

## Update # 14: Reinforcements Arrive!



*Patrick shopping for LCS at a local supermarket, which agreed to let him come in before opening.*



*Last standing example of Patrick's son Robbie's work in Haiti.*

First, I want to let you know how appreciative we are to have Elizabeth O'Connell and Christina Crow in Haiti. They arrived today after a perfectly executed logistic plan--we call those GOD PLANS.

You all know Elizabeth's role in the community, especially with the volunteers. She will be here to make sure the staff that is busy caring for everyone is cared for as well. She will also work with the coordinators of student volunteer activity to engage our eldest students appropriately in service to the broader community. This will include everything from relief labor to child development work to translating.

Christina Crow (former THP Volunteer & Director of External Affairs) has taken a week off from the International Rescue Committee to work with us on "Relief Org/NGO/US Military" connections. With the Haitian business community in difficulty, we will be looking to have more assistance from the newly increased aid avenues to Haiti. We will also work hard to get our talented graduates employed as translators, managers, etc. with the arriving organizations.

We had two others arrive--but that is for tomorrow's update.

On the building front, we had an official visit from Gerry Fombrun, our local architect from Fombrun architecture and engineering firm. He agreed largely with the review done by our panel of specialists. He ok'd the use of all buildings, except the one we have discussed in past updates that requires repairs. After carefully removing anything precarious and bringing down the last of the leaning walls, we will repair perimeter walls first, recover battery banks, reinforce the bridge, and repair the damaged building last. We will have Charles Fombrun work up some plans for us as soon as the current situation requires less of his time.

We had a moment this morning to test his findings early this a.m. The buildings performed in today's aftershock as he predicted--without a problem.

Many people have asked for specific projects to support. Once we have plans, we will have a detailed list of projects and also cost estimates. We will pass that along as soon as possible.

I continue to be proud of the leadership team--staff and volunteers. The students are doing well also. Walking across campus last night, I noted it was the cleanest I have ever seen it. It lifted my spirits.

On the lighter side, it has been an amazing week including brokering everything from car deals to real estate for THP friends [I will let Patrick Brun explain] to making up for missing banks and ensuring that we have the supply lines we need to operate. While we continue to work in a difficult context of pain for a whole nation of people, we are succeeding--that brings joy as well.

Peace,

Patrick Moynihan, THP President