

YMCA d'Haiti

A NEW START FOR THE YOUTH

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Editorial

Dear friends,

The visit in Haiti was very productive and much was accomplished. After a five-city tour in the North, we are now certain that not all Haiti is a war zone! Only Port-au-Prince, its surrounding areas and the connected roads going to the North and South are very problematic and dangerous.

As for the YMCA we were able to consolidate the Governance: four board members have accepted to continue serving and three new ones were recruited. Board meetings will resume in September.

Gwénaël and Alayna visited the YMCA Community Center in Caracol, met the staff and abundantly spoke with a civil engineer about urgent repair jobs that need to be addressed on the site. Board member Jean Mirvil is very supportive of the initiative.

The project to upgrade the Community Center in Laboule continues. A mini soccer field fenced last December is now being grassed, so the Y could start with mini-soccer tournaments in October.

An evaluation of the National Office state was conducted: the support polls of the porch at the entrance of the building are now being consolidated. Deep cleaning and fresh painting will be addressed later as well as computer equipment and office furniture needed for a reopening of the national office in October.

Bainet and Camp-Perrin were not visited this time again but as promised, Bainet will be transformed to a YMCA Community Center before December 2024 and Camp-Perrin will be upgraded.



Concept paper and budget will be discussed at the board meeting in September.

Back to Canada, conversations continue with Quebec YMCA with regards to Alayna's training and stay in Montreal and the meeting with Ottawa YMCA was a success: M. Trevor Mc. Almont, M. Morgan Bello and Ms. Katie Sexton were very interested in pursuing the conversations with regards to a partnership between our two YMCAs. The next step on their side is to inform their board while we provide them with more information about our short and long term needs.

Dear friends, thanks for your continuous support, YMCA d'Haiti is steadily recovering and concrete steps are being taken to reopen the national Office in October.

Gwénaël



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Programs & Activities

August was full of activities in our centers. We hope that the next month coming will be successful and more fun to end the vacancies.

In Camp-Perrin, 40 teenagers spent two days out in a mini camp in Port- Salut and enjoyed many outdoor activities. Marjorie, the Coordinator had her hands full.



In Caracol Kids, parents and staff enjoyed the last days in the center as it is going to be closed for major repairs. On this occasion 50 parents received dry food from Food For The Poor.



At Laboule dance rehearsal, and other table games and sports filled the month. The sports monitor is keeping the kids busy with practice before the tournament. The YMCA wants the trophies to stay at home.

Bainet remains active with Dance, sport, film projections, collectives' games on tablet, bingo, cards, tic-tac-toe, and musical chair every day. These kids never get tired. A community service journey took place this August 14th and 50 teens and kids made the community proud.



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