

The Haitian Project, Inc.
Community Update: Treasure
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LCS students participate in Netwayaj Deyo (Outside Cleanup); Tim Moynihan, Philo (senior +1) student, exhibits a treasure found while sorting and burning trash; Second Year Volunteer, Andy Roznowski works with Sizyèm students to separate valuable rocks from ash.

From scripture and life, we know that wherever our treasure is, there also will be our heart. It is good to be reminded to keep our heart and our treasures in the right places. Looking ahead to Friday and Valentine's Day, I am happy that THP is something you treasure and keep in your hearts.

That said, the child in me still likes to contemplate treasure as just that--treasure. I had the opportunity to revisit the childhood excitement of finding something unexpected when Volunteer Andy Roznowski, who leads our "Netwayaj Deyo" (neighborhood clean-up program) recounted the following story to me.

A team of 18-year-old students sweating and working in the streets always draws attention. People are curious when they see us sorting waste and burning trash. "What are you doing?" they ask. "Protesting trash!" we say.

Young teenagers seem to be the most intrigued and can sometimes be persuaded to join in the work. The other week a young boy was watching us like a television set. With a little encouragement, he stepped right in. Seeing this neighborhood boy learning from Louverturians and freely participating in work is the epitome of our mission.

Just as we were finishing the day's work, he uncovered a solar garden light beneath a heap of decaying waste. Rewarded for his efforts, he walked home that evening with a treasure in his hand and a light in his heart.

I get excited about LCS like this all the time--because it is a treasure and a light, too.

Peace, Patrick

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“What you receive for free, you must give for free.”

“Se gratis nou resevwa, Se gratis tou pou nou bay.”

--Matthew 10:8