

Friends of the Children of Lascahobas, Haiti, Inc.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a blessing! No words can be found to thank all of you enough for helping to keep the Friends of the Children of Lascahobas, Haiti alive and well for over 42 amazing years! This grassroots organization has been struggling to help the poor community of Lascahobas with a hope and a prayer. Thanks to your generous donations both large and small, you have helped FCLH accomplish monumental feats.

For example, we have been able to provide a wholesome meal to 300 children from Monday through Friday. We have educated scores of children who, due to poverty, weren't allowed to step foot into the door of the local school.

However, we were able to send the 6 year old children to primary school while we arranged for the older students to attend evening classes. We were then able to set up skills training programs for the youth which enabled them to raise enough funds to cover their secondary school fees. The skills included: weaving, sewing; and other practical skills'

I'm proud to report that all of our students have been very successful. Some of them have grown up to become teachers with Masters Degrees while others have become accountants, nurses, musicians and we even have one who became a priest.

Sometimes when I am passing by a young lady will call out to me and say, "Auntie Estelle, do you remember me? Now I am teaching other girls sewing, embroidery and baking skills just like you taught me. I am so happy that I have been able to pass on what I have learned from you. I cannot thank you enough".

Nevertheless, the struggle continues as FCLH still needs funds to continue feeding the current students who attend our school. In the past, we were able to provide financial assistance to mothers through a cooperative economic program. Unfortunately, some of those mothers died during the cholera epidemic and we no longer have support for that program. FCLH also needs funds to dig a well to get water for the hospital and solar panels to provide electricity.

I know that many of you may shop through Amazon. I am proud that Friends of the Children of Lascahobas, Haiti Inc. is a part of a special program called AmazonSmile. Help spread the words so that a portion of your purchase price will be donated to Friends of the Children of Lascahobas, Haiti Inc.

I'm happy to report that the medical team continues to provide eye care for the people of Lascahobas each year. This year the team was there from February 17th to the 24th. They examined over 800 patients, distributed 700 pairs of eyeglasses, and performed 39 cataract surgeries.

I always pray to the Lord to protect the members of our dedicated medical team because without their special care and skills many people would be blind due to glaucoma and other eye problems.

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Thank you, and may God bless you for your continued support for the people of Lascahobas, Haiti.

Sincerely,

Estelle Dubuisson

President