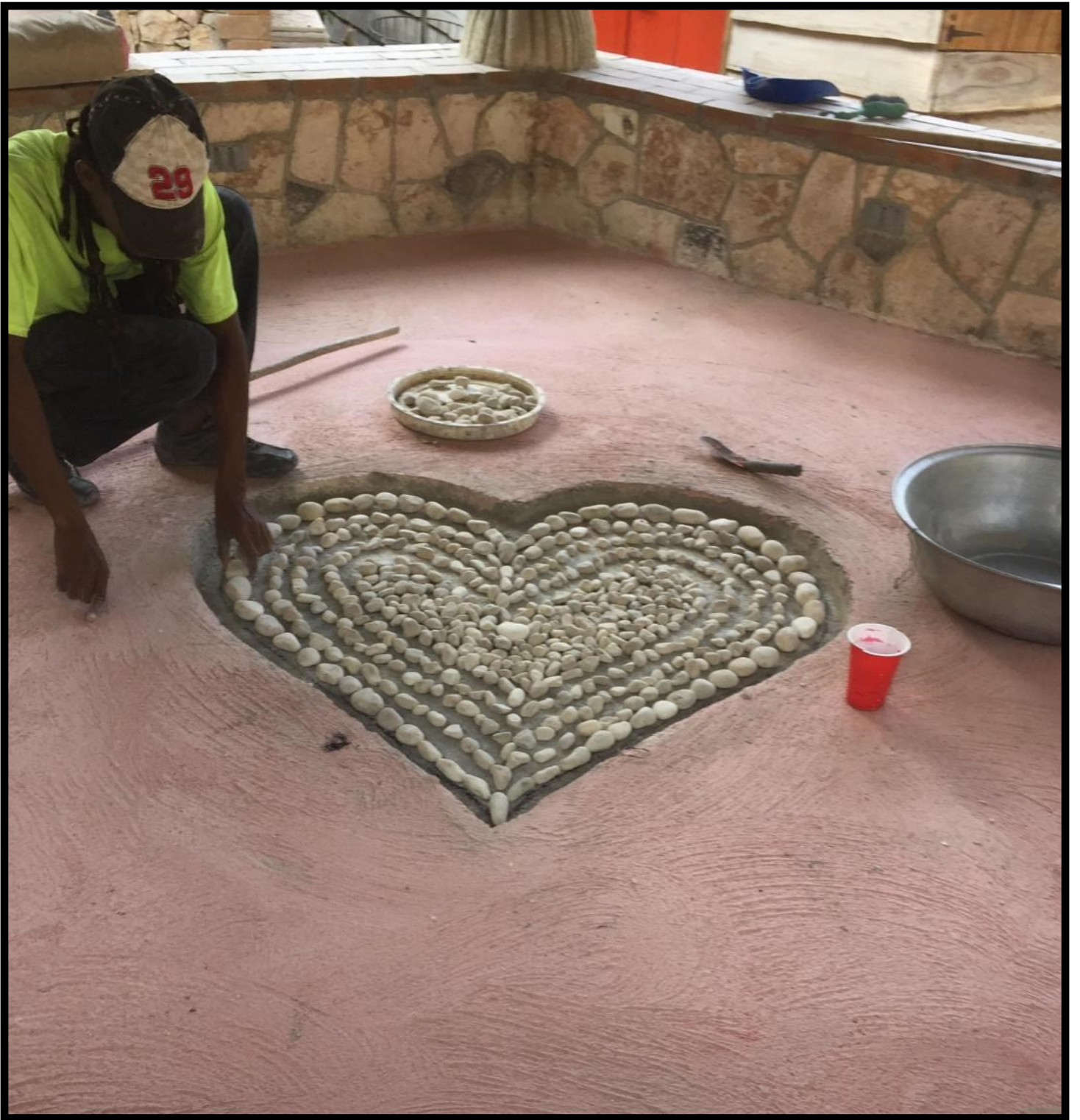




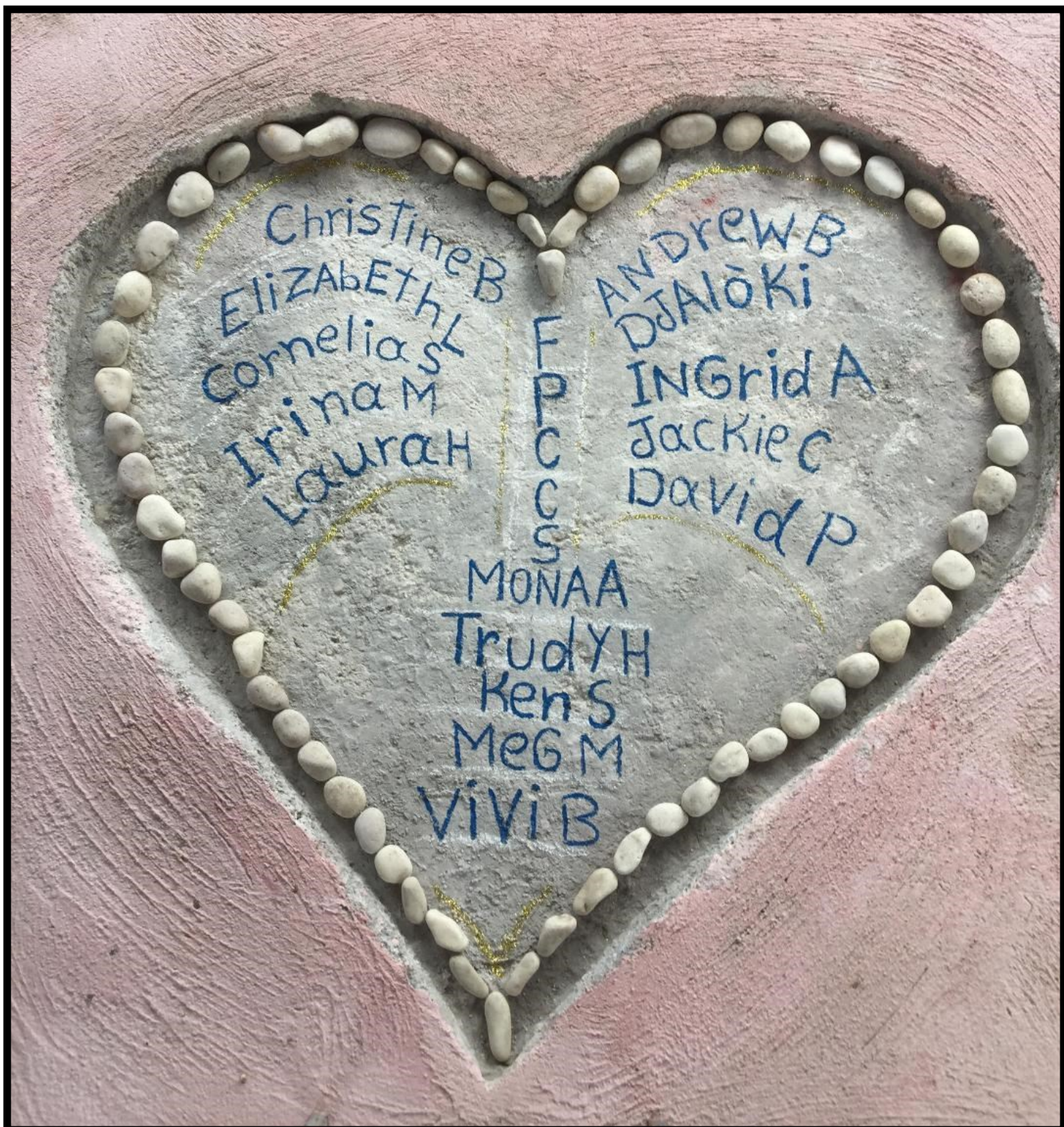
There once was an empty heart ...



But it wanted to be more beautiful and started to fill up, but the heart was so grateful it wanted to remember all those who gave it life...



So it started to etch all the names
of those who brought it into
being...



until the names of those who gave
their love to this heart filled it up...



And then to never forget them, they were permanently cemented into its own heart...



With final touches of beauty
gently sprinkled on top like icing
on a cake...



When it was finished a little heart
popped up in the middle with the
heartbeat of all those inside never to
be forgotten...



From all of our hearts to yours, you are forever ingrained, literally, in the center of our hearts!

The FPCCS Mission and Justice Committee received these photos and their story in February 2022. They show the final touch, a heart, placed at the center of a "Choukoun" our donations helped build in Gwo Jan, Haïti.

FPCCS donations have also assisted the N a Sonje Foundation, who built the Choukoun, with other endeavors, as well as Williamson Jacques (Yaya) who studied here in NEPA and was a part of our church family before returning to Haïti to fill the position of Program Officer running programs for Youth Resiliency, Family Preservation and Youth Empowerment in the Delmas section of Port-au-Prince.

Choukoun: A Taíno (Native American) inspired word that means a "place of meaningful encounter". It is a meeting place for very important interactions, business, teaching and learning.