

Thousand Hills

Ministry

May 2013



Dearest friends,

We are excited to share with you the back story of the Hinche farm. It is a story of need, of willingness, and of hope. These are your brothers and sisters! Men and women of the church who are being used by God to teach what is wise, and through the Hinche farm project they display God's unending compassion for the poor among them. The leaders of this church are using this farm as a platform to show the transforming love of Jesus. Enjoy their journey, and thank you for your part in equipping the righteous for this work of love and faithfulness.

Serving Christ, *Brian*

The Hinche farm journey started when rural Haiti pastor Oclane Onesias challenged 8 men in his church to take what they have (a small parcel of land, a couple farming tools, and some seed) and pray to steward well this that God had given them. To pray believing that their God will move when they do. "Let's do our part, to prepare our field, to use well what God has given us and trust HIM; for continuing to sit idle is not honoring to God and keeps us in bondage," recounts Pastor Oclane.

The men went right to work preparing the land for seed. Quickly opposition started rising around them. Foolish talk from many aimed at weakening their spirit, they refused to listen; believing that God honors the humble. With diligent hands, together they pressed on working the field. Together they continued in prayer to be good stewards of what God had already given them; land, tools, seed, each other. **They planted and prayed with faith.**

Ten months later their **faith** and **action** is being rewarded! They are praising God for the harvest and preparing again for an abundant second harvest of peppers and beans ~ doubled the size of the farm (now 4 acres) ~ begun exploring a site for the new well location.

People of the village are watching, their foolish talk is being replaced with curiosity and questions. The men, these "brothers in arms" farmers joyfully and humbly answer, "Just look.... **Look what God is doing through us!**" The farmers call it, "**The gospel in action.**" It's not a simple formula or saying. It's the way Christians live. The next generation is watching, too.



Next, bring the whole community together to discuss their situation, their agricultural needs and their resources. To gather and analyze information and decide what they as a community can do together to expand successful agriculture to all who want to participate. The people of God are leading others to work together, and it all started with a farm...

Thank you for your support and prayers. We can't do this without YOU!

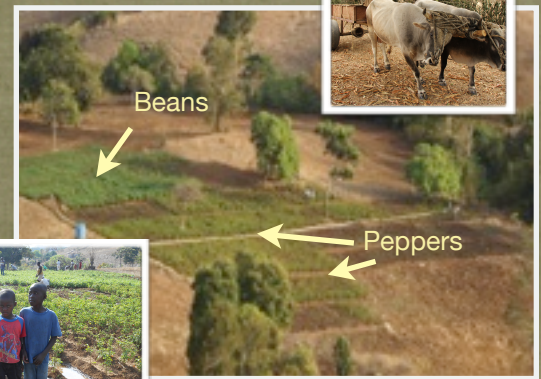
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God calling THM into the story (in yellow)

Chapter One ~ (Completed)

- **People** - Local Leadership established - farmers hired (8 men full-time, part-time harvesters)
- **Land** - 2.5 acres of land in production
- **Equipment** - farming tools purchased (plows, hand tools, backpack sprayers) - one year supply of fertilizers and pesticides - seeds - two bulls purchased for plowing
- **Harvesting** - over 300 pounds of peppers every 20 days
 - selling peppers to wholesalers and/also in retail settings
 - first crop of beans in May 2013



Chapter Two ~ (unfolding...)

- **People** - Committee has formed to manage the bulls. Bulls will be used to plow more farm land, farming community share in the maintenance expense
- **Land** - activate more land into production
- **Equipment needed** -
 - underground irrigation system
 - solar panels
- **Harvesting** - peppers are the primary crop on this farm
- **Cooperative** - the farm will be a springboard for the people of God to lead their community into a developing and thriving agricultural cooperative. A platform for Christ followers to take part in solving community challenges.



Chapter Three ~ join us

Leadership team ~



- Pastor Oclane Onesias -
- Married to Marilourdes for 25 years
 - 7 children
 - Pastor of his church for two years. Traveling evangelist for 30 years
 - Loves Jesus & leading men



- Jacques Joseph -
- Lead farm hand
 - wife (Vergelie) and 4 children
 - this is his first job
 - vergelie works the harvest



Farming committee -
God is using these men of the church to apply the Gospel. Thank you for supporting their call.



- Jillian Joseph -
- Farm manager and chief technician
 - wife (Sainte Laire) and 5 children
 - this is his first job ever
 - TB has stricken the home