

# Haiti in our Hands

Compassion and solidarity for the people of Haiti



## Monthly Newsletter

July 2024

### Good News for Haiti

While violent gangs still control much of Port au Prince, there is good news from on the ground in Haiti. The airport has reopened and, according to Father Raymond, food is more readily available now (although it is still very expensive). There is hope that the security situation will improve, as well. After many delays, over 1,000 Kenyan police officers are expected to arrive in Haiti the last week in June, 2024. Jamaica, Benin and Bangladesh are also scheduled to send troops. They are all sponsored by the United Nations and will help to bolster the local police forces.



*Schoolchildren in Chauffard eat a hot lunch of rice and beans thanks to your generous donations.*

In mid-June the new prime minister, Gary Conille, attended a graduation ceremony at the police academy in Port au Prince for 400 new officers. Conille was appointed Prime Minister at the end of May 2024. He previously served as the Haitian Prime Minister from 2011-2012, and most recently was the Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean at UNICEF. He and his new cabinet will work on a plan for holding elections in 2025. (News from articles on Associated Press, MSN and Miami Herald websites posted in late May and late June 2024.)

#### News from Chauffard:

"I'm very happy to see how you took the [Tree Currency] program with Raising Haiti... We will start with the student exams in the future days. We are almost well done with the school year. In July it will be the holidays. Everything is going well so far. I can get money from the bank on time with ease. To feed the children, everything was done with ease. We will never stop saying thank you to God, you and the entire team who continue to help us."

From Father Raymond, June 14, 2024

#### Upcoming Events:

**July 13-14:** Bottle & Can Drive  
SMSP Parking Lot

#### Coming this Fall to SMSP:

Trunk Sale  
Book & Bake Sale  
Doug's to Go  
Bottle & Can Drive

For more information about any events or to volunteer, call **Kate McMahon** at 315-214-1569.

**Supporting the Church of the Immaculate Conception,  
Chauffard, Haiti, Father Raymond, Parish Priest**