

# Twin Parish News

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

## Fête for Haiti - November 5th



### Hope Gives Life

(Haitian Proverb and Theme of the 2022 Fête for Haiti)

**Sit-down dinner by Chef Tom Delaney**

**St. William Parish Hall**

**Silent - Live - Online Auctions**

**Honored Guest: Father Islaire Faustin**

*All Proceeds Support 2023 Projects*

**Become a Sponsor - form included page 6**

**Attend the dinner/auction - buy tickets in October**

**Bid on an auction item**

# THANK YOU, for all that you have made possible in 2022



**EDUCATION** - In January, your generous gifts provided second semester operating funds for three elementary schools; first semester operating funds for school year 2022-23 were sent in August. You also provided full-year scholarships for secondary students.  
**COST: \$25,014**



**MEDICAL** - Your support assures the continuation of the Hypertension Project including medications and the nurse's salary.  
**COST: \$2250**



**CLEAN WATER** - Thanks to YOU, we were able to provide solar panels for the well at Boukan Moran, and water tests at Villa to assure its safety. Money was sent for a cistern at Villa. That project is currently on hold as the water is tested.  
**COST: \$6880**



**CHURCH SUPPORT** - Monthly, a stipend is sent to St. Joseph parish in your name. Father uses this allocation for staff salary, food, fuel, truck maintenance, etc.  
**COST: \$9500**



**OTHER** - Father Faustin requested funds for food for the poor, and seeds for the farmers. A donation was received for the Tree Currency Program site visit.  
**COST: \$5500**

Members of Helping Hugs Leadership Team  
Attend Parish Twinning Program Conference  
*All Things are POSSIBLE*  
Sharing God's Love in Haiti and Latin America  
Nashville, TN - August 26-28, 2022



David Siler, Executive Director,  
Parish Twinning Program  
of the Americas



Mary Lynch, Theresa Patterson,  
retiring PTPA Executive  
Director, and Aidine Kiernan

*The Parish Twinning Program of the Americas (PTPA)* was started 44 years ago by two humanitarians with a passion for helping the Haitian people. Since that time 300 twinning relationships have been formed between American parishes and parishes in Haiti; another 117 parish relationships have been formed with Latin American parishes.

The conference is an opportunity to to share information and learn about best practices for building spiritually enriching twinning relationships with impoverished parishes in third world countries.

Msgr. Raymond East, opened the sessions with a motivational presentation and song, composed for the occasion:

All things are possible  
Anything at all  
All things are possible  
When you answer God's call.

Is God asking you to become involved with our twin parish?

Msgr. East encouraged us to work through all of the opportunities that God gives us.

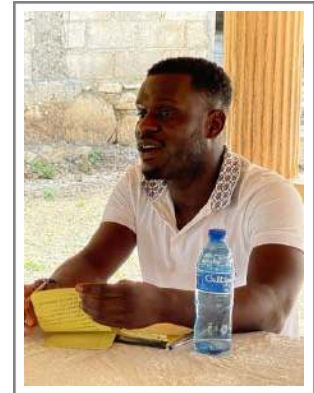
Let's do something beautiful for God.

**Please contribute to the Fête for Haiti**

# Will Côtes-de-Fer be a good location for A Tree Currency Program?

Helping Hugs is looking into the possibility of starting a new sustainable program with farmers. Two agronomists from the non-profit organization, Smallholder Farmers Alliance (SFA), visited Côtes-de-Fer August 29 and 30. The purpose of this site visit was to:

- Discuss the program with community leaders
- Assess local conditions: geographic, agricultural, climatic
- Assess accessibility by road, and general security conditions
- Determine if the community is a good match for the program



SFA Agronomist,  
Ancy Herard



Dairyman

Father Faustin reported that the agronomists toured the area by motorcycle on Monday. The next day they conducted an informational meeting which was attended by 30 people from the chapels, local elected officials and agricultural technicians. Agronomists described how the Tree Currency Program operates. Farmers receive quality seeds, tools and agricultural training in return for growing and planting trees.



SFA Agronomist,  
Abel Dorvilne



Men & Women  
Planters of Côtes-de-Fer

Then it was time for the planters to let the agronomists know what interests them in the field of agriculture and to present the difficulties they face.

The three most important points that SFA follows are:

- A participatory approach is always the best.
- Most successful projects respond to local voices.
- Smart agriculture coupled with tree planting can curb global climate destabilization & uncertainty.

We await the decision of SFA. Is Côtes-de-Fer a good location for this program?

# ★ *A Minute for the Minutes* ★

**At the August 18th Helping Hugs Inc. meeting...**

- ★ Members approved budgeted funds for the first semester of operation for three elementary schools and scholarship stipends for secondary students.
- ★ Members approved \$350 for a second test of the water at the well in Villa.
- ★ Members volunteered to help with the basket collection September 3 and 4.



**Please join us  
September 15th  
6 PM in Room #1  
St. William Parish Hall  
Monthly Meeting of Helping Hugs  
*Volunteers are needed for  
The Fête for Haiti.***



September 3 & 4, volunteers from Helping Hugs, Inc. will be outside after Masses collecting for our twin parish. This collection will continue the first weekend of every other month through the next fiscal year. Please continue to support Helping Hugs' efforts for our twin parish in Haiti.

Your LOVE  
provides



for the people of  
our twin parish.

**YES, I'd like to support the Fête for Haiti as a Sponsor.**

\$25 \_\_\_\_\_

\$50 \_\_\_\_\_

\$75 \_\_\_\_\_

**Bronze: \$100 - \$499 \_\_\_\_\_**

**Silver: \$500 - \$999 \_\_\_\_\_**

**Gold: \$1,000 - \$4,999 \_\_\_\_\_**

**Platinum: \$5,000 & above \_\_\_\_\_**

Please make checks payable to Helping Hugs, Inc.

Credit Card sponsorship can be entered on the website: [www.helpinghugsinc.org](http://www.helpinghugsinc.org)

**Please print.** We need your information to process and acknowledge your gift. Donations of \$100 or more, received by September 26th, will be publicly acknowledged unless requested to be anonymous.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Please send your generous contribution to:  
Helping Hugs Inc., PO Box 24477, St. Simons Island, GA 31522

**Thank you for helping to make a better life for the people of Haiti.**