

Opportunities for Communities, Inc.

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Project News

The Opportunities for Communities **sewing school** in Les Cayes, Haiti, has begun. Our new teacher, Denise, has started teaching the restaveks and is thrilled with the machines donated by our generous community



at home. She began teaching without the machines, and as soon as we brought them she took one out and tested it.

Les Ouragans youth soccer team - the younger squad is going to the national tournament in Port-au-Prince. On our recent trip, we had the treat of watching this very talented group of 12 to 15 year olds beat their older teammates.



With your assistance, OFC provides jerseys, cleats and balls for the team.

The **restavek school** kitchen has been rebuilt. No longer will the headmaster, Amos, have to

scrounge for expensive wood. With a generous donation of design work from Kuhn-Riddle Architects in Amherst, local workers were able to build a kitchen that includes work space, storage, and security. A bonus is the kitchen area they built for the handicapped school that leases the same space. Now the school will have four propane burners that will cook less expensively. Thanks to South Amherst Congregational Church, whose generous gift made the restavek school kitchen possible.



The **Flathead reservation** in Montana - In July, OFC will be helping to prepare the powwow grounds and our volunteers will attend the regional powwow. We are establishing a long-term relationship with this community to develop programs with the two tribes, Salish and Kootenai, who live there.

To Come

OFC is planning a Haiti trip for the holiday break in December and January.

We will keep you informed as these programs develop. Join us and let us know how you can help!



Meet Timothé

Timothé Indrik is OFC's Haiti and Dominican Republic project director. Timo has amazing talents and energy. A speaker of five languages, Timo is also on Young Life staff,

directs the Haiti group of the International Sports Coalition, coaches *les Ouragans* youth soccer team sponsored by OFC, and is a craftsman. Always gracious and caring as a host, Timo's greater strength



is his heart for children and his wonderful ability to reach them.

Timothé splits his time between La Vega, Dominican

Republic, and his hometown of Les Cayes, Haiti.

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Opportunities for Communities' new program!

OFC continues to meet new opportunities. We have taken on sponsorship for a composting project at Guatemala's largest landfill with a UMass graduate student, Travis Shultz. This project seeks to reduce air pollution and other health hazards, while creating jobs and good soil. Look for more as this program develops.

How you can be part of Opportunities for Communities -

Contributions of new or used soccer equipment, sewing machines, fabric and notions are appreciated. Toiletries and school supplies are also needed.

You might consider helping us with a cash donation. Because all overhead expenses have been covered by sponsors and volunteers, 100% of your contribution will directly benefit the projects.

All donations are tax deductible. Checks can be made out to: Opportunities for Communities, Inc. and mailed to OfC, 260 Lincoln Avenue, Amherst, Mass. 01002.

If you have other skills, knowledge, or resources to offer, let us know! Any questions can be directed to Kenneth Mundt at kmundt@opportunitiesforcommunities.org.