

**The Haitian Project, Inc.**  
**Community Update: The Missionary's Responsibility**  
**November 9, 2011**



*Photos 1-4: Photos taken by THP Volunteers to help show the work and activities taking place at LCS. Photos 4-5 (on bottom row): Jean Frederic, member of the LCS security team, at his new house built from last year's extraordinary relief funds.*

The other day I received a very positive email from a former Volunteer. He mentioned he was accompanying a group on a trip to an interesting place as part of his work. He ended the email with the comment: "The perk of working with X."

I assure you that he has reason to be looking for perks—his job also requires he live in one of the more expensive cities in the US—a tough situation. He also just started his family. There are not a lot of perks in today's work place. Nonetheless, his email about work was positive. This was good to hear from a young person given my recent experience in the U.S.

Being the curmudgeon I am, when he asked how I was doing, I wrote back, "Calling 250 THP supporters to beg for support—the responsibility of being a missionary...." To my credit, I wrote, "Take this with a grain of salt" (I meant it tongue-n-cheek).

First, I am always happy to speak to our support base. Second, I was exaggerating my part as we will have a lot of help with the calls. However, it is true. THP will need to work hard to cover the 20% gap [about \$200,000 in funding] we still have to raise this year—the economy is tough on everyone.

Fortunately, I have good company in the effort. Beside the great team of Elizabeth O'Connell Cross and Tim Scordato in development, I have reached out to our current Volunteers here in Haiti to help get out the word. They have responded enthusiastically. They started taking pictures to send home. They even thought of doing a video—but time is too short to get on *America's Funniest Videos*. So, I asked that they stick to pictures—which is the source the first four pictures above.

The last two pictures are of our visit to see Jean Frederic's house. Jean is one of our security members and has been on staff at LCS for more than 12 years. He lost his house in the earthquake. This is one of the 10 permanent houses we built with the extraordinary Relief Funds. Jean's house is spartan. I like what Jean did with the floors, though. I also like that his house is permanent and adaptable.

As always, thank you for your support. Your help is the help we have to give the students of LCS and our Santo 5 community. (I know what you're thinking: So, that is what he writes on the thank you letters in the bad handwriting... )

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