

Thousand Hills

Ministry

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relationships and self control to listen

US missionaries evangelizing in a rural Asian village came upon a large, lush field across from a flowing river. The lush field was not being steward well by the village. Just weeds grew. They asked the villagers about the land and were told the land is no good. The missionaries conferring amongst themselves knew differently; they knew good soil when they saw it and this soil was GOOD! The missionaries immediately seized the opportunity, planted an array of crops, and then patiently waited for the bounty. The crops began to grow and with each day the garden was beautifully teeming with glorious hues of tender greens. The soil-perfect just like the missionaries said it was and a bountiful crop would be ready to share within the village. However, with only a week left before the first vegetable harvest a herd of hippos from the adjacent river came ashore and consumed the entire garden; ALL the crops, GONE! The villagers gently reminded the missionaries that the land is "NO GOOD". Incredible! I love that story... it keeps me centered, and hearing with two ears that which the leaders of the church in Haiti say they need; that which is GOOD, NEEDED, MULTIPLYING.

During the vision trip last November we had the pleasure of talking with the agricultural committee on many occasions. The trip was coming to an end and we could sense Frank

Joseph (leader of the committee), had something to say. Frank was reluctant, he did not want to ask for



Frank Joseph and his three children

anything. He said the crops are producing good, the bulls for plowing and farming equipment are very good but, something is missing. "We have a weak spot. Satan is working his way into the community of farmers with idleness and grumbling" he said.

Prayer & Goats

Prayer and goats used in the battle against Satan. Are goats part of the armor of God? 😊) Prayer, yes, I get that... but goats? Anyway... Frank said that the crops are planted and it takes months until harvest. A lot of hope, but very little to do with hands between planting and harvesting, too much idleness. Hundreds of families live in Lacienne and only a handful work on the farm. Grumbling from idle people in the village who also

want to work. Grumbling from wives of the men who want to work.

Hippo alert... Resist the temptation to say "they should be satisfied with what they have". Hope is a powerful transformation tool, and God has commanded us to steward His creation. To work is good and transforming. Frank suggested to grow different crops on different pieces of land, (diversify workload and harvest times, brilliant) oh, and to add goats.

Big idea

Start a goat farm. A goat farm will add another product to the harvest time dynamic. The farm will provide even more families with an opportunity to support themselves. Brilliant!

Fighting no good hippo's with very good goats. Very brilliant!! Fighting with Prayer, Brilliantest!!!

Frank is a veterinarian - overseeing World Visions animals for over 10 years, he knows how to care for goats! God has been preparing his people - for His purposes.





Lacienne farm ministry

Calling people of Lacienne to come, to labor in our Fathers garden, and earn a wage. Pastor Oclane of Open Door Church in Lacienne sees himself as a steward of change, and beyond his church. Pastor Oclane uses his churches' expanding farming program as a ministry to show and teach Christ ~ to his congregation, his neighbors, and outward. People of his church are co-laboring with him, expanding farming operations and the network of farmers joining with them. And, as the garden expands, more people will be called... to harvest... to the church... to Jesus.

Join us on, What's next...

May 21-26

Dedication ceremony of the church plant in Caracol. After we join with our friends in Caracol to paint the building and build benches, we will join hands and dedicate the building to the glory of Christ. Pastors from all around the area will unite as one voice, as

we praise God for what He has done through us.

July 18-24

Construct a goat shelter for the church in Lacienne. Purchase goats and supplies to equip our friends with the resources to care for the lost and hungry. Provide medical care to the

sick, and train church leaders and farmers stewardship principals based on Gods word.

Oct 16-23

Follow up training on stewardship principals, provide medical care for the community of Lacienne.

Goat farm

The Lacienne church goat farm:

- Managed by the committee
- 50-100 goats (we are believing more)
- Families of Lacienne will receive three impregnated goats
 - After 18 months of breeding
 - Families return two goats back to the farm
 - Tithe one goat to the church
- Church plants from the Lacienne congregation will receive goats (like a dowery) to help launch church planting. One church has already been planted. The next one we want to include goats....

\$12,000 needed



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