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STOUT'S SERVING HAITI

God... so amazing! With each team that travels to ODH, God continues to grow my faith, simply. I see His hand at work not only in Haiti, but also in the hearts of those on our team. God is creative, and creative people love to share (my wife always tells me this.) In simple practical ways, we serve the church through sharing our creativity.

Last month a US teacher from Iowa brought plastic sheet protectors and markers to our school. She showed our Haitian teachers creative ways to teach with... markers and plastic sheet protectors. Simple. Now the students practice writing letters and numbers, erase and pass on to the next student. So simple; equipping well for success.

Hearts connect through sharing, lives influenced by God, the world changes. Sharing Jesus, sharing that which we already know works, sharing our creativity, will bring about sustainable growth that will strengthen the body of Christ and encourage believers to share in their community.



From Iowa with Love



Equipping our friends



A Vet in the US, helping to vaccinate the ODH cows



Showing love

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Strengthening the Church

For those of you who have journeyed with me the past several years, you know my heart is marked to encourage a social, economic and agricultural structure that will strive to bless and sustain the physical health of Christ's church in Haiti.

To paraphrase from the Apostle James, to tell a hungry, homeless person to be "blessed in Christ" but not offer him food or shelter, is to fail at fleshing out the full Gospel. As the first quarter of 2011 wraps up, I want to recast the vision that God has given us for bringing sustainable growth and job creation to Bois de Lance...



NEW IDEAS HATCHING:

Well, actually it's an old idea that now is the right time. On my last trip to Haiti, we met with a local division of a company that is the Caribbean's largest poultry producer. They have just opened their doors for business in Haiti and would like to partner with us in establishing a chicken farm in Bois de Lance. We can finally purchase vaccinated chicks that do not carry diseases that

PLASTER, PAINT AND TOILETS...

Not the most exciting headline you have read this year, but for our school children, it is exciting! Plastering has been completed and now ready for paint! Also the children now have private toilet facilities.



prohibit housing of chickens. They will also provide free tech support to help us ranging from, job training, poultry business planning, construction prints, and expertise in raising chicks and follow up to increase productivity. What a blessing, the time is now.

ON THE RANGE-GOATS & COWS:

Two months ago we had planned on a goat farm to bring in revenue for the church and create jobs for congregation in Bois de Lance. Since we now have the chicken farm option back, and chickens produce 100 times more revenue per square foot than goats, we will continue forward with the goat farm, but on a slightly smaller scale.

Our cows just had a check up and were vaccinated by a US vet on the last mission trip. Denny, (US Vet) said the cattle are in good shape and the vaccine they received will be more effective in fighting worms and parasites. Praise God!

THINGS THAT GROW:

When we bought land for our goat farm, it was already producing bananas and beans. Since we will not need as much land for our goats this land will continue to produce fruits and vegetables. We always need more food for Pastor Wiljean to sell and/or give to those in need.

MORE JOBS:

God has provided in our partnership of job creation the manufacturing of lunch bags. At the end of last year, our game board partner and I had been discussing another product they wanted us to make. Our January mission team shared their creativity, gave sewing machines and surgres to the church, and taught 10 women sewing skills to equip them for this job. How timely our God, sending this team, with this opportunity on the horizon. Our game board partner is already taking pre-orders for the lunch-bags and expecting high demand! This will create jobs for the women of the church. God is so good isn't He? After we get proficient at lunch bags, golf shoe bags are next.

Sustainability in Action:

1. Growing Crops
2. Cows and Goats
3. Chickens
4. Rabbits
5. Game Boards
6. Micro Loans
7. Job Creation: lunch & golf shoe Bags

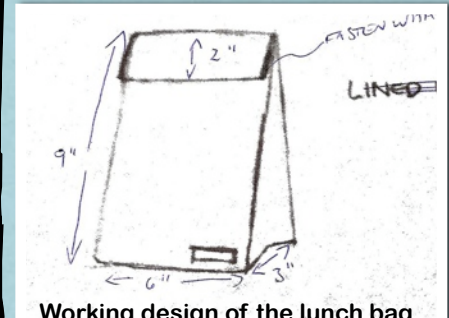
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Over 3 acres of irrigated crops now growing



Taking a tour of a chicken house that will hold 400 birds



Working design of the lunch bag