

**The Haitian Project, Inc.**  
**Community Update: Old Home Week**  
**September 28, 2011**



This week we had a great serendipitous reunion of Steve Keppel and Adam Osielski. Steve and Adam were Volunteers at Louverture Cleary School together in 2003 and 2004. They both spent two years in Haiti in total, and they are back again to make business happen in Haiti. Steve is doing that through the organization he founded: EGI (Economic Growth Initiative) for Haiti, and, on this trip, he brought along a colleague from Colombia, Juan Roesel. For more on EGI, visit <http://egi-haiti.org/wordpress>. Steve is now the Director of Financial Content for Univision Network in Miami.

Adam has returned to begin the start-up of a solar power company in Port-au-Prince. If all goes as planned, this new company will have LCS graduates as partners and be a future employer of our graduates. Adam is working permanently in Haiti.

I have to say that I am never short on interesting people for a good conversation given our growing pool of impressive THP Volunteer alumni.

What is key in these ventures is that they are attempts to make business happen in Haiti WITH HAITIANS. The seed may be imported, but the plant will be local. Adam and Steve are making things happen—but in the end they are not the thing that is happening. This follows well the proverb “Physician, heal thyself” by, in fact, facilitating those in need of employment to create that possibility for themselves and others. This type of in-building is a sure path to a stronger nation. Thanks, Steve and Adam for making the next effort.

The Haitian Project recently welcomed a new addition to the Volunteer group. Andrew Roznowski hails from Green Bay, Wisconsin (Abi and Andrew mark the first sibling pair of Volunteers in THP history). Prior to arriving at LCS, Andrew served with AmeriCorps in a Milwaukee public school and completed training as an emergency medical technician. Andrew has stepped in to sustain the mission’s vigorous physical education program. He is also teaching sizyem English, leading neighborhood sanitation projects, and co-coaching the men’s basketball team. Welcome Andrew, and thank you for coming!

We had the pleasure of having Archbishop Guire Poulard celebrate our first Mass for the opening of the year. More to come about our continually growing relationship with the Archdiocese of Port-au-Prince in future updates.

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