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Maintaining Hope

“Live with gratitude in times of trials (Rom 8:28)” was the topic of reflection during Farmer Field School this past quarter. It has come a time where ungratefulness is the easiest decision one can make. People across the world have become desperate. Difficult times have caused people to think there is no way to be grateful. The psalmist stated “I praise you God because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. (Psalm139:14)”

Again, Haiti is still in the midst of a political abyss with an economic crisis with very high inflation rate (48%), high unemployment rate (40%), and terror with gangs’ activities are rife. All these factors have led to a deterioration of the living condition of the population in Haiti. The IFOSuD team is praying and working hard to see how to maintain Hope among those we serve. Despite the turbulence in Haiti, **75 Farmer Field School beneficiaries have successfully completed their training program and graduated on March 19th! 500 FFH Ag students from 4th to 6th grade are enrolling regularly in the IFOSuD Ag training! Also IFOSuD has moved its operations to its newly built headquarter based in the Discipleship and Ag Training Center!** IFOSuD celebrated the 11th anniversary of IFOSuD and the 2023 graduation at the Discipleship and Ag Training Center through an atmosphere of gratitude and thanksgiving. Definitely, IFOSuD roots are planted in Heaven. Calamities can’t prevent us from being grateful to God, for they are not big enough to uproot us. (Psalm 1: 1-3)

graduation highlight

We were excited to give a standing ovation to two beneficiaries who did the Bible reading in the graduation celebration! Everyone was speechless at their accomplishments.



The second reading was read by Joseph Jean from Psalm 103:1-8



The first reading was read by Luck Marie Bezimène from Romans 8:24-28

IFOSUD'S SPRING REPORT

The Christian education remains one of the pillars of IFOSuD intervention in the communities. It enables us to build the community relationship with Jesus. In order to reach out to the community for God, we use several strategies like story-telling in small groups (orality) of adults, Christian movie projections, group devotions, group discussions and household discipleship visits. Further, we have the AWANA program which allows us to reach the heart of FFH children for Christ. This has allowed us to develop trust and confidence between the community members and IFOSuD. Below is a list of the exciting accomplishments IFOSuD has made from January to March of this year:

- 18 AWANA Club sessions with 430 FFH children on average per session took place at 6 schools
- 132 devotion sessions have been realized in office (60) and through our project communities (72)
- 120 discipleship visits were realized at the beneficiaries' household
- 1 spiritual crusade was sponsored in Léogâne. Whereby, **more than 1000 people heard the gospel preached over 8 days and dozens of souls gave their lives to Jesus!**
- One broken couple was re-united after several years of separation!
- One thanksgiving party, with all IFOSuD graduates (75) and 700 other members in the community, took place on March 19th this year.

A STATEMENT FROM THE MAYOR OF LEOGANE, HENRY ERNSON

*"The commune of Léogâne holds a proud candle to IFOSuD for its impactful development work it carries out within our communities. IFOSuD has the appropriate tools that can allow the revival of the integral development of Haiti. I have heard of IFOSuD, but today I have seen the results through the beneficiaries' testimonies and I take good note of it. **Despite the situation of the country, you restore hope to the unfortunate; you contribute to the empowerment of more than one.** The government I am part of is highly indebted to IFOSuD's dedication. It's just amazing! I am proud of what you do, and you do it with passion and love. May the Almighty God watch over IFOSuD and IFOSuD supporters who are abroad."*

Meet A Beneficiary



"I am Nazaire Violène, I live in Jeremie and I have 4 children. I have already accepted Christ as my savior through the IFOSuD evangelism program. I live alone with my children. I am very happy because I am one of the beneficiaries of the livestock program of IFOSuD. This is a great thing for me. As far as training is concerned, they are very useful to me. From the spiritual training I have come to understand more things in the word of God. Meanwhile, from the technical part I got to know how to take better care of my sheep.

After the last earthquake that hit my hometown, life was very difficult for me, especially since I don't have a husband. Everything I had was gone; life had no meaning for me, but I was still praying to God. So, IFOSuD came to my community and gave me the opportunity to have 2 sheep.

My friend, I can tell you, I felt saved.

The sheep that I received are starting to be useful to me and the family because I have already sold one of my 2 sheep for your one hundred dollars (\$100 USD) so that I could settle school fees and equipment for my children. Now I already have 3 sheep and I am working hard to get even more sheep and to help others in my community to get into this activity. I would like to thank IFOSuD and the donors for thinking of my family. May God continue to bless all your staff involved."