

Partners in Literacy Haiti

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Cange Library

A MARCH WORK TRIP to HAITI

Needed: Rotarians for our 7750 Haitian Library Project
 Dates: March 6-20 (Spring break in Cange)
 Choose either or both week(s)

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP DEVELOP THE CANGE LIBRARY

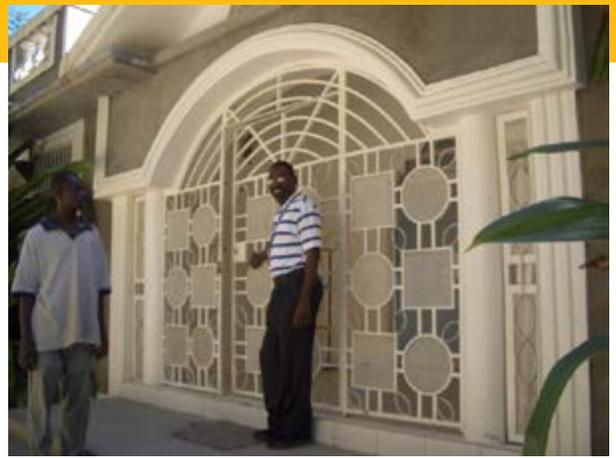
- Share ideas with our new Librarian, Dona Pierre
- Read books to classes (Dona will translate)
- Classify additional books in the Dewey System
- Interact with ministers and teachers to select titles & authors
- Help the Library Committee create a strategic plan & policies

TENTATIVE COSTS

Airline round trip from Atlanta to Port-Au-Prince—\$750
 Transportation: 1½ hour round trip from Port Au Prince to/from Cange—\$50
 Lodging and 2 meals \$50 per day; 8 days—\$400

FOR INFO

To reserve a space, or for questions, call Rita Yarbrough at 803-271-3602, or e-mail haitiliteracy@gmail.com



Patrick Gue of the Mauldin Club by a dining room doorway.

Spring break weeks are busy in Cange—register by February 12.



Dona Pierre

District Library Project:

Getting to know and working with Dona Pierre

WHAT WE ALL DISCOVERED ABOUT OUR NEW LIBRARIAN:

- Maradonna was born and grew up in Cange and prefers to be called “Dona.”
- Dona has VERY good English skills. He tends to be bashful about them.
- He’s a fast learner and good questioner.
- Before the 2010 earthquake, he got an Electrical Engineering degree and worked 9 years in Port au Prince. Port au Prince is too noisy and crowded in his opinion. The earthquake destroyed his workplace and the business.
- Currently he’s a banana farmer and minister in Cange as well as librarian.
- He’s 30 and single. He is close to his only brother and his family in Philadelphia. Their parents are deceased.
- He loves books and computers and thinks the library is vital to Cange.

WHAT EMMA LEARNED WHILE COLLABORATING WITH DONA:

- There are real differences between English, French and Kreyol vocabulary words and phrases
- To catalog 400 books takes full-time concentration and Dewey Decimal skills and teamwork.
- Grant writing requires savvy and talent.
- Haitians like Snickers Bars at committee meetings.
- Considering potential titles to make a new-book-collection-list takes time.

WHAT MADISON OBSERVED:

“Dona really does want to be the Cange Librarian. On the first day, Sara handed Dona a 100+ page administrator’s manual written by the Peace Corps to read and also told him he would start learning to write grants to help the library. We’d try to get catalogue labels on all unlabeled books. These goals would be the focus of our work trip. I thought he might be intimidated. Not only did Dona show up the next day, but came prepared with questions and notes he’d made from the manual.”



JANUARY CANGE LIBRARY WORK TRIP

From left are Furman sophomore/French translator Emma Waters, Rotary 7750 project advisor Sara Mansbach, Pleasantburg Rotary, Jackie Williams, Cange Library Board Secretary; and First Baptist Church Greenville member Madison Barton.