



News

Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Community

March 2021

A Faith-filled Tribute to Beloved Fr. Eamon Tobin

Fr. Eamon Tobin who passed away January 1, 2021, was a long time supporter of the Hearts Out to Haiti mission. He was a strong advocate for helping “the least of our brothers and sisters.” For many years, he provided financial support so the Haitian children attending the Vacation Bible School program would receive two hot meals daily.

When Fr. Anis and Fr. Roud visited us, Fr. Tobin always made time to meet with them and thank them for their selfless commitment to help others.

In a tribute to Fr. Tobin, Fr. Anis and the Durissy school children held a moving Mass and prayer service to honor and thank Fr. Tobin.



Fr. Anis celebrates Mass with the children in Durissy.

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I present my condolences to Fr. Tobin's family and the parishioners of the Ascension church.”

—Fr. Anis



Les Palmes Parish Enjoys a Visit from the Bishop



Les Palmes parishioners celebrate during the Bishop's recent visit.

Dearest Friends,

Hope that you are safe and healthy. In Les Palmes we are doing well. Last weekend the bishop visited the parish. He met youth groups, parish council, principals of remote chapels, students. He also visited the garden, animals and the construction. He is so proud of our ministry. All of these things happen because of your prayers and support. Thank you for all you are doing for Les Palmes people. May God bless you.

Fr. Roud Sauveur

The Power of Non-profit Teamwork

STORY BY TIM MUTH

Recently, we witnessed a small miracle. Several non-profit groups worked together to help our Haitian friends. (Note: it is common in Haiti for a non-profit group to work in one Haitian location and have little or no contact with other non-profit groups.)

Brighten Haiti (a non-profit group from Portland, Oregon) selected our schools in Durissy to receive a solar system. They worked with Twende Solar to install solar panels and a complete solar system in the three Durissy school buildings. The Twende Solar website states “This project will provide the high school and elementary school with a renewable source of electricity, facilitating the installation of lights and fans.” Their long-term goal was to establish a computer lab and allow the students to expand their educational horizons.

The Bethel Computers for Education Group collects used computers,



Three Durissy school buildings are now equipped with solar panels thanks to the help of Brighten Haiti and Twende Solar.



refurbishes them, and installs the latest Creole/French software. They learned about this effort and set out to prepare 15 computers and two Internet-in-a-Box servers. Then, they contacted Hearts Out to Haiti. Thanks to the outstanding work of our volunteers who coordinated the shipment of the computers from Melbourne to Miami and on to Port au Prince. Fr, Anis picked up the computers and they are now in Durissy.

Fr. Anis’s goal is to have a computer lab built and the students start to use the computers in mid-April.



Fr. Anis admires the lights and fans powered by the new solar system

This was truly an amazing accomplishment. We thank all the generous volunteers for their hard work and dedicated efforts to help the Haitian children.



The Twende Solar website has an informative video highlighting the solar project and showing the Durissy school:

<https://twendesolar.org/haiti>



**DURISSY &
LES PALMES**

TRIVIA

QUIZ



Many of you reading this newsletter have supported our Haiti mission for many, many years. Now, we want to test your knowledge to see what you know about Les Palmes and Durissy.

(If you get a perfect score, you win a 7-day, all expenses paid trip to Haiti including 5-star accommodations at the Durissy Ritz Carlton, exciting motorbike rides to the top of Mount Les Palmes, and luxury meals at the Epi D’ior restaurant in downtown Petit Goave). **Check your answers on PAGE 4.**

- 1 How many children are in our Catholic schools in Durissy and Les Palmes?
- 2 How many chapel schools are there in Les Palmes?
- 3 Name 4 Les Palmes chapel schools?
- 4 What do we call the bumpy ride up the mountain?
- 5 How many Holy Name of Jesus priests have visited Les Palmes and Durissy?

Chain of Emails Leads to Success in Finding Shipping Help

It is amazing to me how so many different individuals, groups and organizations can somehow connect through a chain of contacts, to help the poorest nation in the western hemisphere.

I have recently had this experience in trying to find a way to ship laptop computers to Haiti.

We have a wonderful man, Denny Baumann, who refurbishes laptop computers for schools in Haiti. When he recently contacted Hearts Out to Haiti asking us if we would like some of his refurbished laptops for Haiti, all I could think was... "we can't take them, we have no way of getting them to Haiti"!

Well, Tim said we would like to have them, and then asked me to research ways to ship them to Haiti. I knew that our mission, which supports teachers in Haiti, did not have money in the budget to ship things down to Haiti, so I started thinking of individuals who might have any ideas.

That's when I thought of Bob Quinn, a former neighbor and HNJ parishioner, who recently lost his wife and has moved out of the area to be closer to his son and family. I emailed Bob if he knew of any group who might be able to help us ship items to Haiti.

Bob responded saying he had no info but forwarded my email to a woman he knew.

Well, that started the chain of events... the first woman sent my email to another woman, who in turn sent my email to her cousin, who has a good friend in Miami who is a freight

STORY BY TRICIA GREENLEAF

forwarder and ships a container to Haiti every week. This man will send free of charge any donations (must be donations helping Haiti) being sent to Haiti as long as he has room in the container.

I took the 15 laptops, 2 servers, 17 power adapters, mouse pads, 2 routers and IAB(Internet in a Box) User Guide that Denny put together, and had them packaged to send down to Miami. Joanne Fischer offered to drive them down to Miami, but we decided the FedEx price wasn't too bad, so we had them shipped down to the warehouse in Miami.

The boxes of laptops arrived in Miami on Feb. 1 and were shipped to Haiti, arriving on Feb.19. God is great! Fr. Anis picked up the computers and brought them safely to Durissy where they are busily preparing the computer lab for the students.

SAVE THE DATE



10/29/21

Tired of the gloom and doom? Hearts Out to Haiti is cautiously optimistic in planning for a change of pace at HNJ on Friday, October 29, 2021... a **Masquerade Ball!**

It will be a rare occasion to "dress to the nines" or come in a basic masquerade mask. All will be welcome... singles and couples. Check out "Masquerade Ball" on the Internet to see the history of such a celebration. Our very talented and experienced decorator, Carolyn Lally, will take you into a fancy, festive environment. Keep your eyes open for further details, and get those creative juices going!

Thrift Shop Visit Uncovers Unexpected Shipping Connection

STORY BY LESLIE CURRY

A friend of mine who likes to visit thrift stores, came across a thrift shop in Sebastian, Florida. Speaking with the woman who ran it, she discovered the woman was from Haiti. She and her husband run two thrift stores named HUNA, one is Sebastian (654 Sebastian Blvd.) and one in Haiti. Learning about this Haitian connection from my friend, I went to Sebastian to learn more, and met two lovely Haitians, Hermonee and Hugues Mareus. They do frequent shipping to Haiti and agreed to include some of our Hearts Out to

Haiti donations in their next container. They agreed to carry our soccer balls and uniforms, along with some little dresses in their next shipment. We readied these items, and I delivered them for their next shipment. However, Hermonee warned me that because of the recent unrest due to dissatisfaction with Haiti's present government, roads were being blockaded, and though they could get our materials to the port, it would be difficult for Fr. Anis to pick them up. At the moment, we are playing the waiting game.



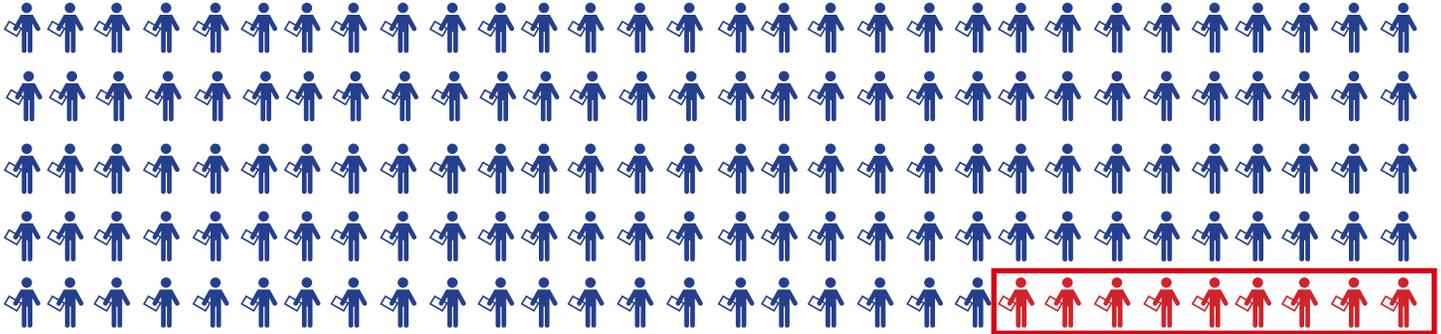
ADOPT-A-TEACHER Program Update

Thanks to our Generous Sponsors,
We've Reached **94%** of our Goal!

9 MORE SPONSORS NEEDED Will you help?



Category	Count
TO DATE:	141
GOAL:	150



Adopt a Teacher Today and Make a Difference



ADOPT-A-TEACHER PROGRAM

2020-2021 Sponsorship Goal: **150** teachers



4 WAYS YOU CAN HELP US REACH OUR GOAL:

- 1 A onetime donation of any amount.
- 2 Join together with friends or family members to sponsor a teacher's yearly salary and training for \$440.
- 3 Ask your Small Church Community or any group you are involved with to donate.
- 4 Weekly, Monthly, Quarterly or other arrangement for sponsorship is appreciated.



Mail or drop donations to Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, 3050 Hwy A1A, Indialantic, FL 32903 (checks payable to Holy Name of Jesus, and marked "Haiti teacher" in the memo area). Forms can be found in the Life Center or email Tricia at pgreenleaf@cfl.rr.com. For more information visit www.heartsouttohaiti.org.

TRIVIA QUIZ ANSWERS

1. 3,200 students; 2. 7; 3. St. Paul, St. Agnes, St. Joseph, St. Therese, St. Antoine, Sacred Coeur (Heart), and St. Andrew; 4. Haitian massage; 5. 2 (Msg. Page and Fr. Tom Connery)