

Below are the highlights of our achievements in 2013 (cont'd):

MACARY HOME REPAIR



These are two of three homes that were repaired in 2013, allowing the families to live in safe and more comfortable surroundings. Unfortunately, little help was provided from the community, and a carpenter was hired to do the repairs. Two of the owners are

elderly with health challenges, while the husband of the third family is mostly absent. Photos of the two homes: Espéra Barthelmy (April 6, 2013); The Coichy's (September 6, 2013).



ANIMAL HUSBANDRY – GOAT PROJECT IN MARO VERGER



This is a pilot project that provided goats to ten families, who in turn 'pass the gift' of a kid to other families in the community. So far, four new families have received a kid, after participating in training in the raising of goats by Mr Georges Herno, an agro-technician. Photo of Marise Calixte receiving the goat from Bethal Fontin's children (September 3, 2013).

HUMANITARIAN AID - SMALL BUSINESS INCENTIVE

This incentive was provided to assist Suzanne Paulo, the grand-aunt/guardian of four orphans, Ralph, Sarah, Woodolph and Eldridge Orley Beauchamp, who are being assisted under our Child Sponsorship Program. Mrs. Paulo, an astute saleswoman, will use the incentive to help expand her small business by buying more rice in l'Artibonite, beans and other products at a lower cost, and selling them when prices increase. The additional income would assist her as guardian and caregiver of these children. Photograph of Suzanne Paulo receiving US\$232, as part of the total US\$464 incentive for 2013, from MDFO President, Yvette Depestre.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES DISTRIBUTION



These items are distributed to needy children mainly at the start of the school year in September-October. The recipients include students from the Maro Verger School, the Collège Idéal de Macary, and our Child Sponsorship students. Some of the school supplies are purchased in Canada and transported to Haiti, and the rest are purchased in Haiti to meet the curriculum requirements of the schools. Photo of Ludmia Fortune holding happily her school supplies (September 2013).

CHRISTMAS MEAL DISTRIBUTION

A total of 1300 of our sisters and brothers, including 950 children, enjoyed Christmas meals at three localities, on December 25 in La Saline (suburban Port-au-Prince), on December 26 in Macary (south eastern Haiti) and Laboule 12



(suburban Pétionville), on December 28.



Each child was given a toy, many of them were contributed through a toy drive by 2 young children supporters in Miami

and Winnifred Vaval and Karol-Ann Zeny, in Haiti. At these large gatherings, we take the opportunity to present health awareness sessions on current health challenges faced by residents. In La Saline and Laboule 12, Dental Hygienists Guillemette Nikerson and Emerson Laforêt demonstrated proper teeth brushing techniques, and the children were provided with tooth paste and tooth brushes. In Macary, Dr John Harbottle, provided information on cholera prevention and hygiene care. Photos depict happy children enjoying their meals (December 28), receiving toys (December 25), and the Dental Hygienists displaying oral care(December 25).



«Those who refresh others will also be refreshed». Proverbs 11:25