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Summer is winding down and thoughts turn to back to school. Many states have already started, some starting after Labor Day. If you would like to extend your summer vacation, why not transfer to Village of Hope School? President Martely has delayed the start of school until October. Published reports indicate that it is so he has more time to implement his free education initiative. Unpublished reports say it's all politics. There is still no functioning body of government since the legislature has rejected each candidate that the president has presented for prime minister. So, our students will start a little later this year. Not a problem. The test results for Village of Hope School showed that 52 out of 54 sixth grade students passed the national exams. The results of the other grades aren't available yet.

We will take advantage of the delay by continuing to work on maintenance issues at the school. Much of the work had been completed by the Living Sanctuary\Good Shepherd team. The cafeteria and chapel have a fresh coat of paint. The faucets outside the dining room and in the bathrooms have been repaired. The playground equipment has been fixed and is ready for action. The blackboards have been refreshed. The VOH sign at the main road has been touched up (a special thanks to Lennie Fenton).



Welcome to VOH!



*Sanctuary Free Evangelical
Good Shepherd and Others*



*"Ke'm cho mwen anv jwe!
"Can't wait for recess!"*

The Health Center is progressing. The walls are started. The septic tank and drywell are in place.



*Back of the health center
looking northwest*



*West side of the building
looking east*



*Front of the building
handicap accessible ramp
under construction*



Bert and Manuel

In addition to the physical construction, we have been finalizing our plan for submission to MSPP (the Ministry of Health). Once we submit the plans, the authorization and accreditation process begins in earnest.

As we look forward, we are grateful that we have been spared the storms that have gone on around us. We ask for continued prayers for the Haitian people as they cope with the rains and threats of storms. Other prayer concerns include a safe and positive start to the school year, concerns for safe travel for upcoming teams, discernment as we work to what God has called us to, and prayers of thanksgiving for all He has given us.

Blessings,
Bert & Roberta