

UPDATES 4/28/17 Hello wonderful supporters of the people of Chauffard!

Thanks to the inspiring Alana McConalogue, who raised \$3,000 for the school lunch program through a boxing match, we lack just \$2,000 to fully fund the school lunch program for the month of June. Can we encourage 200 friends to give \$20 to help the children of the community of Chauffard?

We are reaching out to the World Food Program in the hopes that they will restart their support of the school lunch program for the coming year.

From Father Raymond, about the school lunch program: A thousand thanks again for having permitted the children of Chauffard to find something to eat. You are putting in practice that which Jesus asked by the words of Saint Matthew in his gospel: "I have had hunger and you have given me food." That God gives back to you a hundred times!

From Father Raymond, April 18 about Easter: "Hundreds of the faithful came from all the chapels of the parish. Thank you for your Easter wishes. By the grace of God, all is going well in Chauffard."

From Father Raymond, April 11, 2017: "I would like to inform you that the clinic is almost ready. After some small touches, there is left the interior doors and the painting. We are sure that the team coming next November will not have a problem with the rooms. For the inauguration, there is much to be planned. I would like that a delegation from your committee would take a part. Still, we are in need of laboratory equipment, nurses, and no less a doctor in place to serve the sick. It is well constructed which has already brought joy and pride to the people of Chauffard. After the painting, I will send you photos. For the homes for people of the community, we are still working. The beneficiaries are truly taking their time with the building. 10 small homes, good and solid, of two rooms each are in the process of be built. Last Saturday, I met with the beneficiaries. I had some criticism for them for their slowness. So, we do all that is possible for agreeing with the choices. The school is on vacation right now, it will start up again after Easter. I never cease to pray that God always protects your life. A thousand thanks."

Our almost-there medical goal is to fund visits by Haitian doctors to the clinic a few times a year. We could coordinate with a doctor who we know for the timing and send money for his salary to Father Raymond. Father Raymond can order and pick up the medicines from a pharmacy in Port-au-Prince before the clinic time. We could still have an annual medical mission, but the community certainly needs more regular care.

I have already sent along the photos from Father Raymond of the clinic and the small homes for the community.

The Medical Mission 2017 team is full! More info soon!

From the US- 3 doctors, 4 nurses, one medical assistant, 2 pharmacy staff, photographer, and community health survey information gatherer.

From Canada- 1 pharmacy staff.

From UK- 1 community health survey information gatherer.

Take some time to watch the documentary about Father Joseph, the founder of the Fonkoze bank that we use in Haiti. It is available on iTunes, Netflix, and YouTube. Search Father Joseph and Haiti and you should find it.

YouTube has the trailer and some outtakes from it that are short.

Here in Syracuse, we'll watch it at our May meeting- Wednesday, May 17th, 7 pm in the Church Hall. St. Michael's and St. Peter's.

June 17-18 is our Second Collection/Speaker weekend at the Church of St. Michael and St. Peter. We give the medical mission report each December, but this is our only second collection for the year. We do not receive funding from the regular weekly collections at the Church of St. Michael and St. Peter.

Darlene will be working with me to make up a power point to show. She will be speaking at some of that weekend's masses, but cannot speak at all of them. (She's getting married the next weekend!) It would be wonderful if another person who has been to Chauffard, but has not yet spoken at the Church of St. Michael's and St. Peter's can present at the other masses.

Let me know your availability that weekend Tara, Heather, Sue, Jon, Austin, and Michelle. It would be wonderful if many members of the committee and medical missions can attend masses that weekend to help answer questions before and after masses.

Danielle has polished up the Medical Mission brochure and we'll have good copies of them to pass out that weekend.

Ian is working on a general brochure for us that should be done by then as well!

Thank you for your support!
Let's get that \$2,000 together!
Kate