

Etienne's Speaker Notes for the Haiti Club Meeting on May 24, 2021

Good evening my Friends. I am very happy tonight to have all of you on this video call. First of all I want to thank God for protecting up during the pandemic time. A word of prayer goes out to everyone of you who lost a close friend or a family member.

It is a blessing time and a good opportunity I have tonight to thank God first for having kept us together since 1997, about 24 years, working for the wellbeing of the People of God. You are such a blessing for my country, a blessing for the Haitian people, a blessing for me.

Let me give you an encouraging assessment of our achievements. As you already know, our goas is to make Passion for Haiti a model humanitarian organization at the service of the whole country of Haiti. I want to thank all of you for your support of our success. Through your prayers, your advice, and the money you give us to do a lot of projects.

I would like to thank you again one more time for my Toyota pickup truck that helps my so much in transportation of my crew, carrying materials, giving rides around the country. (editor's note: at this point, Etienne pointed out that many trips were made to take severely ill people to the hospital.) It is a blessing to have such a good truck.

Thank you for the money you sent to repair the wells. Now we have 8 wells repaired and the communities have safe drinking water.

Thank you for the money you sent to buy goats for 51 kids during the Covid-19 period. Now we have 101 goats all around and the kids are happy.

Thank you for the money you send to make the cocoa project and the coffee projects, and pineapples. Now we have 10,000 trees of cocoa to be harvested next year and 20,000 coffee trees planted. Our crew is a Bwa Pikan now. We have 4500 pineapples to harvest this summer.

Thank you for the money you send for the Women's Loan group. Now it is increasing. \$2000 was loaned our, plus the benefit (editor's note: return from their businesses) is \$1000 = \$3000 for the loan program.

As you know, after the hurricane we rehabilitated with our partner Jason 800 houses for the community of Bwa Pikan. Now we are working on a project for this summer to provide 120 new houses, still in the area of Bwa Pikan. 800 + 120 houses at Bwa Pikan!

For this coming July we will have some 40 students from the Public University of Jacmel Southeast who will come to Passion for Haiti for 2 months plus 20 from the American University to help plant trees: 60 students for the summer to plant 200,000 coffee and cocoa trees.