

An update from the Haiti Committee January 2012...

Some lovely notes and thank-you's we've received!

Many letters began with a variation of, "I greet you in the name of God who has all the power." Some used a more conversational "How are you? I think not too bad, thanks to God." Another said, "How are your health and activities?...I'm not too bad, thanks to God." Still another said, "by my side I'm not well. I don't live in health, and then I'm working to give good results in school."

Some thanked us for providing tuition, books, uniforms, backpacks and copy books. "Thank you for school you pay for me from 4th to 7th grade." Also, "Without your help I couldn't go to school. My parents don't have any means." Or again "When I finished primary school my relatives complain a lots cause of money they don't have to send me to school. After, God sent you to help me continue to my school—7th grade to 12th."

A young man wrote to thank us "for your big effort that you did to help us, the kids of Haiti in the parish of Verrettes." Another wrote, "I'm happy because you appreciate us rich and poor." One more wrote, "In spite of many problems that my country has you still keep steady giving your participation."

Then a different refrain, "you help my mother [pay for my] school...and you help me to be a man tomorrow." Another wrote, "I can't give it back to you but God will do it." And, "I would like God to bless you because without you I couldn't go to school." Also, "It's with happy heart and respect I write you." Someone else wrote, "I work well in school and always keep steady." After thanking us "for tuition I received each year even if I don't know you. The good thing is when I['m] done with school, I would like to help you. I pray to God for you."

One wrote "I ask God to cover you with grace (pardon) so you never [get] discouraged with the kids program." Similarly, "I pray to give you more health, so you['re] never sick and God keeps you steady under his grace so you continue to pay for us." One more wrote, "I ask God to give [you] courage and health and so you can have work."

A young woman wrote, "I wish you must always remember me like I [will remember you]." Someone else said, "I ask God to keep an eye on you for all you do in my area."