

## The Haitian Project, Inc.

### Update # 25: Making the Rounds



*Making rounds in the neighborhood for cleanup and repair.*

Today, Patrick Brun and I took the leadership of the downtown contingent of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne to tour the destroyed churches and schools of the Archdiocese. We were contacted by Major Farmer who is interested in helping the community by removing rubble from locations that can be community contact points for food distribution.

It is getting a little easier to move around town due to some progress in rubble removal. But, just when you think you have mastered a driving route, it gets closed again. Also, just when you think you have sensed the dead for the last time, a new place sends reminders.

The Military is slated to help us to get at one of these reminder memorials at the Hospital St. Francois de Sales. They will clear a fallen building at the back of the pediatric ward, which once removed will give the opportunity to more carefully attend to a space that is currently a tomb for over 100 children.

People in the streets remain amazingly willing to laugh at any improvised humor thrown their way. I enjoy walking and randomly greeting those we meet as we deliver our students and staff to community service points. We continue to make minor repairs, put in gates [our maintenance staff are real heroes], burn trash for the hospital, translate and provide medical assistance through our team of LCS alumni who are advanced in medical school.

We have finished much of the Cathedral and Archdiocesan work. What is common to each of these diverse locations is that we have inspired courage in and brought energy to every location we have worked. Each is a happier, cleaner and more efficient place for our involvement.

Peace, Patrick

Making other rounds, The Haitian Project appeared in the Boston Globe's Metro section, capturing quite well the spirit of perseverance and optimism we embrace here in The Haitian Project Community.

***“We have to act like we’re not going to disappear tomorrow, but look ahead 200 years from now,” Moynihan says of Haiti. “We can’t forget the dead, but their sacrifice will be honored by what we do moving forward.”***

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