



St. Jean Baptiste EOY Report

There have been 50 virus-related deaths in Haiti out of 2,640 confirmed cases, but the count is likely to be much higher due to a lack of testing. Haiti's inadequate health care system makes it difficult for people to receive treatment. Social distancing in Haiti is very challenging in crowded markets and neighborhoods. Many people are either unaware of the threat of the virus due to a lack of electricity and access to media sources, or they don't trust what the government tells them. The coronavirus infection carries a social stigma which prevents Haitians from getting tested or treated quickly enough. Another challenge is the lack of access to water, making proper sanitation practices very difficult. Officials are concerned that the spread of the coronavirus could result in famine because four million people were facing hunger before the pandemic and price of food is even higher now. Schools are still closed but churches have reopened for a limited number of people at each service.

Since Hurricane Matthew in 2016, Food for the Poor has been very active in the community. We are delighted with the partnership we began last year. To date, Food for the Poor has built 10 homes for very poor families involved in fishing, installed 2 wells, donated 3 treadle sewing machines for a sewing class at the school (Holy Trinity donated 5), donated a large generator for the parish, are providing food for a school lunch program and recently installed 6 flushing toilets and a hand washing station at the school. They will soon build 11 more homes and will install 2 solar street lamps and additional wells.

Thank you for your continued support of our Scholarship Fund. For the '19/'20 school year, 50+ donors and 1 memorial fund supported 11 students. Six students attended 3 universities studying nursing (2), civil engineering, pharmacy, political studies and law. Five students attended career schools: nursing (4), teaching and secretarial; We also support two Just Haiti Coffee Scholarship for children of coffee growers to study business and agronomy.

For the Classes of 2020 and 2021, a total of \$6,075 was contributed by 20 Holy Trinity parishioners.

We participated in the Holy Trinity Giving Tree in December and in the Do Something Good for Your Neighbor Day in May. We continue to be grateful and amazed by the generosity of our community. We were also able to sell the remainder of our coffee inventory online. Thank you to those who purchased to support our famers.

