



LA GONÂVE
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Harvesting Hope

Monthly Newsletter November 2024



Sweet Potato

The garden in Planton Balai is successfully growing an abundance of vital crops, including watermelon, sweet potato, and manioc.



Watermelon

During the month of November, we are reminded of the importance of gratitude and community. La Gonâvans continue to navigate perilous travel to and from the mainland. While the trade restrictions create great scarcity, the St. Francis parish works to find ways through this tough time. Community gardens, increased access to healthcare, and better nutrition are on the horizon this fall.



Pere Vil and Jean Thony walk through garden

Jean Thony leads the garden effort and supports other communities in developing agriculture. This produce supplements school lunches and adult education meals, helping to address a growing concern – adequate nutrition.



Our partner, Meds and Food for Kids, has resumed transporting Medika Mamba therapeutic food for malnourished children to Port-au-Prince for pick-up. Father Vil sent someone to move it into the diocese office in Petionville, but they have been unable to transport these supplies across the water to La Gonâve. It is our hope that security conditions improve so that this life-saving product arrives on the island soon.

Madika Mamba, safe in the diocese office

To supplement healthcare, OBGYN Dr. Guems Joseph has joined the team of the Bill Rice Healthcare Network! He will be a tremendous asset to the clinic, enabling it to provide more comprehensive care for the women of La Gonâve. His weekly women's clinic will ensure patients receive expert maternity and reproductive care. Staff will have access to Dr. Guems' guidance and teaching. Women and their babies will receive the care they deserve.



Dr. Guems seeing a patient at Bill Rice Clinic



Dr. Guems Joseph

We remain grateful for our amazing donors who help to make this work possible. We know that together, we will overcome.

Our Annual Fund campaign begins November 19th with a goal to raise \$75,000. Annual Fund gifts provide flexibility to help in the areas of greatest need that exist on La Gonâve. Over the next seven weeks, we'll share special content on Instagram and Facebook; your simple likes, follows, and shares can have a huge impact on the campaign's success. As 2024 comes to an end, please consider making a gift to support our amazing partners in Haiti!