

PLEASE ADOPT OR SUPPORT ONE OF OUR ACTIVITIES OR PROJECTS.

Schooling: Education for all

No child forgotten & classes to teach reading to adults as well.

Agricultural Training

Local farmers and friends who work in agriculture and to aid local farmers and community members on sustainable ways to fruitful till the soil.

Arts & Crafts

Provide opportunities to train children and young adults to create crafts, like baskets and pottery. Crafts can be sold to make a living.

Professional Trade Skill Training

Local tradesman, including iron workers, carpenters, electricians, mechanics, painters, masons, and sewers, partner with professional trade workers to train and support skills in their specific trade.

Children's summer camp

Provides summer-long day camps for the children in the Foundation and others. Ecological training, Bible and civic classes, games, dance and entertainment.

Health Care Mission

Health professionals, including doctors, nurses, dentists, organize a week-long health mission every year or two to help the sick population of Chambellan, Haiti.

Jean & Andreenne Housing project

Construction modest homes for the needy and unfortunate family. Jean & Andreenne Lauture are the first sponsors of this program.

Youth curricular activities



Send your donation to :

The Anne Clémande Julien Foundation
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Stamford, CT 06906
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Last name _____

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_____ Your donation \$ _____

_____ once a year

_____ twice a year

_____ every month

_____ Supporter \$ 40.00 - 500.00

_____ Sponsor \$ 500.00 - 2,000.00

_____ Patron \$ 2,000.00 - 5,000.00

_____ Grand patron \$ 5,000.00 and more

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We serve 420 Children, 67 adults and a staff of 26 employees this year, so we help 26 families.

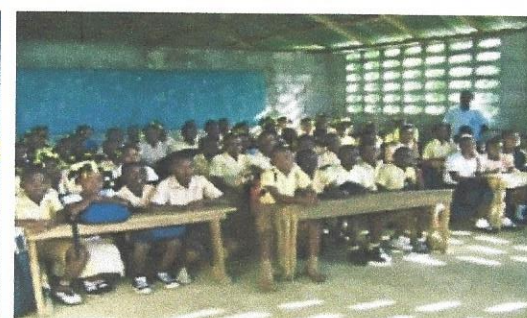
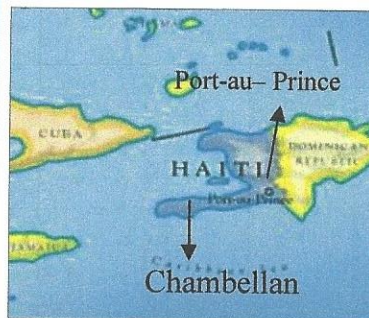
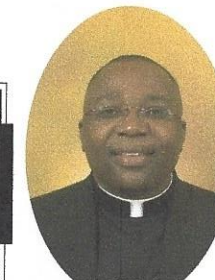
We have accomplished many good things for the needy and the orphans because of your prayers, generosity and support. Thank you very much. May God continue to bless you abundantly.

THE ANNE CLEMANDE JULIEN FOUNDATION

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FR. RIDLY: SURVIVOR OF THE EARTHQUAKE

Dear Friends,

In January 12, 2010 I was in Haiti visiting the school when the earthquake occurred. I left Port-Au-Prince the Capital on Saturday the 11th to go to Chambellan in the south where our school is located. I was very blessed because the religious guest house, Villa Manres, where I was staying in Port-au-Prince collapsed and many people died there among them some French and Canadian Missionaries. My friends' house where I stay if I am not at Villa Manres, when I am in the Capital, collapsed as well. After much digging, I was lucky to retrieve my passport under the debris. Unfortunately, I lost most of my belongings.

I was caught in the south and could not go back to Port-Au-Prince where I could find a way back to the USA. There were no flights from Jérémie to Port-Au-Prince or ground transportation because of the road conditions. I had two possibilities: Isolating myself by staying in Chambellan or to take the Ferry from 8 to 20 hours to the Capital.

Effectively, I created the ACJ Foundation to take care of and assure an education to hundreds of poor and unfortunate children who lost their parents during the Ferry trip from Jérémie to Port-au-Prince in the past 20 years. Often, Ferries sank overloaded. (please see pictures) My mother was a merchant, she made this trip for many years in trading for taking care of the house and providing for our needs. I did it, as well helping my mother in the summer time when I was in vacations. To save time, over the past 13 years, I took a 45 minutes flight instead of 8 to 20 hours in a unsafe Ferry ride, but the price is \$200.00 round trip.

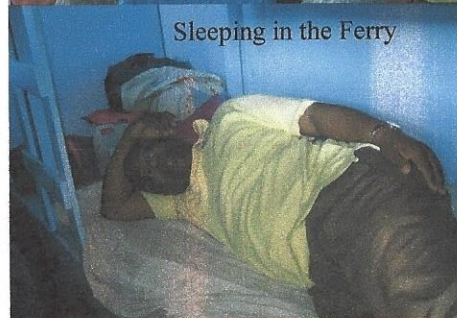
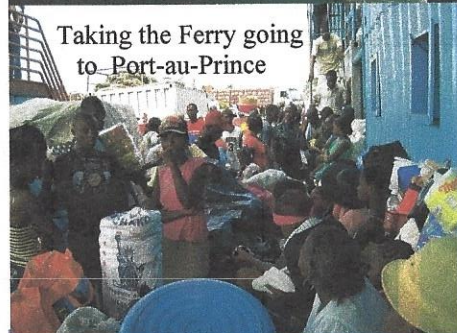
It was a real nightmare for me. I was very nervous and afraid for my life when I arrived in Port-au-Prince. It took me 18 hours in an overnight Ferry. Kidnappers and thieves were everywhere looking for goods and money. During this time my extended family at Bridgeport Hospital, especially, Ann Reeves was very nervous for me. I got the moral support I needed from them and I was very grateful to Ann who offered me the possibility of psychological guidance to get through this difficult moment. CPE group meetings were also very helpful. All my appreciation to: Rev. Jay Cooke who was my supervisor and my peers from Bridgeport Hospital for supporting me in this difficult moment.

CONSOLIDATION & EXTENSION OF THE SCHOOL

The Associate press reported :

"As the death toll in Haiti has risen, it has become clear the 12 January quake is one of the worst natural disasters to have struck in recent years. Some say the 7.0-magnitude quake killed as many as 200,000 people, while an estimated 1.5 million people have been left homeless. Ms. Lassegue said that the authorities were still far from knowing the total number of those killed."

"Nobody knows how many bodies are buried in the rubble - 200,000, 300,000? Who knows the overall death toll?" the Associated Press quotes- BBC news January 25,2010.



Taking the Ferry going to Port-au-Prince

Sleeping in the Ferry

We do know however, that this earthquake left behind thousands and thousands more orphans who are still waiting for **your** help and support. My objective is to continue to make a difference in the lives of few of them with your prayers, help and generosity. After the earthquake our unfinished school was in danger of collapsing. Our top priority was to consolidate the building, a task we almost accomplished using last year donations. As a result, we extended the school to more students and started the first high school year with more than 45 teenagers using the Principal's office to house them. In fact, I may talk about increasing not extending because we still have the same unfinished building with more students.

WE DESPERATELY AND URGENTLY NEED YOUR HELP:

We need your support to extend the school and to welcome those in need. Please talk to people: family, friends, organizations of churches about our mission in Haiti. Join us to make the difference in the life of someone particularly the orphans and the young adults in the poorest country in our hemisphere.

In memory of Mr. HW

This year, the foundation mourns the lost of Mr. HW, who for the past three years was very generous to us. His donation was the principal source of funding for our school. Unfortunately, he died last winter leaving us with a big hole in our budget. May his soul repose in peace and may the Lord reward him for his generosity. We extended our sympathy to his family and especially to his daughter TW. A classroom is dedicated to him in the school " Salle de Classe en memoire de MR. WH ".

Cholera outbreak

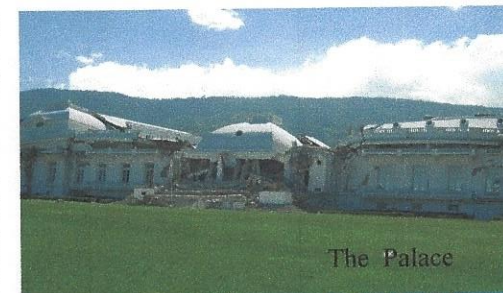
We lost one of our students, Antoine Stanley (12 years old) to the cholera outbreak. In addition we lost more than 20 people in the vicinity of our school, some of our children's parents among them. God has always sent people to help us and, I am positive He will continue to send good people to help us in this hard time to better serve those in need.

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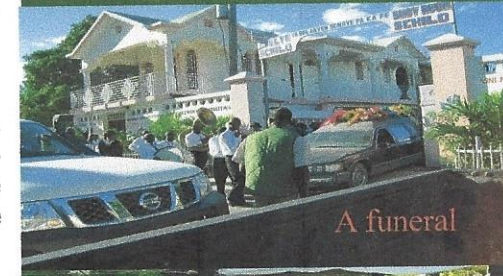
We wish a very restful sabbatical time to Fr. Jim Gardiner, a friar of the Atonement of Greymore, in Washington DC and we thank him for his collaboration and support during the past years.



Celebrating with Ann Reeves at Bridgeport Hospital



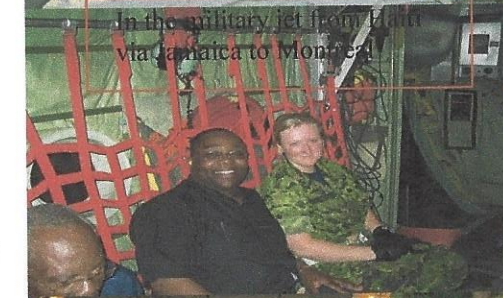
The Palace



A funeral



In the military jet from Haiti via Jamaica to Montreal



Celebrating with Pietro and Ghislaine in Canada going back to US