



School Clinic at Saint Gabriel School in Haiti

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Fr. Bernard Desras, pastor at St. Gabriel Parish, in Lascahobas, Haiti, visited Sacred Heart Church in early June 2012. He thanked the generous supporters and shared his joy of having completed the building of the school that counts 13 classrooms serving at that time, 250 students 7th-11th grade. There have been two additional grades added each year. The 1st and 11th grades were added in 2012, the 2nd and 12th grades in 2013, and the 3rd and 13th in 2014. He also completed the school latrines thanks to a Catholic Relief Services matching grant and donations. In addition, students are better fed thanks to two Diocesan Development Fund matching grants (Battaglia) and more donations which allowed him and his community to establish two self-sustaining vegetable farms. Just like Fr. Bernard, Father Ady Mytial –new pastor at St. Gabriel since December 2014- believes in developing the whole child: spiritually, educationally (school building, teachers, and scholarships), nutritionally (cooks and farms) and health care (clinic, water cistern, nurse and medical supplies.)

The school clinic was completed in 2013. The clinic has three rooms with an indoor shower and toilet. In the first room the nurse will receive and treat the students. It will be furnished with a desk, two chairs, one bench, shelves and a closet. In the second room the students will lie down and rest after treatment. In it, there will be two beds, mattresses, pillows, bedding, towels, and a closet. The third room is to be the school shop furnished with a stove, a refrigerator, a table, two chairs, a closet, and a few shelves.

Mrs. Kerline Pierrot, the certified nurse at the school, currently corresponds regularly with Dr. Katie Anderson, a Sacred Heart parishioner who visited St. Gabriel with Dr. Kyrie Shomaker in the summer of 2014. Currently two sponsors donate Mrs. Pierrot's salary of US\$110 monthly. Fr. Ady is currently on Assistance Fund supported by Sacred Heart and the larger community. He and Mrs. Pierrot decide how to use the fund. All medical supplies are bought locally. This fund will also pay the fees needed for students' visits to the clinic.



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What can you do?

Fr. Ady's goal is to have a Medical Assistance Fund for the operation of the clinic. 100% of your donation benefits St. Gabriel and is tax deductible. If you feel a Call to Service and wish to donate some funds, please write your check to Sacred Heart Church and add Medical Assistance Fund on the memo line. For online giving go to www.sacredheartnorfolk.org, click on the "Giving" tab, then click "online giving". Under "designate fund amount", scroll down to Haiti: Medical, and indicate the amount.

Together we continue praying for our Family in Haiti

Picture: School Clinic, September 2013

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