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Victory in Jesus!

Let me introduce to you Leon Winshell, the young lady in the brown shirt. She is the daughter of a farmer beneficiary (Arnold Leon, the man pictured in the red shirt) in Bongnotte, Léogâne. For two years she has had a mental problem (crazy). No one could approach her, even her parents. No hospital was able to provide her with the necessary care. Her hair remained unkempt for these two years because no one dared to touch her hair. She had gone missing several times. She hardly ate, and her body odor had started to be really unpleasant.

While our field agronomist, Roseberlyne Bernard (lady pictured with the hat), went to visit IFOSuD beneficiary Arnold Leon, she saw the girl in torment. Roseberlyne asked if she could pray for her; permission was granted. A week later, Roseberlyne prayed with her again and then asked Winshell if she could comb her hair. Winshell replied, "Yes,

not only can you comb my hair, but you can wash my hair too." Everyone was surprised because she agreed to let her hair be washed and combed after two years. She didn't have a natural disease; the evil spirit made her mad and sick. But God, through Agronomist Roseberlyne, made her sociable again.

Now she can speak and answer questions without problems. Her family is happy now and turns to Jesus! **They can't stop praising His name because He set their daughter free!** The whole community is amazed at this great change in her life. There is always power in the Name of Jesus. This is an example of what God is doing in the communities where IFOSUD works. We ask for your prayers for Winshell Leon, as the battle is not yet fully won.



Is It Bad Enough to Give Up?

“One can wonder why Haiti is among the most affected countries in the world either by political instability or natural disaster. Why millions of dollars have been disbursed and/or are being disbursed with so little socio-economic impact on the lives of the population? Why are so many Christian organizations working in Haiti by implementing projects, but we still have the feeling that we are further from the solution to poverty alleviation? That being said, are our days worse enough to give up on our work in Haiti? Jerry Bridges brought us a powerful statement: **‘Our worst days will never be bad enough that God's grace cannot reach us, and our best days will never be good enough that we no longer need God's grace.’** And the scripture confirms his position in Roman 5:20b, *‘But where sin increased, grace increased all the more.’*

In Haiti, there are a lot of challenges which need to be overcome someday. However, among the problems one can systemize them into two types: 1) spiritual problems and 2) mindset problems. Such problems have led the major part of the population to consider themselves as hopeless. **What if we decide to tackle this cursed attitude by changing the hopeless mindset into a hopefulness mindset?** *This is what IFOSUD has been doing since it started its activities in Haiti.*

Again, Haiti is in the midst of a political instability, economic crisis with negative growth rate associated with very high inflation rate (25%), terror with gangs' activities are rife. All these factors have conspired and led to a deterioration of the living condition of the nation; IFOSuD team is praying and working hard to see Hope rise through the ashes by continuing to plant the seed of Hope and to grow the nation of Haiti. The Christian education training program of IFOSUD as a community outreach tool has helped to connect the dots between the people and Jesus-Christ. The motto of our program is to find ways to spread the gospel in every targeted community. Again, in order to reach out to the community for God, we used several strategies like story-telling in small groups, community reflection, meeting with the local pastor, group devotions, group discussions, and household discipleship visits. By implementing this approach, trust and confidence are gained between the community's members and the IFOSUD team.”



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- Josue Cesar, Quarterly Report

A PEEK INTO SMALL BUSINESS SCHOOL

The small business activities are mostly composed of ladies. This sector is very important for the families in Haiti. Most of the families consider their small business as their savings account as well. Anytime they have to cope with family's livelihoods or a social event, their small businesses are used to fill the gap. For the quarter some very interesting topics have been covered with the students:

- Sales book, definition and importance in a business
- Reimbursement, definition and importance in a business
- Recovery, definition and importance in a business
- Break-even point, definition and importance in a business

