

A Haiti Herald



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The Newsletter of Hearts and Hands for Haiti

Freely You Have Received, Freely Give

Jean Pere, founder of the Children's Training & Nutrition Center, vividly recalls the change in his life when, as a teen, a pastor took care of him, his education and the opportunity to learn the trade of masonry and construction.

With this experience etched in his mind, his heart was continually touched when he saw young boys living on the streets and begging in town. Two friends, Milo and Philippe shared the same concern. After praying together, they discerned God's call to begin an afternoon Bible study in a very poor community with 60 young boys.

Later that year, friends in Raleigh, NC helped raise funds to build a boys' home and, in March 1997, 30 of these young boys moved in. Shortly thereafter, friends from Indiana joined hands with us in Raleigh and raised funds for a girls home. In February 1999, 20 young girls moved in. There are presently 67 children in the homes. Since opening in 1997, the homes have been a haven for 84 children.

What a blessing this *Centre de Formation & Nutrition d'Enfants (CFNE)* is to so many. Here, they have the opportunity for daily

spiritual discipleship, nutritious meals, education, skill development, etc. Next fall, 19 youth are expected to be in high school. CFNE is also blessed with Godly leadership and dedicated house parents in Pastor Sajous and Madam Fred. Both of them have great compassion for the children and desire to care for them well.

As an example of the impact the home is having on the youth living there, we'd like to share a little about Anthony - an exceptional young man who is very sincere, quiet, responsible and a gifted leader.

Samson, a former housefather of the boys home states this of Anthony:

Anthony has a very good character, a strong relationship with God, loves people, he likes to pray and help others, so grateful for every little thing. He also likes to take good advice and walks in obedience. He is a responsible person

and has a strong character of leadership. He is so smart, learns quickly and likes to work. He is usually very serious but is funny sometime when talking with friends.

Anthony has been blessed with a good foundation and education that he received at the children's home

and he is now the first of our many children to graduate from High School and begin university. What a thrill it was for Anthony to meet one of his American sponsors who visited Haiti some



Anthony Edmund, CFNE's first High School graduate and new Medical School student since May

years ago. Graciously, this sponsor agreed to fund Anthony's medical school education! What a blessing for both parties.

One of our goals is to instill a passion in the lives of these children to give back and share with their own people, just as others have blessed them with wonderful opportunities. Anthony is eager to share the blessings that he has received and he is truly an inspiration to many people, as evidenced in the following brief testimony.

I am happy to tell you something about my life. Since I came to CFNE in 1997, I don't believe that I would have found this privilege because my family does not have money to help me. My mother was trying to care for us five children by herself after our father died. I arrive here but by God's grace. I am very grateful for this help.

I want to tell you how CFNE do everything well for me. They give much money to pay my schooling and they will continue to pay for my University studies. They give me much spiritual formation and all things that I need. Now it is a big privilege for me to study in the Dominican Republic. It's a special grace

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Pere with a group of boys living at CFNE.

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of God and with the CFNE sponsors too, that I can study medicine. I don't come to play but for my study. When I finish to study, I have to get back to Haiti for the work. When I have arrived in Haiti, I would like to build a Clinic or a Hospital to provide community services and help my family too. I would like to say one more thing. I would like to become a sponsor of CFNE because in all things that I do, I want to help CFNE and help other people too. Please help

me to pray for my testimony and that God can give me more patience and intelligence.

*God bless you,
Anthony Edmond*

It is a real privilege to walk alongside Anthony as he is beginning this new venture. We will be excited to see how God will work in his life and the blessing that he will be to so many others as he is faithful to the Lord.

Please pray for Anthony, the other youth in the home, the leadership team and the many sponsors. Your



Please pray for the youth at CFNE

partnership in this way is greatly appreciated. Please contact us if there are ways you want to get involved and/or have questions, etc.

by Stan Wiebe

Giving Thanks!

- **Funds have been pledged** to construct a vocational school at Pouteaux. Praise be to God!
- Following the Lord's leading, Pastor Jean Francois is **beginning a new church** in his mother's home community of Douyon, where there is presently no evangelical church.
- The Wiebe family is happy to announce the arrival of another HHH assistant. Elizabeth Joy (a.k.a. Ellie) arrived on June 8, weighing in at 7 lbs. 3 oz. Jonathan & Andrew are thrilled to have a little sister.
- A **HAITI CARD PROJECT** is now raising funds to help children in Haiti prepare for the upcoming 2006-2007 school year. Teresa Lacks, a Raleigh 13-year-old, is using her artistic talent to design note cards (4.5 x 6.25). Current designs are shown at the left.

Printing costs are underwritten by her parents, so all proceeds will go in the School Preparation Fund. Contact HHH to receive 10 Note Cards & Envelopes for a suggested donation of \$10.

Upcoming Events

- Pere is planning to visit IN, FL and NC in late July.
- A small group from Christ Covenant Church will be going to Haiti with Stan this fall in September.
- The next team mission venture to Haiti is planned for October 18-23, 2006. Please let us know if you are interested.



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