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The members of the Board of the Marco Depestre Foundation of Ottawa are delighted to take this opportunity to wish all its members and supporters a Happy New Year. Despite another deeply challenging year in Haiti, through God's grace, the Foundation persevered in carrying out its many vital activities—made possible by your generosity and the unwavering courage of the Foundation's staff and volunteers on the ground in Haiti.

The following sections highlight our achievements in 2025

Child Sponsorship

There are 46 sponsored children; two obtained high school certificates. Julia Depestre, the MDFH Monitor, organized three Annual General Meetings (AGM). Each AGM included refreshments, distribution of hygiene kits, and a trauma management workshop facilitated by a psychologist.



Group 1 – AGM Laboule 12 – Sponsors and guardians, on August 15, 2025



Group 2 – AGM Frères – Displaced Furcy sponsors, on August 13, 2025



Group 3 – AGM Frères – Sponsors and guardians, on August 20, 2025

School Supplies

In 2025, school supplies were distributed to students across seven schools. A total of 950 appreciative students benefited from the distributions.



Students at St. Vincent de Paul School receive school supplies from Julia, on November 24, 2025



Students in Savannah are happy to receive books and notebooks, on October 7, 2025

Nutrition Supplement

Eight families find relief each month through food vouchers, while the Foundation brings comfort to 12 children by providing them with monthly breakfast kits.



Israël Noël at the cash, January 9, 2025



Happy Mrs. Charles, with her monthly provision, on December 4, 2025

Agroforestry Project

The Violet nursery continued operating on a reduced scale. Fruit and forest trees were maintained, including mango, avocado, coffee, cocoa, cedar and oak. 4,000 seedlings were distributed.



Cocoa seedlings in Violet, on December 17, 2025



Distribution of seedlings in Violet, on May 1, 2025

Youth Development

Five youths are studying agroforestry, administration, computer science, and nursing, while two others graduated in logistics and entrepreneurship, marking important steps toward self-sufficiency.



Sophia Paul, a 1st year student in pre-administration, on August 15, 2025



Pierre Binhael Bayard, a graduate of Logistics and Entrepreneurship - September 14, 2025

Humanitarian Aid

The program remained highly active due to numerous requests from displaced families. Support included housing for a displaced widow and her three children, as well as assistance with medical care and funeral expenses.



Top right: In Furcy, a displaced man with provisions for his family – May 23, 2025



Bottom right: Wilkins placing his new mattress – April 9, 2025

Les Messagers de Laboule 12

The youth group continued weekly meetings when possible, preparing food and rehearsing Bible-based songs and skits, with church presentations held when safe. There were eleven church outings and ten cooking and pastry sessions.



The presentation of *Les Messagers*, under Julia's supervision, on April 20, 2025



Les Messagers mixing cake batter, on February 22, 2025

Christmas Activities

Thanks to the tireless dedication of Julia Depestre and her devoted team of volunteers, 653 food kits were distributed, 150 warm meals were served, and joy was created through snacks, beverages and toys. Seven localities were uplifted by the support they received.



Left: in Petit-Goâve – An elderly lady, victim of Hurricane Melissa, with her food kit, Dec. 29, 2025

Below: in Frères – A few displaced families with food kits, December 29, 2025



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