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Friends of  
**IFOSuD**

International Farmers' Organization  
for Sustainable Development



*The civil unrest the past 18 months has really taken its toll on our beneficiaries.*

Commerce was at a standstill, cash was unavailable, banks closed, and food scarce. Now that most of the riots are over, food is still in short supply. We have been continuing to loan out seed, cash, and goats to our beneficiaries, but they won't see much return from those seeds or goats for the next few months. The IFOSuD staff did a food security evaluation to see how our beneficiaries are fairing. 85% responded that they are only eating a meal 1-2 times per week. So, IFOSuD was able to secure 353 boxes of donated rice. IFOSuD was able to distribute this Christmas Blessing to 353 beneficiaries who desperately needed it. Some of our beneficiaries even shared with neighbors, demonstrating what a change the Gospel has had in their lives.

# OPERATION CHRISTMAS BLESSING



353 boxes

# Celebrating 7 Years at Friends of IFOSuD's Annual Banquet



John and Josue were back in the U.S.A. for a week in December to share with Grand Forks, Williston, Fargo, and Jamestown about the trials and triumphs in 2019.

2019 was a year marked by a great celebration of graduations; over 200 beneficiaries graduated this year! We saw many come to the Lord as well. However, there were many difficulties with the civil unrest, which led to food and fuel shortages in almost the entire country. John and Josue also talked about their plans to reach school children through Future Farmers of Haiti (FFH). This is a program that IFOSuD has been working on framing this last year. We are hoping to get it funded and launched this year.



We were so blessed by all who attended and invited us into their churches and communities. *If you would ever like John, Josue, or a Friends of IFOSuD board member to visit with your church, group, or community, please let us know.* We would love to share about the tremendous work God is doing in Haiti.



## THANK YOU, DONORS!

**Thanks to our generous donors, we ordered and shipped 150 graduation gowns, caps, and stoles which arrived in Haiti in December! They will be used at our graduation in Jérémie this spring and rented out to other schools and organizations. Hopefully, IFOSuD can not only save money by not renting gowns, but make money from renting these out.**

**Check out our model, Imedla, in the new gowns!**

