

Twin Parish News

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A partnership between St. William and St. Joseph, Côtés-de-Fer, Haiti



Taking Root and Spreading!

Tree Currency Program Year #1

Thanks to you, a **second tree nursery** was established in a Côtés-de-Fer community within the past six months.

Farmers from Mayette walked hours to participate in the program, originally established in Morne Blanc. Because of their dedication to the program, the Smallholder Farmers Alliance, (SFA) our partners conducting the program, decided to build another nursery.



Your gifts help the beneficiaries grow seedlings in Mayette

Your Impact is Growing

TREE PRODUCTION Year #1	<u>1st. Semester</u>	<u>2nd Semester</u>
# of farmers participating	360	550
# of tree seedlings	15,650	30,925
# of trees planted	6,900	8,620
# of forest gardens panted	4	12

In Return for GROWING & PLANTING Trees Farmers Received...

Tools: 330 total



Seeds: 616 lbs.



Instruction, both classroom and on-site



Tree Planting in Morne Blanc

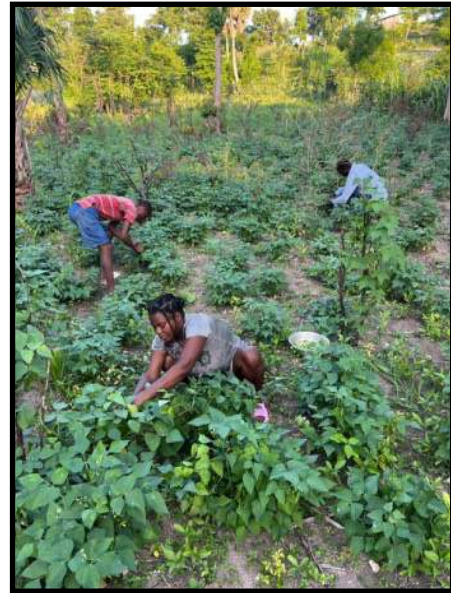
Farmers have transplanted 8,620 trees during the period of January-June 2024. Most of the trees planted are papaya, lemon, cassia, and cedar.

They were transplanted into farmer's gardens, plots, degraded hills, and other non-agricultural sites to form forest gardens.



First Harvests Reported

Lima Bean Farm



Papaya Orchard



#1 Farmer January through June 2024



Mrs. Magalie Theadore, 39 years old, lives in Côtes-de-Fer. She is married and mother of two children. Magalie has been actively involved in all SFA field activities since the start of the agroforestry program in Morne Blanc in July 2023.

Magalie regularly attends training courses, volunteers her time to work at the tree nursery and takes part in tree-planting activities organized by the SFA.

During the growing season, SFA was able to give her 5.5 pounds of lima bean seeds, 5.5 pounds of Congo peas and various farm tools to tend her crops. She harvested 137.5 pounds of lima beans which generated an income of \$230 USD.

Magalie not only does farming, she also plants trees to restore degraded land in her locality. She is very happy with the support she receives and hopes that the SFA will continue to support the farmers of Côtes-de-Fer.

*Thank You
for making this
success story
possible!*

Animal Husbandry Program

30 Farmers sign a contract to receive a goat



In March 2024, SFA was able to purchase 30 new goats that were distributed to 30 farmers in the community of Mayette. Farmers signed a contract through which they commit to pass two offspring to two neighbor-farmers before they can earn the initial goat. That is what makes this chapter of the agroforestry program so sustainable.

This five-year program is only possible with your help! Thank you for your financial support of our fundraising efforts.



Evy Marshall
President

A Few Thoughts...

How are things in Haiti, you may ask? In Port-au-Prince, Kenyan troops have arrived to assist the Haitian police force and army. We are all praying that this will result in a measure of stability.

In Côtés-de-Fer life is relatively stable, though affected economically by the national turmoil. You might not know it from the news, but most of Haiti is quiet and life is proceeding close to normally.

Gratefully...

We initiated a new well at Our Lady of the Visitation Chapel in Saurel this July. This will bring much needed clean water to the sixth community in our twin parish, thanks to you.

We are thrilled and encouraged by the success of the Tree Currency Program, made possible thanks to you. It is so important to build the rural agricultural economy in this nation of farmers. Now is the time.

The 7,200 members of the Smallholder Farmers Alliance, including our farmers, are located in 10 rural areas around Haiti. Although travel is restricted, and supplies are expensive and difficult to procure, the farmers are safe and able to go about their work of growing food and planting trees. They continue to uphold their motto of “farmers united to help feed and reforest Haiti.”

I am so proud of the farmers in our twin parish and what they’ve been able to accomplish so far. I am so proud of our parish for supporting them. Thank you.

Evy

**P.S. Helping Hugs is having its annual fundraiser on October 26th.
Please support these heroic efforts and important programs generously.**



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