

Haiti in our Hands

Compassion and solidarity for the people of Haiti



Monthly Newsletter

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God Never Abandons Us



On September 10 Father Raymond wrote, "A terrible accident occurred today on the road to Chauffard. Our driver was on his way to get food for the children at the school. By the grace of God, his life was saved. The car is really damaged. We entrust everything to God who never abandons us." In response, I wrote that we would try to raise more money to pay for the repairs on the truck and to fund a salary for the two doctors at the clinic. On September 23, Father Raymond sent an update, "The mechanic came to pick up the truck. For the repair, nearly 4,500 US dollars are required. Thank you so much for your promised help. It will be very welcome because we don't want it to sit in the mechanic's garage too long and be damaged by unscrupulous people." Father sent the photo (on the left) of the overturned parish truck.

In the same letter, Father Raymond wrote: "The community of Chauffard is growing considerably with many people leaving the capital Port-au-Prince. Large numbers came to enroll at our school. This year 16 young people from our school have been to the state exams of the 9th Fundamental Year. They all succeeded by the grace of God."

He continued, "The Tree Currency project is off to a good start. An agronomist has stayed on site and another is coming and going. Last Friday, they distributed pickaxes, pruning hooks, and machetes to the farmers. So despite everything, our work does not stop. We have Mass every day. Every Sunday many come to church. A young person who is preparing to be a priest is with us at the Rectory."

News from Chauffard:

"Everything is fine here by the grace of God. The situation in the country is still fragile despite the presence of foreign forces on the territory. A lot of propaganda is being done but nothing serious. Thefts, rapes, kidnappings, and killings continue to make their way. Rain of blessings on the members of the committee, of the mission team, on the clergy of Syracuse, on all the faithful of the parish of St. Michael and St. Peter. Prayerful union!"

Father Raymond, Sept. 23, 2024

Upcoming Events:

Big fundraising weekend! 10/18-10/22

October 18: Doug's To Go, SMSP parking lot

October 18-20: Book & Bake sale, SMSP

October 18-20:

Bottle & Can Drive, SMSP parking lot

For more information about any events or to volunteer, call **Kate McMahon** at 315-214-1569.

**Supporting the Church of the Immaculate Conception,
Chauffard, Haiti, Father Raymond, Parish Priest**



The Church of St. Michael & St. Peter
Haiti Committee

Book & Bake Sale

(and Can & Bottle Drive, too!)

Friday October 18 **9 am – 6 pm**

Saturday October 19 **9 am – 6 pm**

Sunday October 20 **8 am – 1 pm**

FOR SALE:

- gently used books, games, DVDs & CDs,
- delicious home-baked goods,
- a *limited* supply of houseplants.

All proceeds benefit our twin parish in Chauffard, Haiti.