

Agriculture – Vocational School

As the next step in this development to further education, and introduce the possibility of future employment and a viable livelihood, we are currently planning a new Agriculture-Vocational School, to be built on land adjacent to the farm in Corporant.

This is extremely exciting, as nothing of this nature exists in this area, and will respond to the desperate need for the young to have farming knowledge and/or a trade to learn and work at after finishing high school.

The school will become the site of Cottage industries and various trades such as a new charcoal production, food processing and ceramics, and will also be able to respond to the need for Church and acolyte retreats, summer camps, convention gatherings and seminars, and sporting events. QUITE A PROJECT!!!

Without the inspiration, encouragement and dedication of Father Lafontant, Marie Flore Chips and our Haitian team, these projects and future ones could not have been and will not be achieved. The participation of the Upper Diocese of South Carolina, Churches of many denominations, PIH, charitable institutions, Rotary, and private individuals and Foundations, have helped us to realize their dreams.



If you would like make a difference in the lives of thousands of desperate people by:

adopting a family	- \$250
giving a goat	- \$150
treating a malnourished child	- \$120

Send your tax deductible contributions to:

**Christ Church/
Partners in Agriculture**
15 Serrine Drive
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or

**Zanmi Lasante/
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PARTNERS IN AGRICULTURE ZANMI AGRIKOL



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Partners in Agriculture – ZANMI AGRIKOL - was formed in 2002 as the Agricultural Arm of Zanmi Lasante, and is situated in the village of Cange, Haiti. It has as its stated mission ---

The Elimination of Malnutrition in the Plateau Central.

PIA is currently working in two different areas -- the gardens in Cange, which are hillside demonstration gardens, terraced and planted with vegetables and fruits, to educate and show the local populace what is available and achievable, and two larger 35 acre farms down on the flat land beside the Artibonite River.

Nutrition Program. The farm at Corporant started in 2004 with massive plantings of 15,000 banana trees, corn, beans, vegetables of all kinds and fruit trees, and the produce distributed to hospitals, schools and clinics. More recently, the gravity of the malnutrition problem and our ability to help was re-assessed, and it was decided to change our policy and re-dedicate the farm to growing the food medications to be given to the children in the Zanmi Lasante (Partners in Health) malnutrition program. These three products are Nourimanba, a peanut based mixture with minerals and vitamins added to make a peanut butter like medication, and two forms of Nourimil. Nourimil is a cereal/protein nutritive supplement of rice and beans or corn and beans ground into powder form, and used for the slightly less serious cases of malnutrition, or following a period of treatment of Nourimanba. We are now growing, harvesting, processing, labeling and distributing these three products to all nine malnutrition centers of Zanmi Lasante (PIH).



The doctors are attesting to the truly exciting and positive results seen in the recovery of the children. In 2010, we made 300270 lbs. of Nourimil, 56,068 kilos



of Nourimanba, distributed to 9 different sites and treated over 2,454 children. Since its inception, the Malnutrition Program has treated 17,076 children.

The Family Assistance Program was started to try to get to the real cause of the malnutrition problem, which is the farmer's inability to supply sufficient food to feed his family. Our trained Agronomists go out into the field to interview families with children in the MN program and attempt to assess how best to help them. Training sessions for all in the village have been started, and explanations of how to change age-old farming practices to better cultivate and nourish the land are being received with excitement. Appropriate tools are given to each family along with seeds for the different seasons, fruit trees such as Mangos, Avocados and Citrus, and trees for re-forestation and eventually a goat. The women are being educated, through the formation of Mothers' Clubs, in correct nutrition for their children, learning about the 'building blocks' of absolute necessity for daily nourishment. After the first harvest families are required to give back the same amount of seeds as was gifted, and a baby goat after their goat has had its



kids. They then give these gifts to another needy family. This not only ensures the continuous growth of the project but also teaches about sharing and concern for neighbors. Being able to share of ones own bounty and labors is excellent in building the self-esteem, so desperately need. We are currently assisting nearly 1500 families, reaching nearly 15,000 people, helping them to re-build their lives and trying to assure happy, healthy, balanced, food secure communities.

Whilst this agriculture program is vitally important to the life and health of the people of the Plateau Central, it is but a part of the whole Socio-economic development that is taking place in this region. Schooling, Hospitals and Healthcare, Housing, Employment, Small business and Spiritual Guidance are all working to help establish a viable level of independence for a people who have known only degradation, deprivation and sporadic social aid for generations.