

The Haitian Project, Inc.
Community Update: Trash Whirls, It Swirls, It Has to Go
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Top: Ss. Francis and Clare House security guard, Jastram, and Deacon Patrick Moynihan pick up trash. Bottom: Trash piles up on the roadside; metal is collected in a wheelbarrow; LCS student digs a hole to bury trash, and the freshly filled hole.

Much like leaves during a New England fall, trash in Haiti constantly moves around with the wind searching for a home in the recesses of walls and such. Sadly, trash is not a natural adornment – it is a devastating environmental hazard. Having piles of trash lying around also impedes investment by local citizens and foreigners.

Unfortunately, the gate to the Ss. Francis and Clare House [The Haitian Project President's residence and community guesthouse] provides a port of refuge for meandering trash. Each time I leave the house or enter, there is trash scattered in front of the gate. Nearly every time, I pick it up; but more always comes back.

The only way to end trash's travel is to burn, bury, or recycle it. Thanks to our Volunteers, especially Edward Drislane, as well as our staff and students, we have "ended" a lot of trash this year.

Louverture Cleary School and The Haitian Project community personally invests itself in a cleaner Haiti. A pickaxe, a shovel, and a wheelbarrow –all very simple yet incredibly essential tools in Haiti– cost the equivalent of \$145 USD.

However, to make these simple tools work; they must be placed in the capable hands of our LCS students who are getting the job done. Not only are our students taught to be socially responsible and environmentally conscious leaders, but they are also capable of actually changing their country.

If you'd like to invest in the tools and the people to make a difference in Haiti, (\$1,400 per year per student), just click on the button below. Donations can also be mailed to:

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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