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Though another troubling year for our brethren in Haiti, the Foundation was able to carry out its activities, thanks to your generosity and the dedication of the Foundation's courageous staff and volunteers in Haiti. We wish you a blessed and happy new year.

## **The following are highlights of our achievements in 2024**

### **Child Sponsorship**

There are 48 sponsored children.

The Monitor and her assistant held meetings in 2 locations with sponsees and their guardians. In addition to reviewing the Child Sponsorship Rules, hygiene kits were distributed. Six sponsees obtained the Government study certificate.



Group 1 – Sponsees and guardians with Julia on August 23, 2024



Group 2 – Sponsees and guardians with Julia and Sagine on August 24, 2024

### **School Supplies**

The distribution of school supplies was delayed for security reasons. Eventually over 800 grateful students from pre-school to High School received notebooks, pens, pencils and geometry sets.



École Communale de PV student with Julia on October 9, 2024



École Etzer Vilaire students with their school supplies on October 9, 2024

### **Nutrition Supplement**

Food is expensive and shortages are rampant. Eight grateful families receive monthly vouchers and 12 sponsees in Laboule 12 benefit from dry goods kits.



Israël Noël at the cash, September 7, 2024



Mrs. Charles thankful for her provisions May 23, 2024

## Agroforestry in Violet Nursery

Three distributions of seedlings took place in 2024. A total of 1,750 coffee, mango and cedar seedlings were distributed to midwives and to an organization of small farmers.



Beneficiaries choosing seedlings for Value, 12<sup>ème</sup> section, Petit-Goâve, September 2, 2024



Members of KODESPA loading coffee plants on motorcycles on November 12, 2024

## Youth Development Project

Four youth are currently part of the program, studying Computer Science, Agronomy, Logistics and Entrepreneurship.



Jayby Nicolas  
2<sup>nd</sup> year Agronomy student  
June 2024



Ralph Beauchamps  
Second year Computer Science student  
August 23, 2024

## Humanitarian Aid

Savannah School received five water filters. 200 families in Laboule 12 received dry good kits. An elderly lady was provided with necessary medications and food.



Top right: Savannah teachers and students learn to assemble water filters – March 6, 2024

Bottom right: Laboule 12 – A mother with baby helps herself with pack of Dry goods with Julia standing by – April 20, 2024



## Les Messagers de Laboule 12

The youth group continued weekly meetings, preparing foods, and rehearsing songs and skits based on the Bible. When it is safe to do so, the group does presentations at church.



Les Messagers in the church before their presentation December 22, 2024



Les Messagers mixing cake batter November 9, 2024

## Christmas Appeal 2024

Julia Depestre and her team of volunteers brought Christmas cheer to some 700 people in 5 locations. Depending on the locale, food kits, a meal or snacks and beverages were provided and, in some cases, toys and hygiene kits.



Sunday School Methodist Church of P-A-P. Children enjoying the meal December 22, 2024



Savannah – Distribution of Dry goods kits December 22, 2024

*With the start of a new year comes renewed hope that the Foundation will continue to make a difference in the lives of the people whom it touches, through your continued support and goodwill.*

**«Let us stir up one another to love and good works». Hebrews 10:24**