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TANGIBLE HOPE

THE GOSPEL IN ACTION

"For miles, my people can see that the God of this farm is working. Just look at the flowing water and green plants. This is real hope." Aslet Pheleire, Hinche villager



WITHOUT ANY DOUBTS THERE'S REALLY NOTHING IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD

Hope. It's a short, simple word, but it has ENORMOUS power and potential! Our hope as believers is in Christ, amen? Hope is also a tool that breaks the chains of bondage.

This month I led a team to Haiti to visit our partners and bring tools and encouragement to farmers and pastors. Of all the conversations and celebrations we shared, one conversation resonated deeply. Aslet (pic below in middle), who lives nearby, visited the farm to encourage us to keep going. He sees more than crops - he

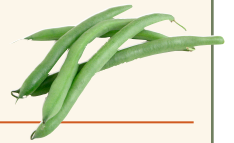


sees HOPE and he said this farm is bringing tangible HOPE to his people. In the hands of God's people, this HOPE is a powerful weapon that breaks spiritual and physical bondage!

The Hinche farmers have already organized a committee to take this HOPE to other farmers. They told me about 'the Gospel in Action.' Jesus is actively working to free the captives, they told us. "Don't you see how this farm can be used?" the committee president asked me. "We can preach the Gospel with words and deeds. Jesus does care and has not forgotten us." After an emphatic high-five, I replied, "I get it!" He continued on, about how our bodies need food and men should work... "I get it! I get it!" The smile never leaving my face. He went on to tell me how encouraged people will be to see a well providing water for crops. This has NOT happened before. But with this HOPE, all things are possible.

News from the field

Training day



Lisma Gelie

I had the pleasure to teach Lisma how to use a backpack sprayer. A powerful tool to keep the seedbed moist and plants protected from insects.

Lisam is one of the farmers now holding his first job in his life. Lisma is 38 years old.



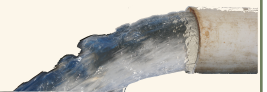
Water brings life

Irrigation projects

A consistent source of water was identified as the chief issue, while

planning the expansion of the farm with team in Haiti. We have a plan for bringing water to the crops, and a \$6K donation from Palmcroft to launch the project.

Thank you!



Selling peppers

Market square

Have you ever sold peppers in Port au Prince? Well, put that on your bucket list! The farmers market is loud and rough; competition is at a high! Our farmers have the right stuff... peppers and a harvest of faith.

Reflecting upon my recent trip to Haiti in support of Thousand Hills Ministry, I recall vividly watching from the mountain top as the local men woman and children of the Hinche community were working in their community garden, daily watering, cultivating and anticipating the day of the harvest, when the peppers which were abundant and bright orange in color would be hand picked and transported into town to the market for sale. On the day of the harvest we all celebrated as the community came together into the fields to work, and reap the harvest, great memories of faces, smiles, muddy feet, peppers hand picked and placed into the hat's of the men picking them, then emptied into larger bins, and ultimately emptied into larger bags. The harvest was completed in a matter of hours, as I watched a woman carry the large bag of peppers on top of her head up the steep mountain trail, I was reminded of this verse and the vision and mission of "multiplication" that Brian Stout spoke of often during my time in Haiti.

It was clear to me that establishing a community garden, growing peppers, providing meaningful work and ultimately a self sustainable lifestyle was not at the core of what I was witnessing, I was seeing the principle of sowing and reaping, and multiplication, establishing Christ centered relationships, personal and intentional discipling of people and families within this community.

A vibrant church, school, and compound that was the "beacon on a hill" in this community, built by members of this community for the glory of our great God. Soon a new fresh water well will be added to the Garden, and thoughts of "living water" immediately come to mind, as I know this will simply provide another tangible means of presenting the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, truly gathering fruit for eternal life! so that the sower and the reaper may rejoice together!

Steve Southall



Steve Southall & Matt Lewis

(John 4:35-36) "Do you not say, there are yet four months, then comes the harvest? look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are ripe for harvest, already the one who reaps is receiving the wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may rejoice together."



Pastor Oclane and his lovely wife Marilourdes.

All it takes is one minute with Pastor Oclane and you, too, will see the joy of Christ radiate from the eyes of this humble leader.

During our trip, people of the church were working together pouring a concrete floor for the worship center. Young and old alike.

Late one night I heard the sound of bongos. Curious, I got up to investigate. There in the worship center, I found Pastor Oclane beating a tempo for the men packing the floor with heavy stamping tools. What I saw wasn't just work - it was WORSHIP! This pastor, this servant leader, was leading his people in labor, worship, and vision.

I also had the pleasure of meeting his wife, Marilourdes. Her greatest joy is being called a child of God and having a husband in ministry. They have seven children and one trying to enter college.

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

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