

Letter to the persons and the communities who responded to the collection of books

To you, participants of the Solidarity project with Haiti

First of all, "thank you, a thousand times thank you!" We marvel at your enthusiasm in responding to the collection of books for CIFOR in Haiti. In a very short time, you have sorted, classified, listed and packed 3,000 books. You have sent 169 crates well packed and identified to the warehouses of Quebec. We have greatly appreciated your meticulous work and your solidarity with our sisters and brothers of Haiti. Mission accomplished! For the moment, the collection of books has been suspended, question of evaluating the success of this project.

A few days before the send off, a Congregation offered us 78 metallic bookstands and a few solid wooden ones and also quite a few card index file boxes. Thanks to the collaboration of a team of volunteers, these were taken apart, tied up, identified and sent to join the collection of books ready to be sent to Haiti. On the 28th of April, the container was on its way by sea to Haiti; destination Port-au-Prince. It is expected to arrive at the beginning of June.

The next phase will consist of setting up the library, classifying the books, preparing a book catalogue and, if possible, computerizing the material in order to facilitate the use of the library even from a distance. A dream, perhaps, at any rate, this is an exciting project in which we are already involved.

Those in charge of CIFOR (Centre Inter-Instituts de Formation Religieuse) have expressed their joy and their thanks for the generous response and the solidarity of the Religious Communities and of the Institutions of the Church. In the name of the Congregations who have Sisters in Haiti and in the name of the Solidarity Committee, we thank you from the bottom of our heart for your contribution to the formation of persons who will benefit from CIFOR.

In communion,
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