

Mary's Missionary Musings

June 2015



Standing with my little helpers, Darwin and Sonson, next to the moringa and papaya trees we planted on my land.

Transformation

The last six months have seen great changes in the landscape of my Haitian land. As I sit and reflect, I am in awe of the work that has been completed. The land that was filled with overgrown weeds has been transformed into a beautiful tree nursery, surrounded by a 13' concrete block wall, complete with a storage shed and outdoor bathroom.

Next projects: digging a well(happening as you read this) and building a house



Trees Trees and More Trees

I have now exceeded my goal of planting 10,000 trees. We have learned much as we have experimented with different techniques. The Moringas, also called the Miracle Tree, are my favorite. The seeds we planted in Decembers are now 13 feet tall trees!! We currently have fruit varieties of oranges, grapefruit, corrosal, cashima, papaya, and cashew. Acajou, cedar and bwa blan are grown for lumber.



Meet my Farmers

The project is more than planting trees. It's partnering with local farmers to provide a better source of income for these hard-working people. We now have 46 men and women who have agreed to work with us. Many of my new friends get up at 4am, walk 1-2 hours to their 'gardens', work all day digging with a pickax and hoe, and then walk home. Their reward is food to feed their families. Most do not have extra crops to sell.



Training, Educational Meetings and Giving Away Lots of Trees

We train our farmers in sustainable farming techniques and provide them with bean and corn seeds for their 'gardens'. The average garden size is about 1 acre. We host educational meetings in area villages explaining the importance of trees. Each attendee receives a tree. Thousands of seedlings have been given away. We have also planted hundreds of seedlings on school property, teaching the next generation of the value of planting and caring for trees.

I am currently back in the states until early August, preparing my mom's farm site and house belongings for an auction. I am available for speaking engagements.

Upon my return to Haiti, I will begin construction of a home/mission house. When completed, I will have lots of room to host visitors and teams. Please come and join me!

God's blessings to you!

Prayers Requests and Needs

- Funds to purchase oxen and plow (\$1500-2000)
- Prayers for wisdom on how to best help the farmers
- Prayers that I can love others as Jesus would
- Monthly partners to come along me and this project



Giving

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