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## ANNIVERSARY OF IFOSUD AND GRADUATION

Two years ago a group of 66 beneficiaries was selected in Jeremie to take part in the agriculture and discipleship training program of IFOSuD known as Farmer Field School. It was difficult when they first started because of political instability, fuel shortage, and turmoil. *Field Monitor, Gabriel Frantz, through his perseverance and commitment, saw 65 beneficiaries complete the program!*

Graduation took place this year on March 17th, 2024 in Jeremie. *65 beneficiaries out of 66 who were selected, which represents 98.5% of the total beneficiaries, were eligible to graduate!* The beneficiaries from this group in Jeremie are, above all, the best beneficiaries we have ever had since IFOSuD started to work with communities in Haiti.

Every third Sunday of March is considered as the anniversary and/or graduation day of IFOSuD. This year, March 17, 2024, was not only the 12th anniversary of IFOSuD but also the 7th graduation of farmers.



This year, two communities in Jeremie Fond Rouge d'Ayer and Martineau have successfully completed the IFOSuD development program, and 65 beneficiaries were able to graduate and have received their diplomas with the highest pride ever after completing 2 years of training in the field of Christian education, agriculture/crops production, livestock, and small business.

Through the celebration of the 12th anniversary of IFOSuD, a spiritual festival was organized. *More than 600 people from different structures of the Haitian society showed up to praise the living God with IFOSuD.* We also had the opportunity to hear encouraging testimonies through several skits written and performed by the graduating beneficiaries.

# EVANGELISM THIS QUARTER

The Christian education program remains the reason why IFOSuD exists as a Christ-centered organization. The program has enabled us to build the community's relationship with Jesus. Again, to reach out to our targeted community for Christ, we used several methods like story-telling in small groups (orality training), a family conference, Christian movies projected, group devotions, group discussions, and household discipleship visits this first quarter.

In addition, we have the AWANA program which allowed us to reach the heart of FFH children for Christ through weekly devotions and monthly club of kids. This has allowed us to develop trust and confidence between the community members and IFOSuD.

Ever wondered what Bible stories IFOSuD teaches during Farmer Field School? This last quarter the newest group of beneficiaries began their studies in Genesis. They covered Cain and Abel, the big flood, the tower of Babel, sacrifice of Isaac, Isaac's wedding, Jacob receiving Abraham's blessing, and Joseph's dream.

## Prayer Requests

2 newly selected communities in Léogâne: Netirans and Bois Aube; *that IFOSuD effectively meets immediate needs and hearts will be opened so we can also address the eternal needs of each person*

The upcoming community selection in Jeremie

Continued prayer for peace and political stability in Haiti

Farmer John's and IFOSuD team in Haiti as the country is still not stable

*"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2*

The upcoming graduation of the first Future Farmers of Haiti promotion this year!

## GRADUATE TESTIMONY

My name is Pierre Louis Estavia. I am a mother of 5 children.

**I became a Christian thanks to the weekly evangelism program of IFOSuD.** I am living in Fond Rouge d'Ayer, a rural community in Jeremie. Since my childhood to now, I have never seen the Haitian government intervene in my community. Most of the big organizations found my community to be too inaccessible. **For those that came, they only provided free stuff, but nothing that can help sustain us. Consequently, we remained trapped in extreme poverty.** I am proud today that I am able to understand the meaning and the taste of practical knowledge. IFOSuD took me from zero to hero in the sense that I am the first graduate in my family.



From now on, I can manage my small business with pride. Thanks to IFOSuD, my relationship with Jesus has become healthier. **I am now a graduate; who would have believed it!** I never went to school before because my parents were not able to afford the school fees. But now, I have my business degree. **I firmly believe that God can take a person from the trash, restore them and make them sit with the great ones.** I thank all the donors who contributed to this great achievement. I promise to keep this torch lit in my community; to support those who are in need, especially with regard to the management of small businesses. **Also, I will not fail to evangelize the members of my family and any other person I meet on my path. Thank you!**