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The Board of Directors of the Marco Depestre Foundation of Ottawa is delighted to take this opportunity to wish all its members and supporters a very Happy and blessed New Year, as we present some of our activities in 2019 Bulletin No 9. We also would like to thank each and every one of you for your generosity in providing the means to assist some of our needy sisters and brothers, in Haiti.

### The following are some of the highlights of our achievements in 2019:

#### Child Sponsorship



Presently Forty-four children, including orphans, are being assisted to attend school with sponsors' commitment of \$30 monthly, to cover school fees and related cost. MDFO monitor, Julia Depestre, follows their progress by visiting them, their guardians and schools, and by telephone contact with their families.

Photo (Above): Group of sponsorees with an average of 7, 9 over 10 - Aug. 22, 2019.

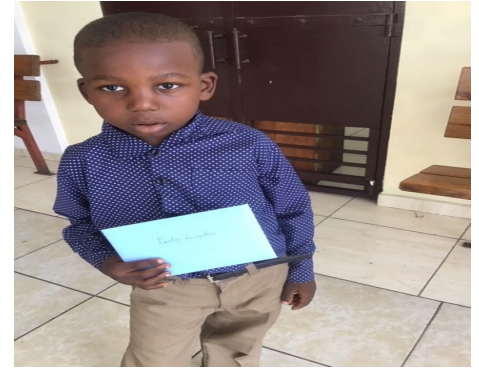


Photo (Above): Loudji Augustin with a card from his sponsor - Aug. 23, 2019.

#### Child Sponsorship - Nutrition Supplement



This program is aimed at improving the diet of some of the malnourished sponsorees. It provides their guardians with a monthly voucher to purchase nutritious food such as eggs, milk, sardines. The benefits from this supplement have been evident in improving the recipients' health and school grades, in most cases. Seven families are recipients of this program, funded mainly by the "Friends of Serviam", which is much appreciated.

Photo (Above): Andielo Paris at the cash with mom and Julia - August 29, 2019.



Photo (Above): Woodolph & Eldridge Beauchamp carrying some of the food home - Aug. 29, 2019.

#### Distribution of School Supplies



At Laboule 12, over 120 students from kindergarten to high school received with joy a variety of necessary school supplies.

Photo (Above): Distribution of school supplies at Laboule 12 - Aug. 31, 2019.



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## Agroforestry Project

This project was one the most affected by the political instability that increased during the year. However, Mr Herno, the agricultural agent oversaw intermittently the bagging of soil and planting of seeds in Furcy and Violet. The onsite guardian was responsible for the watering. Distribution of a variety of seedlings took place in both places seven times. Forty-two small farmers received a total of 6,343 seedlings such as oak, cedar, cherry, orange, tamarind and mango.

### Violet Nursery



Photo (Above): Help needed to place seedlings on head - Sept. 2, 2019.



Photo (Above): Choosing seedlings in Violet - Sept. 7th, 2019.



Photo (Above): Charles' siblings with seedlings to plant at home - Sept. 9, 2019.



Photo (Above): Elderly man with his choice of seedlings in Furcy - Sept. 9,

## Humanitarian Aid: Construction of 6 latrines in Savannah

In response to the lack of sanitary conditions particularly in close proximity to the Savannah School, 6 latrines were built. The six neediest families were identified by the school's principal and community leaders.



The recipients assisted by transporting the necessary materials, such as bricks, aluminum sheets, cement and provided water, and stones, to the site of their latrine. The beneficiaries are most grateful for this essential facility.

Photo (Left): Latrine beneficiary - Dec. 13, 2019.

## Christmas Meals



Photo (Above): Children enjoying meal at Malik Nazareen church - Dec. 24, 2019.

Through the generosity of donors and funds raised through the sale of cakes and ice cream, Christmas meals were served from mid to late December. The food delivery to churches and schools was not without its challenges given the current insecurity in Haiti. Nevertheless, over 1,300 needy persons were served: including school children, teachers, street kids and adults. Toiletries, toys and sweets were also distributed to the youngsters, who were thrilled to be remembered with these modest gifts. In remote Savannah, 106 families received dry goods kits and children from kindergarten to grade 3 received small gifts.



Photo (Above): Joyful Students of Petionville communale School - Dec. 17, 2019.

***It is by the grace of God and your goodwill that we achieved all this in 2019. Please accept our sincere thanks for your interest and generous support.***

***«In as much as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren you did it to me». Matt. 25:40***