

# News From Haiti



Summer 2022

## Physical Therapy School Update

The school has just completed its first term of 2022 as students are in the process of exams this week. The plan is for the school to continue without any long breaks to complete 2 more terms (mid-April-June and July-September) so this is a complete year. Normally, an academic year begins November 1. This past fall's kidnappings and rise in violence made a November start impossible. Christina Rosa, the school's director, has received all Ministry documents from Dr. Patrick and she has been working with staff to prepare the school should the Ministry return for a visit.



Students taking exams (they have learned to keep the students separated so they are unable to look off each other's work!).



Dorlus Fedaime who is our new day armed security guard. Dorlus is contracted through Tiger Security, which is the company who provides security for PHH in Pierre Payen.

The physical therapy students are being taught by Haitian physicians for basic sciences, Haitian physical therapists for entry level courses (there are now 5 alum from our program) and by US physical therapists online (via Zoom) for more advanced coursework. We have 4 students in the first and 4 students in the second years of the physical therapy program.

The nursing students are being taught by Haitian physicians and nurses as appropriate for their in-class sessions. We have 4 nursing students in their final year who are also going between coursework in a class session and clinical work. The clinical work must be supervised by our nurse, Sandrine Jean, who is in charge of clinicals and an on site nurse. They have done well. We have one nursing student in the third year of the nursing program who is in full time clinicals. Finally, we have 8 nursing students in the first year of the program.

The school has hired an armed security guard during the day in addition to our unarmed security guards at night. We felt we needed an armed guard when people were on the grounds for school as just outside the school gate is a Y in the main road which is a key location for manifestations, road blocks, etc. We hope to control who is coming in and out of the school gate while classes are in session. The school has become very adaptable in calling off school when the road block is present and then resuming as soon as things break up.

We know there has been incredible attrition from the school for many reasons the past few years but with a license and committed faculty and staff, we know God has asked us to continue.

We are so thankful God has provided the ability to continue to educate these students despite all the difficulties within Haiti. We praise His work in the lives of the administrators, staff, teachers and students. We pray the Lord protects them, develops them and provides for them. We also pray we would be able to finish some final building construction (a couple support columns need added and temporary wood supports removed) and plumbing for two bathrooms along with maintenance items as God provides. (The school is developing a list of what needs accomplished in the meantime.)



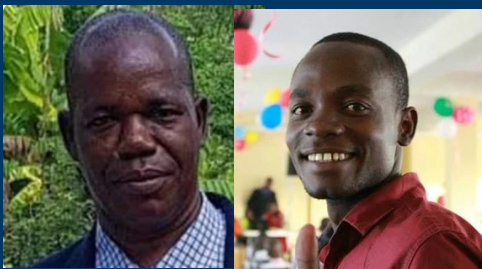
A group of students relaxing and talking after they completed an exam.

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