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Update from Haiti

"In grace, God gives nothing less than Himself. Grace, then, is not a third thing or substance mediating between God and sinners, but is Jesus Christ in redeeming action."

-Michael Horton

Paul tells us, "The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives." (Titus 2:11)

Despite the turmoil, political crisis, recession, high occurrences of natural disasters, migration of the population toward other countries (like Dominican Republic, USA, Canada), IFOSuD is still moving forward with its operations in the rural communities of Haiti. **Further, the IFOSuD field team never stopped going to the field.** No one was hurt while going back and forth to the field! **And IFOSuD has not waived in its pursuit of the achievement of their fieldwork goals because they believe so much in a brighter future for the population they are serving.** IFOSuD doesn't deserve all that, it's all God's Grace.

Since graduation, we have provided post-graduation assistance to the graduates, conducted zone prospecting for the selection of new project communities, and have continued with Christian and agricultural training with school children enrolled in the FHH program.

Meet a Beneficiary

"I am Etienne Daniel. I live in Jeremie. I have three children; two of them go to school. I do not accept Christ yet as my personal Savior. The Farmer Field School trainings are very useful to me. I also like the spiritual part even though I have not yet accepted Christ.

For the technical part, it helps me a lot because I learn many ways to manage the health of my animals. When I received my sheep, I was blessed because both of them were pregnant. IFOSUD gave me 2 sheep and now I have 5 sheep. When my sheep are weaned, I will have to give 2 sheep to another person in the community who did not get the chance to receive. By doing this, I will help my neighbor. This can help him or her to keep his or her head up in the face of poverty.



Dear friends, let me say thank you to all the people at IFOSuD for your support to my family!"

FLASH FLOOD, CASH CLEAN UP

In June, Léogâne was hit with torrential rains, causing flash floods that destroyed thousands of homes and killed over 50 people. Many of our beneficiaries had their gardens and trees washed away. Food was damaged and hard to find. As we all know, IFOSuD is not a humanitarian organization, but, in the case of natural disasters, we usually intervene to bring quick response to those in need. IFOSuD was blessed to partner with Friends of IFOSuD, Plain Compassion Crisis Response, and Kore Foundation to be able to bring rapid response to the victims of the flash flooding in Léogâne.

Jointly we were able to provide 980 families with food kits (rice, beans, oil), hygienic kits (soap, aquatabs tablet, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.), and bags of purified water. IFOSuD also is working to grow the seedlings to help replace the trees and plants that were washed away. For example, the home gardens of 59 FFH students were destroyed in the flood. Fortunately, the agronomists remained motivated and have prepared new seedlings like cabbage, eggplant, and cucumbers to replace what was lost during the flood.

Besides the food and hygienic kit support, IFOSuD and its partner, Plain Compassion Crisis Response, have also launched cleanup activities. We are providing cash for work activities in the community of Léogâne. This was launched in order to allow local citizens to get back on their feet financially and also to clean their flooded community. We hired 10 local workers who cleaned 40 houses and loaded 12 dump trucks of mud and trash in order to reopen the three main roads in the town of Léogâne.



IFOSuD Farm Update

The IFOSuD farm shade tents have been busy working to supply to FFH students and Farmer Field school beneficiaries. We planted 12,400 seeds of egg plants, 2,800 seeds of tomatoes, and 2,800 seeds of cabbage! In the open field we planted 4,000 seeds of sweet corn. The percentage of germination was 85%. We are trying to cultivate sweet corn in different seasons here in Léogâne to determine the best period for planting sweet corn. This crop was affected by a grasshoppers, but we were able to control it.