



Saint Gabriel Builds Its School Clinic

Update: This project is finished; funds for medication are still needed.

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Father Bernard Desras, pastor before Father Ady Mytial at St. Gabriel (SG) Parish, in Lascahobas, Haiti, visited Sacred Heart (SH) Church in early June 2012. He thanked the generous supporters and shared his joy of having completed the building of the school that has 12 classrooms, serving at that time, 250 students, 7th-11th grade. There is also a space for administrative offices. 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, the 3rd and 13th in 2014, the 4th in 2015, the 5th in 2016, and the 6th in 2017, making the school complete. He also built 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 one self-sustaining vegetable farm. Just like Fr. Bernard, Fr. Ady, pastor at SG since December 2014, believes in developing the whole child: spiritually, educationally (school, teachers, and scholarships), nutritionally (cafeteria, cooks, and farm) and health care (clinic, water system, nurse, and medical supplies).

The school clinic was completed in 2013. It has three rooms with an indoor shower. In the first room, the nurse receives and treats the students. In the second, the students can lie down and rest after treatment. The head of the elementary school uses the third room as his office.

Mrs. Kerline Pierrot, the certified nurse at the school, currently treats the students. She corresponds regularly with Dr. Katie Anderson, who visited SG with Dr. Kyrie Shomaker, a SH parishioner, in the summer of 2014. Currently two sponsors help support part of Mrs. Pierrot's salary. Fr. Ady is thankful for the Medical 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 local clinic and potential doctors' visits.



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, March 2019

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