

Photo Right: Thousands took to the streets after the country's Election Council was perceived to be under the influence of outgoing President Preval who ruled that populist candidate Michel Martelly had not gained enough votes in the polls to qualify for a second round run-off and was in fact in third place. Jude Celestin, the successor chosen by President Preval, was declared by the Council to be in second place. At the time of this report, Ex-President Bill Clinton is due in Haiti for a vote recount.

Photo Bottom Left: This is the secured parcel of land for the Tabarre School project, located in the Tabarre district of Port Au Prince. **Photo Bottom Right:** This is an adjacent 0.10 acre lot that is in the process of being secured so that a playground may be added.

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Message from the President

There is one word, and only one word, to describe what keep our team going during our most recent and arduous trip to Haiti. That word is: *Perseverance*.

Our Jewish Renaissance Foundation Project Director, Yves Theodore, along with Dino Dixie, representing the project management firm of Allied Environmental Inc., our key partner, made up a team of two during our most recent trip to Haiti from December 5-10th.

Their plan was to obtain a survey of our land plus construction permits, and to coordinate local suppliers and equipment vendors as well as labor teams. However, on their third day there, the Presidential

election results were announced and we all know of the political unrest and tension that ensued. Regardless, you will read in the next few pages about how Yves and Dino continued advancing the project and began efforts to secure additional land for the Tabarre School project. They ultimately traveled by car and bus to the Dominican Republic in order to fly home.

Let us salute their quick thinking, unstoppable drive, and selflessness as they continued to work for the betterment of Haiti in the most trying of conditions. We sincerely thank them. We will be returning to Haiti in 2011 on an ongoing basis. Our work to be done is needed there now more than ever.

—Dr. Alan Goldsmith



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Photos to the Right:

The photos to the right show the very first school built after the January 12th Haiti earthquake by InnoVida.

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Travelogue: Trapped in Haiti, Dec. 5-10, 2010

By Yves Theodore, Jewish Renaissance Foundation and Dino Dixie, Allied Environmental, Inc.

After an initial day of planning, on day two we met with Justin Mark, the Police Commissioner in order to obtain, scan and forward the survey of the secured parcel to our construction firm, InnoVida. Due to poor technology, this took nearly a day. We then waited for InnoVida to respond with the appropriate concrete pad design for the school building so we could start obtaining pricing of concrete.

While waiting for the pad design, we met with Mr. Nemez, an engineer from the Ministry of the Environment. He stressed that construction permits were absolutely necessary; without obtaining them, any structure built would be demolished by the government. He also pledged to support our efforts and offered assistance in the area of hiring a credible and capable work force. Next, InnoVida communicated that the survey demonstrated an insufficient amount of land on the secured plot to support our original building structure design. We communicated this news to all parties and learned that an adjoining parcel of land might be available.

Armed with that knowledge, the next day we began seeking permits. We learned that before the permits could be issued, the authorities required an approved building plan; this approval would not happen until we addressed the matter regarding additional land for our design. We then proceeded to a concrete factory; however, the staff couldn't provide pricing without knowing the actual footprint of

the pad. We were told that the concrete costs would be comparable with Florida pricing. Moving on, we visited with the local electrical utility provider to discuss hook up. However, on the way, our vehicle broke down. Three hours later, Commissioner Mark sent a driver to bring us back to the hotel. Once there, we focused on phone calls to obtain the survey for the critical parcel of adjoining land. By phone, we also researched equipment rental prices.

Unbelievably, the day had more in store for us. The presidential election results were announced later in the day. Port-au-Prince began to experience political unrest and by all accounts, it was not safe to be outdoors. Therefore, a scheduled meeting with John Booker of Four Square Church was cancelled. Our efforts from that point on were severely hampered; we were on lock down at the hotel. We spent the next day continuing to work from the hotel on the survey and permits. Luckily, the following day, we could travel to a nearby InnoVida project underway. We observed how well this project was progressing. We finally had our meeting with Mr. Booker to discuss his fundraising capabilities for our medical center and children's safe haven in Léogâne.

By Friday, we were advised to leave. Outgoing flights were suspended; we decided to leave via the Dominican Republic. A police driver and car was secured to take us to the Haiti/DR border. From the border, we took a bus to the capital, Santo Domingo. Once there, we started calling to get new flight reservations. We had to be relentless in order to avoid paying fees for new flights. The next day, Yves flew to New Jersey (a 36-hour journey) and Dino followed two days later.

We returned home with plenty of work ahead, the foremost task being to either secure the additional land needed for our original school design or proceed with an adjusted design. Stay tuned!



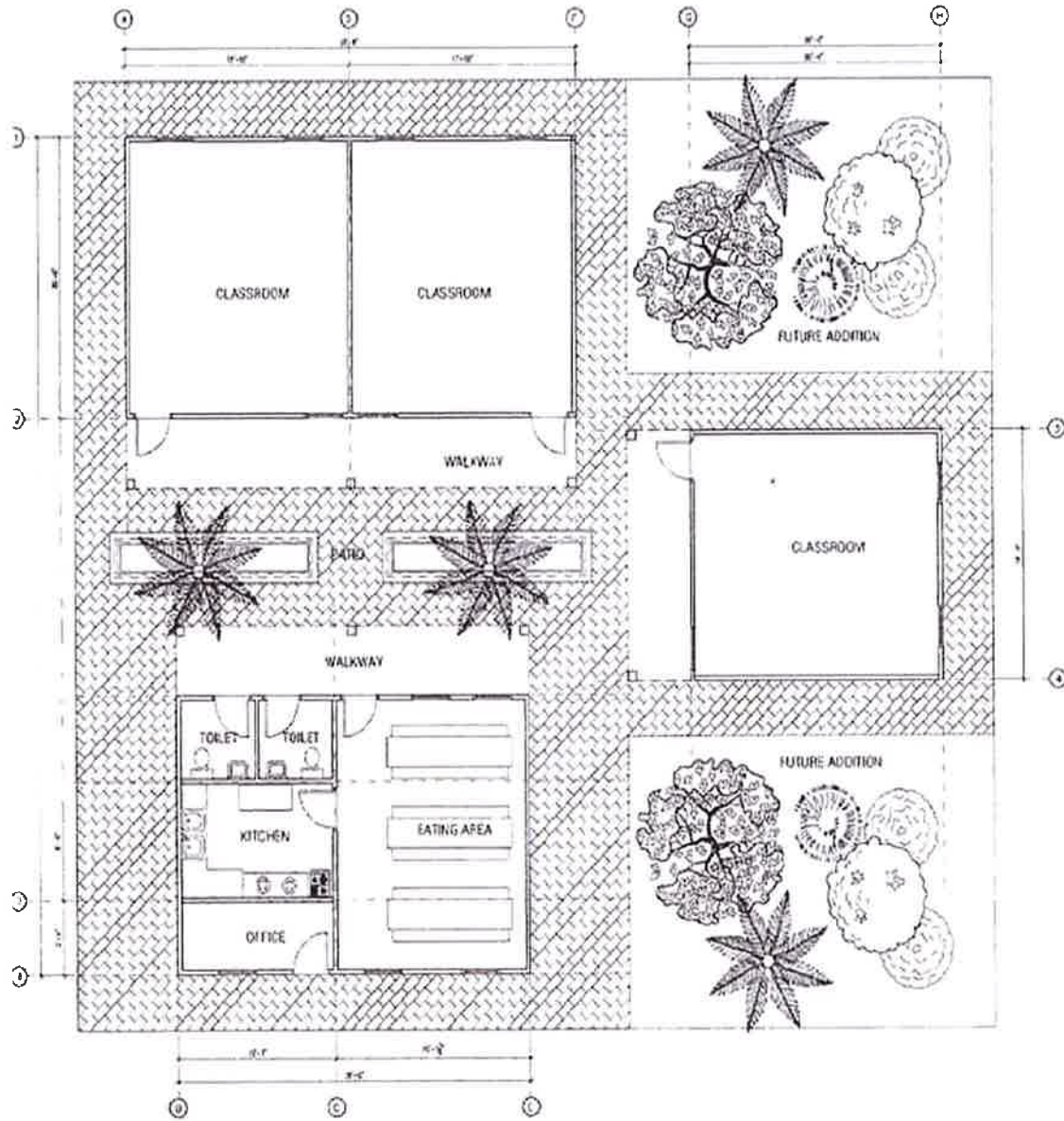


IMAGE TOP LEFT:
This drawing shows the layout for the proposed Tabarre School, complete with kitchen, eating area and room for expansion.



Photo Above: Dino Dixie, Allied Environmental, Inc.

Below: This is the current condition of the Tabarre School; 70 students attend daily.





La Sirene

Gerard Valein (1923-1988)
Haitian Art Master

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