

Dear Friends and Donors,



The Flame Tree blooms deploy a bit more each day, leaving a bright sight along the roadways. A joyous note, indeed, in a setting where the wounds of January 12, 2010 are still much present.

At this time of the year, mobility is made hazardous by daily downpours in the countryside.

During her recent trip to Haiti, Mrs. Doebeli Rocourt was able to visit some of the schools which we are rebuilding, thanks to your support.

At Nicolas, in the hills above Petit Goâve, the repair work is all done, and, as we learned recently, the children are finishing the school year with great enthusiasm.



School of Nicolas, rebuilt (walls/roof and ceiling/windows).



School of Nicolas, exterior.

At Molière, in the same region, the work was delayed due to several factors:

- The closing of work sites for year-end holidays, and also, as a safety measure during the election periods in November 2010 and March 2011.
- The numerous mob activities during the electoral campaign (from November to April) have caused blockades along the major roadways and which cut access to this remote region.

During her stay, Mrs. Doebeli Rocourt had to cancel her scheduled visit, at the last minute, because of violent public demonstrations.

However, we received word from the foreman on the site that the work there is almost done. The dormitory structure is repaired; the roof over one classroom is still to be installed. The finish of the exterior walls, previously set aside because of the rain, has been completed.



School of Molière, almost completed, students can return to their classrooms.

At La Tremblay, where the school is situated in a difficult suburban area, we have deplored some theft of supplies in spite of the precautionary measures taken. Nevertheless, we delivered to the people in charge a school that is entirely renovated. The students were able to return to their classrooms in units which are safe, clean, well-lit and functional at the great satisfaction of teachers, officials and parents.

The playground/courtyard is also safer, since we set the fence back up.



School of La Tremblay, rebuilt and renovated; fully repainted.



School of LaTremblay, construction work is completed; soccer balls offered to the students to play in the courtyard.

School of St. Therese in Laval, a new work site. Repair work has started in a fourth school at Laval, a small mountain village in the Valley of Jacmel in the south east region of Haiti (much less in the news, Jacmel and surrounding region suffered great damage from the quake). So far, the work is proceeding on schedule.



School of St Therese in Laval: Many cracks in the walls and floor. Terrace and doors are also damaged and need to be rebuilt. The building is solid.



School of St. Therese in Laval, work in progress on the terrace.

During her trip, Mrs. Doebeli Rocourt made contact with several school directors: All are dealing with damaged schools and/or reduced funding for operations given the quake's impact on their student population. Thus, new projects are being evaluated.

The situation in Haiti remains difficult and our rebuilding projects are moving along, one step at a time. We must earn the trust of potential new partners who, although thankful for our support, must be motivated to become an essential part in the rebuilding effort. Thankfully, we are always encouraged by the enthusiasm of the children finding their schools anew, and your continued help and support.

We thank you very deeply in their name, and wish you a bright and relaxing summer.

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