# **Twin Parish News**

A partnership between St. William, St. Simons Island, GA and St. Joseph, Côtes-de-Fer, Haiti

## New 5-Year Agroforestry Program Launched in the Community of Morne Blanc



Abel Dorvilne, Agronomist and SFA Program Coordinator for the South Region of Haiti, inaugurates the Tree Currency Program in the village of Morne Blanc.



Men and women farmers get an overview of this NEW agroforestry program.



JULY 5 - Three agronomists from the Smallholder Farmers Alliance (SFA) described their experiences with a Tree Currency Program in nearby communities. According to Father Faustin, "they insisted on the fact that this program can contribute to improving their (farmers') living conditions."

SFA literature cites a 50% increase in farm production and a 50-100% increase in farmer's income as a result of the Tree Currency Program.



#### Your support for the Fête for Haiti will help these farmers Grow a Brighter Future.



One week later, Father sent photos of the first nursery. The land was cleared and prepared. The arbor to shade the plants was built and covered with palm fronds. Looks like it's ready for planting.





#### Clean Water Report

## Well at Villa - Issue Resolved

Villa had a well, but it wasn't working. The clinic that installed the well went out of business. Residents of Villa asked Father Faustin for help. He turned to Helping Hugs for assistance.

Helping Hugs tested the water. It wasn't good. It tested positive for E coli bacteria. Since the well had been standing idle for some time, the next strategy was to flush the well. That proved to be successful. They proceeded with the building of the storage tank and the installation of the solar pump.

Great news for Villa. The water is clean and the well is working again, thanks to the generous donors to Helping Hugs who believe in living the gospel through their works of charity. THANK YOU!



Generous donors are making clean water flow again at Villa.

#### Infrastructure Report

Your Selfless Gifts Provided Doors and Window Coverings for Two Chapels



Saint John the Evangelist

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Fête for Haiti 2022

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By sponsoring the Fête you demonstrate your values, enhance your business's reputation and contribute to making a meaningful difference.

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Please contribute and make this fundraiser a success!

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Tree Currency

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Thank you for helping to make life better for the people of Côtes-de-Fer. Please send your check to: Helping Hugs Inc. P.O. Box 24477 Saint Simons Island, GA 31522



## Fête for Haiti



### Growing a Brighter Future October 21, 2023

Your twin parish needs your involvement in this major fundraiser of the year! How can you help? Come to the next Helping Hugs meeting and learn how!



Thursday, August 17, 2023 9:00 A.M. in Room #1 St. William parish hall.

Everyone is welcome!

Helping Hugs, Inc. is a registered 501(c)(3) public charity All donations are tax deductible as provided by law.

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Donations may be made to

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