

British-American poet W.H. Auden wrote, "Thousands have lived without love, but not one without water." Turning Point Missions is firmly committed to providing both in the name of Christ.

HAITIAN FARMERS SEEK A "HAND UP"

Recently, three ambitious men in Pastor Judelin Joseph's congregation approached him and asked for help to start a farming operation on approximately one acre of ground. The young men have saved in excess of \$250 between them, which is quite a feat when you consider the average daily wage is less than \$2 a day. The men are willing to invest all they have in the farming operation but needed help to get the operation going.

When TPM heard of their request for a "hand up rather than a handout" we were anxious to find out more details and possibly get involved. Haitian farming operations are almost entirely manual operations. The land has to be cleared by the three men using picks, shovels, hoes and rakes, and that includes removing all the tree stumps. A tractor will be rented for the final preparation of the land ahead of the seeding. Three crops common in the Haitian diet are planned to be grown: orca, green beans (like the black beans used with rice but these are green), and amaranth (like spinach) which can be harvested every couple weeks over a 60-90 day period before replanting. Spinach is great for anemic people and there are many in Haiti suffering from this illness. The crops grown will be used to feed the men's families with the excess sold at the local market providing income for the men.



From left, Benson Aleius, Renand Seide, Elie-Jean Aleius, and Pastor Judelin Joseph

As an initial show of support TPM has drilled a well on the land to be farmed. A solar submersible pump will need to be purchased along with the solar panels necessary to power the pump. This will avoid the high cost of gasoline to power the pump. An irrigation system will be required to distribute the water to the crops plus a water storage tank constructed to provide for hand watering if the sun does not shine for several days. A Haitian farming consultant will be retained to teach the men farming techniques. The Haiti climate allows for three harvests each year, TPM has decided to loan the men the funds necessary to complete the project, and the three men feel the loan can be repaid over a five year period with the payments made after each harvest. The repaid loan funds will then be used to help start other Haitian businesses. TPM is asking for your prayer support of this new venture. This is a new step for us in helping the Haitian people, but one we feel the Lord is leading us to undertake. This business will bring independence and new hope to these three men, and they will be an example for others. We want all the honor and glory from this investment to go to God alone.

Please consider investing in this endeavor. Here is an estimated breakdown of the project costs:

Hand Tools to Clear the Land	\$1200
Tractor Rental	\$500
Seeds for 1st Planting	\$400
Solar Pump & Controller	\$5800
Eighteen Solar Panels	\$4700
Agricultural Consultant (6 mos.)	\$1200
Irrigation System	\$4500
Security/Control Building	\$4000
Elevated Water Tanks	\$1500

TOTAL COST: \$23,800





PROGRAM UPDATE



Your Bible distribution program continues to provide Haitian Creole New Testament Bibles for grade schools where a reading program has been started for 4th thru 6th grades using the Bibles. Providing Bibles to children in Haiti is an initiative aimed at bringing hope, faith, and spiritual guidance to young lives in a country that is facing numerous challenges. By ensuring access to the Word of God, this endeavor strives to empower Haitian children with faith-based values, encouraging resilience, compassion, and a deepened understanding of their beliefs, ultimately contributing to their overall development and well-being.



The church you built in Trou-du-Nord continues to grow and meet the spiritual needs of the Haitian people with different types of services occurring daily at the church or in the homes of congregational members. The church recognizes the importance of tailoring its services and gatherings to meet the individual needs – both physical and spiritual – of its congregation, fostering a sense of inclusivity and belonging. From vibrant and energetic gatherings to intimate and contemplative ceremonies, the church offers a range of experiences that resonate deeply with the spiritual yearnings of the Haitian people, nourishing their souls and fostering a strong faith community.



Your water team remains committed to making a difference in the lives of the Haitian people by providing clean safe drinking water through the drilling of new wells, and fixing or replacing of broken hand pumps. Their work goes beyond the immediate provision of this precious resource, as they ensure that nothing goes to waste in their sustainable approach. The trees felled during the land clearing were carefully repurposed. The farming team transformed the harvested timber into valuable charcoal and other necessary lumber, harnessing every available resource to create a positive impact on their community's livelihoods and the preservation of their natural surroundings. Through their unwavering commitment to both water accessibility and environmental stewardship, the Haitian Water Team and the farming group serve as an inspiring example of sustainable development and resource management.

When difficult times arise, when life is hard, people may ask: "Where is God? Does He care about me?" Your investment in the lives of the Haitian people will help them know that God does care about them. Please consider an investment in this farming project which provides a hand up and not another hand out. It will make a difference in a life. Thank you for your consideration.

Water is Life!!

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