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BEARING FRUIT AND MULTIPLYING

Tim Brand, Executive Leader



I just returned from my fifth trip to Haiti this year. The phrase washing over me, time and time again this year, has been BEARING FRUIT. For the past ten years, we have been hard at work planting seeds. Now, we are starting to see those seeds bear fruit in abundance. Standing back and observing the daily activities of the ministry, it is incredibly humbling to know God has given us His plan to steward. Here are the things for which we can rejoice, as this is a snippet of accomplishments in Haiti in 2018:

- **Additional Full-Time Missionaries** – We added Darryl and Shelly De Ruiter as full-time missionaries in Haiti. We also added Tom Johnson, RCA Missionary assigned to us, to our team. This greatly expands our capacity for ministry in Haiti.
- **Yellow Iron School of Light** – All three preschool classes are now full, with 61 kids attending each day for ages 3, 4, and 5.
- **Husbandry Economic Program (HEP)** – We successfully launched the HEP program, with an estimated 208 goats being delivered or born into the program. We have a breeding herd of 55, raising the goat genetics for the entire area.
- **Mobility Carts Distributions** – We assembled, distributed, and maintained 143 wheel chair carts to the North Central Plateau of Haiti. We now have distributed 428 carts.
- **Agricultural Community Gardens** – We currently have one acre of land used for community gardens, developed and maintained by women in our programs.
- **Education** – In 2018, we supported 19 schools through financial resources and feeding programs. We also sponsored 284 children to go to school.
- **Home Builds** – In 2018, we built 20 new homes and installed over 35 cement floors in the community of Pignon.
- **Life-Transformation** – In 2018, we had over 80 people give their lives to Christ. This brings the total to over 337 since 2016.
- **Leadership Development** – In 2018, we had 122 leaders go through the Servant-Hearted Leadership Equipping Program. They represented 19 different communities.

As we move into 2019, the word God is bringing forth to our organization is MULTIPLY. We are called to plant Oaks of Righteousness in our communities, whose foundation is grounded in the Lord Jesus Christ, to cast seeds far and wide, planted as the wind of the Spirit blows. In order for us to multiply our influence, we need God-anointed resources. This means prayers, people, and money to carry out the mission to transform lives to be love in action in our broken world. I ask you to prayerfully consider resourcing us for 2019 in an area with which God has burdened you, as you are God's steward here on Earth. God has chosen us, you and me, at such a time as this for the fulfillment of His Kingdom purposes. We have the vision, we are seeing the fruit, now we need the steadfast resources to see the fields He has planted be harvested for eternity.

THE BEGINNING OF SOMETHING MORE

Claudin Augustin, Agronomy Lead, and Micah Aurand, Administrative Coordinator



The Community Garden on the Many Hands campus



Lijanie (center) practicing a graduation dance with her class



Claudin (right) with his dad

To wrap up a year of many blessings for our Agronomy programs, Many Hands Agronomist, Claudin Augustin, has provided the following report, with Micah Aurand sharing a moving story of how the program is impacting the lives of individuals in Pignon.

"Teaching the families to help them improve the condition of their life is a big dream we have in the agricultural department. I believe that it is better to show someone how to fish than to give him a fish. In July 2018, we started with our Community Gardens Program or "Garden of Beginnings". We opened this class especially for the families who have kids in the School of Light. We had thirty ladies from the Sylvain area come to participate in this program. The families have a lot of determination and willingness to learn about agriculture. They believe if they work the ground that they will be able to change the condition of their life economically through the harvest from the garden. The families plant vegetable crops like cabbage, egg-plant, leaks, and tomatoes.

"The families are super happy, thankful, and feel blessed for the way that Many Hands supports them by the Community Garden Program and the Goat (H.E.P.) Program. They are grateful for the way Many Hands provides tools, seeds, water, and land for them to work. The families have been harvesting their crops and they use a lot for themselves and sell some to have money and they are really happy to trust Many Hands to open an account to save some money." - Claudin Augustin

Lijanie Tirogène is one of thirty women graduating from the Community Garden Program on December 16th. Having no prior knowledge or interest in gardening, Lijanie did not join the class to learn about the subject being taught. She was desperate for something more.

In spring 2018, a man nicknamed Ti Pa lost the battle against a sickness that had ravaged his body. Ti Pa was a community leader, a family man, and Lijanie's husband. The day of the funeral dawned and the whole community stood still as people from far and near came to honor the passing of a strong leader.

Madam Ti Pa, as Lijanie is known, had followed her husband to Sylvain; nearly six hours away from her hometown. Her husband was devoted to giving her a stable life. From running the family business to working in the garden, Ti Pa saw to every detail - until the day he no longer could. Lijanie found herself alone with three children and, in many ways, lost. Lijanie considered returning with her broken family to her childhood home. But God placed a spark of hope in her lonely heart. As a parent in MH4H's Love in Action program (LIA), Lijanie was invited to join the Community Garden Program - a course for LIA parents to learn about better gardening methods through agronomy theory and hands-on training. What the young widow received was a way to provide for her family and companionship she didn't know was available.

Among her peers, Lijanie is noted to be a kind, motivated, and hard-working woman. As Head Instructor of the program, Claudin reported, "Her [Lijanie's] first motivation for joining the class was that, after her husband died, she was very stressed... she wanted to come to make friends and move the stress away. After that she realized, 'Oh! I don't lose my time for coming here because I learn a lot and I have crops that make me happy.'"

Lijanie is confident that if it weren't for the Love in Action Programs (School of Light, H.E.P., and the Community Gardens), she would have been forced to displace her family. Instead, Lijanie has found support within the Many Hands community. Here the Many Hands staff and neighbors shower love on her children while her classmates offer new friendships that would help her on the road to healing.

If you feel led to support our Agronomy programs, and other mothers just like Lijanie, please consider an end of year gift through our Give Joy catalog. Starting from \$20, you can help support our training programs. For more information visit: www.mh4h.org/give-joy



NEW FACES

Mirguelita Noël School of Light Teacher - PS2 Class

Mirguelita Noël is a pastor's wife and the mother of two daughters. This fall she joined our team as the preschool level two teacher at the School of Light in Sylvain, Haiti. She brings thirteen years of experience teaching preschool-aged children to the classroom. Mirguelita did not originally set out to be a teacher. However, when she finished high school, she was offered a position as a teacher's helper at a local school. Now she says, "I want to work my whole life with little children." Mirguelita is excited to work with Many Hands. She shares that her favorite lesson is using arts and crafts to show the children they can create new things with their own hands.

LIGHTS GROWING BRIGHTER

Darryl De Ruiter, Organization Development Manager, Haiti



Yellow Iron School of Light staff in their new uniforms



Students playing learning games



School of Light students waiting at the gate

The Yellow Iron School of Light preschool, located on the Many Hands for Haiti (MH4H) campus, is operating at full capacity for the first time in its three-year history. This means that all three of our classrooms are occupied with what we call the PS1, PS2, and PS3 classes. This is very exciting and is the realization of a vision that was cast several years ago to have a fully operational preschool as part of the MH4H ministry in Haiti.

This year, 61 precious little children ages 3-5 years old, who look adorable in their School of Light (SOL) custom school uniforms, arrive at our campus gate every morning eager to be at school. I'd like to think that they arrive each day eager to learn but I think that they are more excited to just be here and to be with their friends. Learning is a bonus that they get thanks to our wonderful teachers and helpers.

Each classroom has a lead teacher and a helper and these ladies get along so well and take great pride in our school and in their work. This year they decided that they wanted to have a teaching uniform, so they designed and had their official SOL dresses made for them. Juna Jean is the PS3 teacher and also serves as our SOL Lead Teacher (Pwofese Prensip). Mdm. Juna is an excellent teacher and is doing a fantastic job of providing leadership to the rest of the staff. We are grateful to have such a qualified and dedicated staff teaching these little image-bearers of God.

One of the things that makes the SOL such a great school, and definitely a different kind of school in Haiti, is that our teachers and helpers use pedagogical practices that teach and encourage creativity, critical thinking, and problem solving. Most Haitian children receive a very bland form of education where they are given daily doses of rote memorization activities that do little to prepare them for life in the complex world in which they are growing up. We have provided some great resources and professional development training to ensure that our students receive the best education possible. SOL is a Christian school where God's story is shared and Jesus is proclaimed to be the Truth and the Light of the World. Bless God for the opportunity that we have to teach these little ones about their Creator, Savior, and Lord.

Please pray daily for these children and the teachers and helpers. Pray that as they learn and grow together, they will be lights that shine for Jesus. Bondye bon!

HEART-LED BUSINESS BREAKFAST



Stacie Sefton, CEO of BHFO, Inc. launching the breakfast event



Tommy Spaulding during his keynote talk



Tim Brand sharing the impact of our work in Haiti

On October 5th, 140 leaders engaged in the inaugural Many Hands Business Breakfast in Des Moines, Iowa. The ballroom at the downtown Embassy Suites buzzed with energy and enthusiasm as leaders met over breakfast to network, learn more about Many Hands, and discover their purpose in heart-led leadership. Groups and individuals from both church and business were represented.

Through his keynote address, Tommy Spaulding was able to share from his personal experiences, pointing people to the key of leadership, leading from the heart. "People are starving to follow a leader, mother, father, or friend that is humble, genuine, caring, thoughtful, vulnerable, and real with these heart qualities," explained Spaulding. "We need to have these heart qualities. And when we do lead from the heart it will change your life."

During his keynote address, Tommy explained how his time in Haiti last year transformed his life. "It changed me. We have everything in America...and they have nothing. And yet they have a joy and love for people that literally changed my heart."

A highlight of the event was an interview with Tim Brand and Jennifer Webster from OneBody3, who discussed leading through adversity, and turning failure into success that glorifies God.

"Our resources, influence, and actions can change lives forever, and it is my hope that through this event we've been able to inspire others to push onward," shared Brand. "I am thankful for each person who gave of their time and resources to be here for this event. My prayer is that God would bless us all with enough foolishness to believe we can make a difference in this world, so we can do what others claim cannot be done."

The event was able to raise over \$35,000 to benefit the work of Many Hands for Haiti. We are thankful for our platinum event sponsors BHFO, Inc., Vander Haags, and Benefit Source, along with gold sponsors Bank of the West, Heartland, PSI, Inc, and Vermeer.

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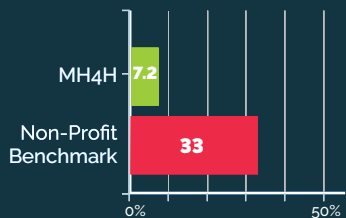
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