

Partners With Haiti Newsletter



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A First Graduation!

By Joe Domond

We had our first graduation in June since the Foundation opened its school in the rural area of Marbial, a community outside the city of Jacmel in Haiti. It was a great day of celebration for the children and their parents. My brothers and sisters in attendance were astonished, seeing the little ones in their gowns, dressed like angels, but in blue. The parents, who have never had a chance in their lifetimes to participate in such an event, were speechless. They couldn't stop thanking us for this unbelievable event.

The ceremony was for our third year students who are now ready to start their first grade next September. I have a lot of pictures, they are on Facebook under Jeff Cherubin Domond Foundation.

On behalf of the Foundation, I would like to seize the occasion to say a big "Thank You" to those who helped and are continuing to help to make this dream a reality. To those who have yet to do so, I would welcome you on this journey with us. It's not too late, the work has just started. **(cont. on page 2)**

An Evening of Music and Lights

Please join us for an evening to support the work of Jeff Cherubin Domond Foundation's continuing provision of direct medical and dental care, educational, and orphanage services in Haiti. It's going to be a night to remember. We look forward to your participation in this fun event. Please save the date.

Date: September 25, 2010

Time: 6:30 PM Hors d'oeuvres
7:00 PM Buffet Dinner

Location: Pat & Chris Shaner's estate
695 W. Via Espirito Santos, Claremont.

Cost: \$50 per person

Reservations are available by calling
Chris Shaner at 909.621.2014
or
The Domonds at 909.816.7207



Kindergarten Graduation 6-15-10

At this time the Foundation is currently supporting a parochial school, a vocational school, and an orphanage. We also go on a medical mission trip once a year. By the way our next trip is scheduled from March 25 through April 2, 2011. One does not need to be a medical professional to come along. All are welcome.

The task ahead is overwhelming but we can do it. We are a chosen people and we are also a blessed nation. God blesses us in order to bless others. The Foundation counts on your blessings. **May God bless you!**

A delegation of friends, sisters and myself were able to attend. It has been only three years since the school open its doors and in that short period of time we're making great progress. It is amazing to see the difference this school is making in the children's lives and I would say in the parents lives too. They are happier and have become friendlier.

Two June Celebrations—Distant, But Connected—by Hugh Menton

June is a time of celebrating school completions. The Jeff Cherubin Domond School's first graduation was celebrated in the mountains above Marbial, Haiti, and 2,500 miles away in Claremont, California. On June 15, 21 children from the Domond School; their families; the school staff; Joe Domond, Executive Director of the Jeff Cherubin Domond Foundation; and other members of the Domond family participated in the graduation marking the children's completion of their preschool education. A few days earlier on June 12th, 40 supporters and donors to the school and the Foundation's work gathered poolside at the Jim and Marita Stoneman's home in Claremont to celebrate the Foundation's work.

The group celebrated with tasting of select local and California wines and hors d'oeuvres. The supporters experienced an enjoyable evening with a blind wine tasting contest, challenging both those who considered themselves "drinkers only" as well as the "connoisseurs" in the crowd.

A raffle gave an additional opportunity to support the Foundation. Eight winners were awarded attractive baskets, many following the wine tasting theme, but others included Haitian jewelry and a selection of fair trade items from around the world. The blind wine tasting contest identified some of the connoisseurs, including Mark Tundis who was the most successful in identifying the variety, vineyard location and cost of the reds and whites varieties presented to the contestants.



June 2010 FUNDRAISING EVENT

The true success of the evening is that the funds contributed will add a classroom with benches to the school for the next grade level. The children that just graduated from the preschool grades can continue their primary education without the hours of daily hiking down and up the mountains to reach the school at Marbial. Most children would simply stop their education without the new classroom.

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