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The Fondation Vincent

*Academic and Vocational Training Center and Orphanage
Cap Haitien, Haiti*





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In February 2018 an EWWBNA team led by its President, Ed Hill, traveled to Cap Haitien, Haiti and conducted a preliminary assessment of electrical needs of the **Fondation Vincent** educational complex.



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The **Fondation Vincent** is an educational institution located near Cap Haitien run by the Salesian Order of the Catholic Church. The Salesians took over the administration from the Haitian government in 1955 and greatly expanded its activity.



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Fondation Vincent provides primary/secondary schooling, agriculture education, and vocational training in several trades (electricity, woodwork, construction and metal trades, auto mechanics and sewing). Over 1000 attend classes, and the orphanage provides housing and meals for over 100 homeless children.



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Father Pierre is director of the **Fondation Vincent**, and he is a former trainee of the metal trades training program. Italian priest Father Attilio is director of the orphanage



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Bishop Ducange of Port-au-Prince is a former director of **Fondation Vincent**.



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EWBNA team observations:

- Diesel generators providing electricity for the complex are too expensive to run
- Solar system in conjunction with the generators would greatly reduce costs
- Lighting should be converted to LED to reduce load on proposed solar system
- There exists a poor quality solar system in the area of the orphanage, the electrical training shop and sewing school. The system is not working.
- Two of three well systems are not working, and need to be fixed.



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EBWWNA Team Recommendations:

- Electrical Engineer needs to make a site visit to evaluate all electrical needs and develop work plan before EBWWNA volunteers can be sent to assist
- **Fondation Vincent** can greatly improve upon its electrical training program
- Train-trainers program could take place in conjunction with electrical upgrade of the **Fondation Vincent**
- Need to link training to local jobs



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USAID Funded Power Plant near Cap Haitien.

EWBNA team met with US Embassy officials who agreed to assist in linking the training program to US funded energy projects in Haiti.



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Other follow up:

- Electrical Workers Without Borders Italy has agreed to recruit an Electrical Engineer who could evaluate **Fondation Vincent's** electrical system
- Request to “Wells for the World” to replace Franklin Electric well pumps





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