

The Haitian Project, Inc.

Update # 13 - School's Back--or, at least a version of it



Today, I woke up to the most beautiful sound: our students chatting before the 6:00 AM meeting. We have about 150 students on campus right now. We are letting the students naturally decide where they need to be at this time--but we are making the school more alluring as we go. I am sure our student numbers will grow quickly.

Usually, I get an advance wake-up call by the boys showers going on at about 5:00 AM. But, we will only occupy sleeping space starting tonight. The students chant was matched in beauty by the staff's singing at prayer. All day I have been repeating: All creatures great and small, alleluia. We cannot do all the content, but we can be on our schedule. This will help us to be organized in a manner to begin helping the greater community even more--our real goal.

It is great to take another big step toward "normalcy". I hope you enjoy the pictures.

Unfortunately, the roads are crowded now--but it is with relief workers. If I were president, all relief organization organizers would have to carpool. But, it is good to see them out and getting going.

We were able to send Theony--who is far enough advanced in his medical career to work as a doctor--to the Missionaries of Charity with Corey Paulino--who will study dentistry next year if we can't convince him to stay a second year--to support the student volunteers. This, and the current mass entry of NGOs, prompted me to write the below note to one our community.

Before pasting that below, I want to thank all our donors who make it possible for us to serve:
Your help is the help we have to give.

Patrick Moynihan, President THP

I wanted to thank you for helping "ahead of the catastrophe". Because you gave us the "transportation grant", we were able to resolve many of our transportation issues we had. This not only allowed us to be better prepared, it allowed us to give one of our vehicles to the Missionaries of Charity to use as an ambulance. [Know that you are part of the relief effort and

saving of life.] Investment in scholarships allowed us to also send a LCS grad doctor to work with the sisters as well. So, you have done in advance what many are scrambling to do today. I want to thank you for that.

There may be a deeper lesson to learn in this example. I think it is amazing that we, thanks to supporters such as you, have empowered the people of Haiti to serve in a crisis and in normal situations. I have to say, I am bit sad when I think that all this immediate relief--which is absolutely necessary and wonderful--leaves, it will leave the country as poor as when it entered it. Maybe, I have lived in Haiti to long to see things as a foreigner. Just a thought for how we approach service to others. As in so many things, timing is everything.