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## LETTER FROM HAITI

Through what is happening in some part of Haiti and around the world, all servants of Jesus Christ who work for God's kingdom would agree with Eleanor Roosevelt's statement, "You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You must do the thing you feel you cannot do." And I would reinforce this statement with the Scriptures that can be read in Philippians 4:13, "We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us." Furthermore, perseverance, especially during times of turmoil, involves maintaining determination and focus on a goal despite challenges, setbacks, and adversity. It's about pushing forward with resilience and a strong will, even when faced with difficulties, and not giving in to discouragement or despair.

The above facts are possible answers for anyone who wants to ask, "How do you manage to continue working with communities in situations of unrest of any kind?" We would simply like to answer, "We don't know, except that Jesus did it so well, and we are in joy!"

Despite many kinds of tribulations, IFOSuD Haiti continues impacting lives of hundreds of people in its targeted communities with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Also, we continue to provide Technical Assistance to guarantee the well-being of our beneficiaries in the Farmer Field School Program (FFS) and school children in the Future Farmers of Haiti program (FFH). For the quarter starting on April 1st, 2025 and ending on June 30th, 2025, we are pleased to share with you the Biblical training we have been covering in FFS and FFH.

*Josue Cesar*

*FFS*

Bible Story covered	Bible verses	Avg Attendance
New life in Jesus Christ	John 3:1-16, 2 Cor 5:17	160
Parable of the Lost Sheep	Luke 15 : 1-10 ; 19 :10	160
Parable of the Prodigal Son	Luke 15 : 11-32 ; 15 :18	160
Parable of the Talents	Luke 19 : 12-24 ; Gal 6 :7	160
Ananias and Sapphira	Acts 5 :1-10 ; John 8 :44	67*
God saves Peter	Acts 12 :6-19 ; Psalm 34 :7	67

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A child's duty to his parents	Ephes 6:1-3; prov 22:6	406
Grow in the word of God	2 Tim 3:16-17; Josh1:8	402
God calls Samuel	1 Samuel 3	402
God chose David to be King	1 Samuel16 : 1-13	402
The king chose Esther to be queen.	Esther 2 : 1-18	402
Live to please God.	1 Thessal. 4 : 1-12	402

*FFH*

# Livestock Importance

Haiti's livestock sector plays a crucial role in the livelihoods of many Haitians and contributes to the country's food supply. Haiti's livestock sector is significant, with a national herd exceeding **4.6 million heads**, dominated by goats, cattle, and pigs. Goats make up 45% of that herd followed by cattle (24%), pigs (23%), and sheep (8%). Poultry production also exists. The livestock sector has faced challenges, including an African swine fever outbreak in the late 1970's that decimated the pig population.

According to a specialist in animal health and production, Harry Charles, this subsector becomes even more important with the decrease in yield per hectare of crops and agricultural productivity. ***Raising animals like goats, pigs, and sheep remains one of the potential economic activities for the rural poor in Haiti to rise out of extreme poverty***, mainly in the community where the dry season is longer over the year round. However, it faces challenges related to disease outbreaks, natural disasters, and access to resources and markets, requiring ongoing efforts to improve resilience and sustainability.

In Jeremie the farmers prefer to raise sheep, meanwhile in Leogane, they prefer to raise goats or pigs. For the Jeremie communities we have 15 farmers in livestock. Each beneficiary has already received two goats as a loan to be repaid in kind. In short, for the period of the report, 30 sheep for distributed as a loan to the Jeremie group. From the Field Monitor reports, we have collected 16 sheep as reimbursement in Jeremie, and all 16 sheep were given as a loan to new beneficiaries! Interestingly, 94% of the beneficiaries in the livestock program of Farmer Field School are women.

## Livestock Impact

Marie Guerdy Francois is a beneficiary in the Farmer Field School livestock project.. This is her story:

Today I am very happy to give back a sheep as part of the livestock project with IFOSuD. First of all, I would like to say that I have one child and am a single mom. I have not accepted Jesus as my savior yet. I live with my child alone.

Before I met IFOSuD, I used to do gardening and animal breeding. However, I did them according to tradition, and I had no practical knowledge about breeding. My animals used to always get sick and die. I always thought it was a hex that killed them. But with IFOSuD I learned the techniques well. What I used to think was a hex now I understand was a parasitic problem that was killing my goats. ***When you don't have knowledge, you are like someone walking in the dark.***

The spiritual training that I received from IFOSuD taught me a lot. My partner with whom I had my child abandoned me. I said I would never forgive him, but *the Word of God taught me through IFOSuD that I must forgive those who hurt me*. Since then, *I have decided to forgive the father of my child*. Only God can change people's hearts. Now I pray to God for him because I feel that I should accept Jesus some day so that I can have a more orderly and disciplined life in God's eyes. ***My dream is to follow Jesus with all my heart and to encourage others to do the same.***

Finally, I would like my livestock activity to grow so much that I can take care of my child, create jobs for others, and have a better life. ***I know that with God there is no failure and nothing is impossible for God.*** Thank you very much IFOSuD and all the IFOSuD supporters. May God bless you greatly!

