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Dear parishioners of Saint Ambrose, I greet you and thank you for the support given to the community of Gaspard.

We have just finished the Easter season but we are still animated by this joy that invites us to act with love to improve the daily lives of our brothers and sisters.

Thank you for communicating this love through gestures of fraternity for your brothers and sisters of Gaspard for so many year.

The community is slowly being rebuilt but we are moving in the right direction by the grace of God. I took care to make the expenses according to your indications.

Teachers are paid until March.

Nurses are paid until April.

We will continue the construction of the school thanks to a contribution from our Canadian friends but the start of the work takes time. They promised to finish the roofing of the 4 classrooms I have already prepared and told me to apply for more funding for the other 3 classrooms that are only at the foundation. I entrust everything to the Lord because it is his mission.

I do everything I can to ensure that everything is in better conditions for the students.

We were able to do some activities for the students such as the flag festival which is very popular here and activities such as songs and games. We want to organize a small outing to take them to the sea at the bottom of the mountain with the teachers. Basically, that's school life.

For the clinic, during the month of April the focus was on the vaccination campaign for children from 0 to 5 years old. We helped in this area which had prevented the usual realization of the mobile clinic.

We hope to have the means at the next shipment to bring a general practitioner.

I have always wanted to bring an ophthalmologist but none of them want to go here to Gaspard. Some still think there are gangs here others don't want to hit the road on foot. It's a big need but I can't realize it yet.

Our clinic has no electricity and our freezer for vaccines does not work because of the loss of 2 panels. I will give the details in another document that I will send to Mr. John and Mr. Alex.

I undertook the repair of the drinking water supply system. A friend of mine helped me repair and network the sources to drive them to the tank.

The population is already helping me. We are digging into the mountain to clean and rebuild some things that were broken. I only feed them and they work for free.

With the means available it will be possible to only do the capture. It will then be necessary to conduct the water. The system works by gravity. I have to buy the pipes. As I write to you 20 meters of pipes (808.66 inches) cost here about the equivalent of 34.48 dollars. To conduct water over a distance of 8 km (8448.90 yards) only for pipes will cost \$13,792.

I'm already starting with the \$3,500 I got. I don't know how long it will take to conduct water in the 8 localities. I think I will achieve this over time even though it will last as long as I spend here. It will end when the Lord wills.

I ask for your help in the purchase of pipes when possible.

Water is the leading cause of cholera. It is a serious health problem.

Because of the drought in April we had no cases. But with the return of rains, cases may explode and spiral out of control.

For the month of May we had only 3 cases of cholera. 2 were cured, the other was transferred to Port de Paix

For the car the 300 dollars could not buy the tires. The car was broken down I used it for repair. I asked for permission to use funds for two. But I was forced to take 2 others on credit because the remaining 2 were not in better condition. A single quality tire now costs about the equivalent of \$270.

There is \$1,500 on the account in Fonkoze.

I am unable to travel to the United States because of my visa which expired in August 2019. I have paid for an appointment since August of last year there is until no date available at the US Embassy to go to an appointment to reapply. I would like to explain to you in a better way the reality of the community. This is not an easy mission, but the Lord wanted me to be there to help. Thank you for supporting me.

Thank you very much for your sense of belonging to one people, that of Christ. You are in the prayers of the community of Gaspard. I am available to all questions that will be asked through Mr. John. May the Lord bless you!!!!



  
R.P. Julio Honoré, Administrateur