

Haiti - Schools

Our CURE clinics were held in rural school buildings. The first clinic was held east of Belladere in a school with three rooms. The middle and right rooms had a central partition to divide them further. (spliced photos)



The “windows” are of open concrete blocks (no glass) and the tops of the doors are vertical metal bars. This lets air flow through the buildings. The metal roof is noisy in tropical rain showers. The painted concrete floor is easy to sweep clean of tracked in mud and dirt. Next is a satellite image of the school (blue roof), dark green trees, and gray houses. The image is 200 meters on a side and shows mostly open fields for grazing of goats and cattle. The assorted furniture was all modern commercial grade, as shown in photos taken for other purposes.



The second clinic was held 25 April at the Roy Sec school west of Belladere. It is within a walled enclosure in the community, with the photos taken from the west corner looking eastward. The satellite image is

again 200 meters on a side. The pointer is at the north corner. (The truncated West coordinate is 71 50' 13".)



Classroom furniture is older and a mix of wooden benches, wood on steel frames, and some plastic chairs.



satellite view of Roy Sec



The third and fourth clinics were held on 27 and 28 April, west of Mirebalais, northwest of Saut d'Eau, at a community unofficially called Nordette. The end of the road to there was impassibly muddy. We had to walk the final 475 meters with our supplies. Satellite view: 200 m wide.



to West: chapel/dining-hall/kitchen



to North: northwest end of rooms



to East: most of classrooms



satellite view of Nordette



cooks in kitchen



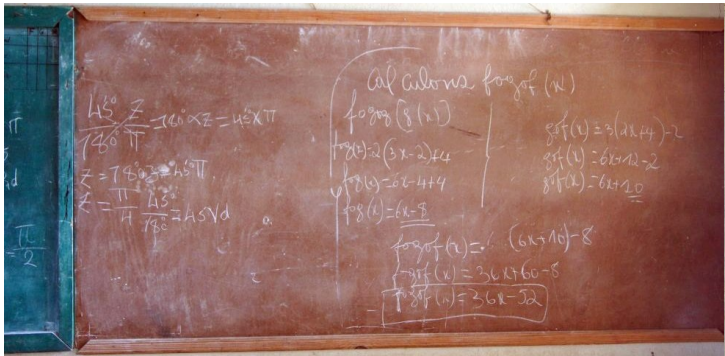
students in chapel. Notice uniforms.

All furniture looked locally-made, with long benches for students, a table and chair for teachers, and small chairs and low tables for the youngest children.

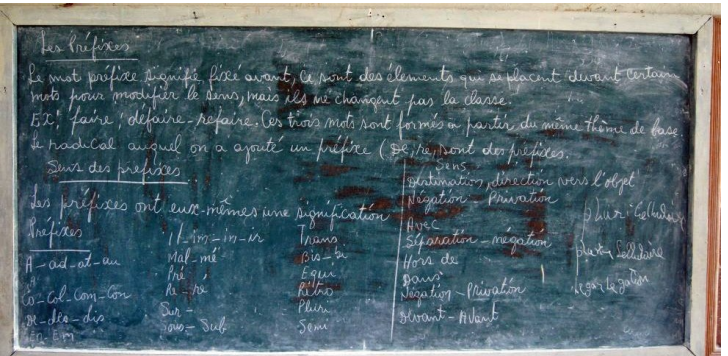
This sampling of three rural schools appears to show simple facilities for mostly elementary age students. Some of the chalkboard lessons may be at a higher level.



football (soccer) at Nordette, from video



math lesson at Roy Sec (algebra)



French lesson at Roy Sec (prefixes)

I photographed 9 chalkboards at Roy Sec and 7 chalkboards at Nordette. These two samples had the greatest clarity. Full size versions of these and other photos can be made available to satisfy curiosity of teaching in the French language.

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