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## Future Farmers of Haiti - First Quarter

Since November 14, 2020, our Ag classes started with 6 schools every Saturday. Parents are very excited to have their children enrolled in this prestigious program. So far, one hundred and eighty 4th grade students have already taken their first theoretical agriculture test and the average results are an impressive 85%. The practical part of the agriculture class began in January 2021.

The FFH program is modeled after the Future Farmers of America/Agriculture Education program. The main focus is to develop a four-year program, mainly students starting with fourth graders. The curriculum covers soil science, plant science, animal science, horticulture, and processing. Equally important is the FFH Chapter, which will provide the leadership component, including co-op development and Supervision Occupational and Experience Program (SOEP). The Experience Program will provide students the opportunity to have a cash crop that they will be responsible for and will provide income for the student. The instructor will be responsible for weekly home visits. It is important to notice that food is served to each student attending Saturday class, and didactic materials were given to every student enrolled in the program. As part of the FFH program, several infrastructures are being put in place like nursery shade to produce trees and seedlings as initial production phase on behalf of the students.

Last but not least, the FFH program was established during the final quarter of 2020. Although it experienced certain constraints, the launch was more than satisfactory. Its development will continue during the year 2021 thanks to the support of all the staff, students, and parents. The practical activities in the field will mark an effective step of this program. The first of the practical activities is a home production plot for each student, which began this January!



# Roofing Project Update

## 11 ROOFS COMPLETED

As soon as beneficiaries were able to provide a stable frame for the roofs, Haitian workers installed them. A few of the completed roofs have leaking issues due to framing issues, but we plan to get those fixed as soon as possible! Many of these families have been staying in shacks and sheds since Hurricane Matthew ravaged Haiti. Now, they have hope - a chance to construct a new home to keep their families safe and dry! (Beneficiaries are responsible for their own framing and walls for the home.)



We want to recognize Ty Korsmo (son of Friends of IFOSuD's President, Mark Korsmo) for all of the work that he has done to make this project possible! From interviewing beneficiaries to raising support, he has allowed IFOSuD to be part of a life changing project for these individuals. What a blessing it is to put a roof over the heads of families in need!

## HURRICANE MATTHEW TESTIMONY: SECRENE BEAUCHAMP

On the evening of October 3rd, 2016, Secrene Beauchamp got a call from a friend: "I'm listening to the radio, and they say a hurricane is coming tonight. It'll wipe out the whole town!"

Secrene searched for a bus to evacuate her family from their home (near Jeremie, Haiti), to the capital city of Port-au-Prince. No luck. As she sat on the porch with her mom, listening to the light rainfall, she said, "This isn't so bad." But the rain thickened. She suggested moving to a better shelter, but her mom said, "Don't be afraid." She didn't want to abandon her mom, so they stayed in the house. Around 4 or 5 AM, the wind grew violent and ripped off half the roof, right over their heads! They moved underneath the other half of the roof and waited out the storm. Four years later, Secrene is a proud graduate of IFOSuD's goat program, still living with her mom and three kids.

Friends of IFOSuD is helping Haitian families like Secrene's get functional roofs that keep them dry when they sleep.

**Would you be willing to help?**



\*Secrene's story taken from Ty Korsmo's Facebook page