Volunteers, and Board of Directors to work hard to live our mission to its fullest.

Peace, Patrick

The Haitian Project Vision:

The Haitian Project recognizes its unique history, culture and charism, and is capable of operating, supporting and sustaining Louverture Cleary School, and pursuing economic and educational opportunities for its graduates.

Louverture Cleary School is a model school, rooted in Catholic tradition, successful in educating and forming economically disadvantaged, academically talented young Haitian men and women to be committed to the improvement of their country and the service of their neighbor. Louverture Cleary School will continue to collaborate with other agencies and community groups to provide educational and economic opportunities which impact the lives of students, the local community, and the people of Haiti.

The Haitian Project Goals:

- ❑ *To educate students of all faiths through an academically challenging program in a Christian community rooted in service to others.*
- ❑ *To provide a safe atmosphere that nurtures students intellectually, spiritually and physically, fostering in them a concern for the environment and global community.*
- ❑ *To promote the advancement of women, by providing educational opportunities that encourage young women to continue their education and to be role models for others.*
- ❑ *To instill in students the desire and motivation to remain in Haiti and to work not only for self-improvement, but also for the betterment of all Haitians.*
- ❑ *To develop and enhance leadership qualities in students, preparing them to make social and economic contributions to their community and their country.*
- ❑ *To promote career and post-secondary educational opportunities for students in Haiti.*
- ❑ *To collaborate with other agencies or religious organizations who are committed to similar ideals for Haiti.*

- *To increase awareness in all Americans of the plight of the Haitian people, as well as their hope for the future.*

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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