

## The Haitian Project, Inc.

Community Update: Not all fun and games, but we play some of the time.  
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Top: Second-year Volunteer Andy Roznowski coaching basketball practice; Volunteers Stacey Collins and Natalia Soares review Italian and Portuguese vocabulary in Language Club; Volunteer Tommy Cody discusses *Cry, the Beloved Country* with English Book Club.

Bottom: Volunteer Rachel Thelen teaches proper lunging technique during Fitness Club; students play lido and checkers on newly-painted game tables.

Fact is, we do *do* a lot of work at LCS. For the students, there is academic work, which includes eight hours of class and three hours of nightly study; community work and school clean-up. Work at LCS is prayer and practice. It is our offering and our opportunity.

However, each day there is also play.

Certain play hour activities never vary. Students inevitably play soccer in every available nook and cranny, and Volunteer Andy Roznowski regularly coaches the basketball team toward victory. Some students hold prayer meetings; others play tag or dominoes. Additional play hour offerings vary year-to-year depending on the talents and interests of our Volunteers.

This year, the Volunteers are running a number of unique clubs and activities for our students. Natàlia Soares and Stacey Collins have started a language club to teach Portuguese and Italian (respectively). Natàlia and Kristin Soukup also lead Music Club, where students can practice guitar or keyboarding. Second year Volunteer Tara Kingsley instructs students in the fundamentals of drawing and painting in Art Club, and Tommy Cody is reading *Cry, the Beloved Country* with English Book Club. Fitness Club, led by Andy and Rachel Thelen, teaches basic cardio and strength training techniques.

What prompted me to write this week's update on "fun and games" was catching sight of the newly painted game tables. This was a long-time-in-the-making project conceived by my wife, Christina. Christina generally has really good ideas, but this was a capital one. The game tables are great for several reasons: they are orderly and neat. They provide stimulating play. And, they allow young people to enjoy and relate with one another in a very age-appropriate way. You see, I was not exaggerating; the idea is brilliant.

Peace, Patrick

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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