

I'm writing to share the good news with you that the **new College Coeur de Marie** building was dedicated this week, in case you have not heard yet. Construction and furnishing is finally complete and school is in session in the beautiful new building.



There is a saying in Haiti: Nan pwen lapriye pa gen amen, there is no prayer without its amen.

We can't thank you and the Federation enough for all you did to make this dream come true or to bringing an amen to this prayer; from contributing the final payment on the land to helping furnish the school to last minute bailout payments to get the job finished when trouble arose with the construction company and costs rose. And this is only a fraction of what the Federation has been doing to support education in Haiti.

Your forward thinking in a ten-year, half-million dollar plan and then, raising the majority of that money in half the time to make the plan a reality is a testament to the power of dedicated people coming together to make a life-changing difference for so many right now and for many years to come.

Were it not for the persistent Franz Groll, who tirelessly sought funds from the German government and Caritas to pay for the land and construction of the school, and you/the Federation, the school would not be a reality.

Personally, I am in awe of you all--the Sisters/Congregation of St. Joseph --for the amazing work you do all over the world and your energy for social justice. Getting to know, work with, and travel with you has enriched my life; really looking forward to traveling with more CSSJs this March!

Mèsi anpil! Thank you very much!

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