

NEWSLETTER



“Mercy triumphs over judgement.” James 2:13



Deacon Joe Domond with members of the foundation board at the 2023 Gala Fundraiser

Message from Deacon Joe Domond

Dear Friends,

We are planning a wonderful evening to celebrate the success of our collective effort on behalf of the poor in Haiti. It will be filled with the delightful company of generous people and all the first-class elements you have come to expect... a beautiful setting, music, great food and drinks, our presentation on the work of the foundation and moving testimonials from our volunteers, as well as our popular raffle and live auction. It's a way of doing the most good where the need is greatest.

With your help and God's grace, I am determined to do what ever is possible to meet the needs of the poor in Haiti. We can do no less for a people in desperate circumstances. The prayers of our children, teachers, doctors and nurses are offered for you each day. The Lord hears the cry of the poor! Together we will trust in the Lord and do good.

Deacon Joe Domond, Executive Director

You are invited...

**DOMOND FOUNDATION
ANNUAL GALA**

Saturday, April 13

6 to 10 pm

**Shaner Residence
695 Via Espiritu Santos
Claremont CA 91711**

*Appetizers, Dinner, Wine
Auction, Raffle Prizes
Program, Music, Dancing*

RSVP to

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The current situation in Haiti...

Recently it was reported that Haitian gangs had breached the prisons in the capital which mirrors the shocking news that the Catholic hospital associated with Msgr. Theodule Domond (Joe's brother) has been ransacked and forced to close. A Catholic bishop was badly burned when his home was set fire in retaliation for speaking out against the violence.

The international airport has been rocked by gunfire, many helping agencies have evacuated, and there is no import of goods into the country. The cholera epidemic continues.

However, the Catholic Church is still there, and the Domond Foundation continues to do everything possible to serve people in need in the capital and in rural areas.

Recent photos of a school assembly in Marbial and staff at the dialysis center in the capital of Port au Prince.



Dialysis center is a life-saver

Our dialysis center is the only such facility in the capital of Port au Prince, Haiti. Our patients depend on our services and risk their lives to come to us. Malnutrition and missed sessions often make them sicker.

The clinic can accommodate patients with three sessions per day on six machines. Because the situation in the capital is so dangerous, we have stockpiled four months' worth of supplies, and pray for some relief. Also, the clinic has its own source of electrical power.

Education is uninterrupted

Our school of 189 students is thriving in the more peaceful rural region. Students have not missed a day of instruction. "God is their hope and they are grateful," says Deacon Joe. He hopes to return in May for 30 Baptisms and First Communions. If that is not possible, the Church will carry on.



HELP WANTED:

- Grant writer
- Social media specialist

Hospital staff



Your dollars go a loooooong way!

- At the hospital in Marbial, doctors earn \$296 per month, nurses \$180. They may receive housing, based on the distance they have to travel to work.
- At the dialysis center in Port au Prince, courageous doctors and nurses who operate six machines 3x/day earn \$180 per month.
- At the school, our teachers earn \$180 per month. They may receive housing, based on the distance they have to travel to work.
- The Domond Foundation is the only employer in Marbial, Haiti.

Our rural hospital is a success

Our hospital in Marbial is thriving. It provides the only local urgent care available to people who rarely see a doctor. We are trying to encourage people to address health issues at an earlier stage by offering a free open house three times a year. Additional doctors are recruited for the open house.

An emphasis on prevention and planning means that pregnant mothers who are at risk and may need a C-section can be transported to a larger facility that offers surgery. We hope to open our operating room, which is almost ready, but we have no funds yet to hire staff and to purchase some equipment. Our maternity unit provides care during pregnancy, including sonograms, as well as labor and delivery services, but again, no C-sections.

Our plans to open the dental clinic were thwarted when donated equipment shipped to Haiti was stalled in the city. It is nearly impossible to safely transport valuable equipment to rural areas for fear of gangs hijacking it. We continue to be careful and do what we can because the need is great.

Last year's Fundraising Gala



Join us
April 13
2024
or send
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