

The Haitian Project, Inc.
Community Update: Made New Again
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As we celebrate Easter in the Church, we celebrate things made new at Louverture Cleary School (LCS). Formal schooling in Haiti has resumed, and teachers and students were excited to resurrect their “pre-quake” school schedule and curriculum. After watching our students wear their street clothes for nearly three months, it was a beautiful sight to see 315 Louverturians on campus, dressed in their uniforms this morning—announcing unity, preparedness and a renewed spirit.

Vice Principal Zamy Emmanuel shared, “I feel the enthusiasm from the students to be here and return to a more normal schedule.” Although some classrooms had to be replaced with tents, Zamy expressed how impressed he was with the students’ flexibility and drive to make normal classes happen. “I expect that we’ll have an even better day tomorrow than we had today,” he said.

Yesterday was also the beginning of a new opportunity for employment for members of our Santo neighborhood. In the fall, Christina Moynihan made contact with the head of Indepco to create a training course for new sewers. The group project is to create purses with stitched on Caribbean designs using brightly colored beads. These purses with flare have already proven to be a hot item in Haiti and the U.S. Funding for this employment development program came from a long-time THP donor as part of the response to the earthquake. The program started on Monday and will continue for six weeks. The classes are divided in three parts: sewing, design, and professionalism. Participants are provided a minimum wage salary while participating in the training. Stecie Midy (in yellow in the picture on the right) and Samuel Joseph are working with Christina to supervise the program.

In this Easter season we are grateful for the gifts we are given and the opportunity to work and live in a world where there is always a chance to be made new again. Alleluia!

Peace,

Elizabeth
Director of Community Development
Currently in Haiti

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