



AKOUNOUKA

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NOVEMBER RECAP

We have had an eventful month and we are excited to share with you all of the progress we have made.

We started the month by completing the sketch and architectural drawings of the new school building. We were able to hold a town meeting with the RCS community to discuss the efforts of rebuilding the pole barn school. The community was thrilled to hear of the plan, and agreed to participate in the work required to complete this project. AKOUNOUKA is derived from a Kreyol phrase which means “with you, we can”. When we partner with a community, we never promise to come do everything for them. We always let them know their participation is required – “With you, we can!” It is a joint effort within the community to bring positive change.

With their overwhelming display of willingness, we held a PBB training class for young men to learn the PBB construction method. We also had a bottle brick packing event where nearly 40 members of the community packed 3,200 bottles. Thanks to your support, we were able to provide 140 hot meals to volunteers during this 2-day event.

WHAT'S COMING UP

This month, we have a CPR training event scheduled to teach individuals life-saving CPR knowledge. In addition, we are preparing to dig and pour the foundation for the school building. We will also continue bottle collection and packing bottles to make bottle bricks for construction. We will wrap this eventful year up by preparing for and, if possible, beginning construction of the school. We are steadily working on our literacy curriculum and hope to have that completed and ready to be implemented next year.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS

We would like to thank all who partnered in giving this month. Your gifts were put to work to help those in need through meals, environmental clean up efforts, construction costs for the new school, trainings and more. We have several members of the community who have partnered with us in Northern Haiti to help facilitate our mission.

We ask you to consider continual support to help impact impoverished communities and bring positive change to lives of the people living in Northern Haiti. As we tell the community members, we also tell our supporters –

WITH YOU, WE CAN!

Want to know more? We would love to hear from you.

SPECIFIC NEEDS THIS MONTH

This month's specific needs:

\$2000 for cement for school

\$500 for hot meals for community volunteers

\$600 for a portable battery pack and solar panel to use on the mountain where there is no power

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We have several internships available for 2021, if you know any recent or upcoming high school graduates or college students who may be interested, they may contact us via email, WhatsApp or Facebook.

We have construction mission trips scheduled for January and February 2021. If you or someone you know is interested in joining, you may register on our website.