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Winter 2024 Newsletter



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Stronger Together

New! St. Barthélemy Students' Artwork Christmas Card for Alternative Giving Option!

SUSTAINABLY GROWN
WOOD FOR POLES



Making a Difference in Haiti



BACK TO SCHOOL!

School started October 1st! The lives of approximately 1300 students in 16 grades, from preschool to high school, are being transformed. We are so happy to share these wonderful shots of St. Barthélémy's students, thanks to Dominique Bruno. These students are enjoying their time at St. Bart's - praying, playing, learning, eating, and being alongside their friends. We thank all of our supporters for enabling these beautiful moments!

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Amazing things are happening in Terrier Rouge, Haiti, but that can only continue with YOUR generosity. Our Stronger Together Annual Campaign is essential to fund our ministries in the coming year. The Annual Campaign ends on December 31st, and up to \$20,000 in gifts will be **matched** by a generous group of donors. **Don't miss the chance to DOUBLE your impact!** You can donate immediately online by visiting our website, bethlehemministry.org, or scanning the QR code. If you are mailing in your donation, checks postmarked by December 31st will count towards our matching campaign.



Education



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Where Needed
Most



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NEW THIS YEAR! ST. BARTHÉLÉMY STUDENTS' ARTWORK CHRISTMAS CARD FOR ALTERNATIVE GIVING OPTION

Looking for the perfect last-minute gift? Honor someone special to you with a gift of hope and life! Make an Annual Campaign donation in their honor, and we will mail them a heartwarming Christmas card featuring the artwork by St. Barthélémy students featured on the cover and will notify them of the gift you made in their honor. Simply fill in the information for the honoree in the relevant section when you donate, OR ask us to mail the card to you so that you can give it to them personally! **If you'd like also to receive the card by email so that you can immediately let your honoree know, please email us at info@bethlehemministry.org.**

Merry Christmas!

A Gift of Hope and Life Has Been
Made in Your Honor



This artwork was created by students at St. Barthélémy School in Terrier Rouge, Haiti, a program supported by Bethlehem Ministry

A CHAIN OF KINDNESS

Matthew 7:12: "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets."



Madeleine's journey with Espérance et Vie is a beautiful testament to the power of kindness and the enduring impact of a single act of service. In 2014, Madeleine arrived at the Clinic as a young nursing student, fulfilling her social year requirement. Her compassionate care for patients, including one of my great aunts, quickly endeared her to the staff and community. Even after completing her year and returning to Port-au-Prince, she maintained a connection with the Clinic.

When one of my aunts fell ill in Port-au-Prince in 2018, Madeleine was the nurse chosen to provide for her care. Her willingness to help, even years after her initial involvement, speaks to the depth of her commitment to serving others.

Last summer, a twist of fate led Madeleine and her family to relocate to Cap-Haitien. Seeking a fresh start, they turned to Espérance et Vie for support. In a remarkable turn of events, God, in His infinite wisdom, provided. The Clinic had an opening for a logistic manager, a perfect match for Harold's qualifications, her husband. Additionally, Madeleine secured a temporary position at the School while patiently awaiting a nursing opportunity at the Clinic. Their son was offered a full scholarship to the School. Espérance et Vie even provided temporary housing as they searched for a permanent residence.

This story is a powerful reminder of how one act of kindness can ripple outward, touching countless lives. Madeleine's initial commitment to serving others at the Clinic has led to a chain of blessings for her family and the community. It is a testament to the transformative power of the Golden Rule and a beautiful example of God's providence.

Espérance et Vie is more than just an organization; it's a community that embodies the spirit of Matthew 7:12. By caring for others, we not only improve their lives but also enrich our own.

As we celebrate the birth of Christ this Christmas season, let us remember the importance of love, compassion, and service. May we all strive to follow the example of Madeleine and others who have dedicated their lives to helping those in need.

Wishing you a blessed Christmas filled with love, peace, and hope.

*Rachel Bruno
Chief Operating Officer
Espérance et Vie*



The story of Harold and Madeleine is another example of how the programs, and the people that are at the heart of them, complement and strengthen each other. The Clinic, School and NGO each are playing a role in their family's life, and fresh produce generated through JP likely is on their table at times. This is why, for our Annual Campaign, we selected the "Stronger Together" motto and an emblem reflecting how the different programs are woven together, along with the love and support of donors and supporters, making something incredibly special!

St. Barthélémy has always had a focus on music education, and now that extends to the entire Terrier Rouge community. The School has partnered with CEMUCHCA (Circle of Christian Musicians of Cap Haitian) to offer music lessons open to the community at large!





JATROFA PROJENOU

JP ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2024

JP had a very active 2024 with many accomplishments! In addition to continuing to operate the JP tree nursery and purchase raw jatrofa seeds, cashews, and honey and process those into finished goods, JP did the following:

- Performed four farm rescue/makeovers
- Created eight new sustainable woodlots
- Added solar power to its main facility
- Planted a local produce garden to help support food security in Terrier Rouge
- Added a new water well to support the tree nursery and the produce garden
- Built one new cassava mill/bakery (a “cassaverie”!)
- Provided 13 goats, plus veterinary care and instruction, to local women
- Planted 4,000 trees to restore the land

All of this was possible only with the support of a community of caring people thousands of miles away in the United States!

Take care and thanks for your interest in what we do.

Rob Fisher DIRECTOR, PARTNER FOR PEOPLE AND PLACE



A Cassaverie



Building Good Soil Improves Crop Yields



THREE GENERATIONS OF BRUNO'S ATTENDED DONOR EVENTS IN GEORGIA

Thank you to everyone who attended and facilitated the recent donor events in Georgia! For more information and photos, scan the QR code on the right or go to tinyurl.com/7jzt92c6 to see our blog post. We were especially pleased that three generations of the Bruno family were able to attend the weekend of October 20th! Pictured are Father Bruno, Madame Bruno, Rachel Bruno and her daughter Chloe, and Christel Bruno and her daughter Sofia.



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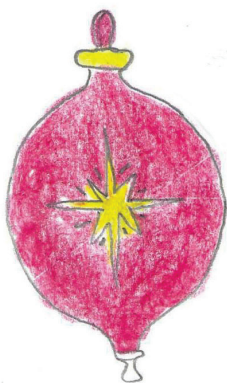
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*Merry
Christmas!*



As the star shone on Bethlehem to mark the manger in which the Christ Child lay, so does your star shine through the hope and life you give to the people of Haiti.

From your friends at



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