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Missionaries with
SEED Ministries



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And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.
II Timothy 2:2

Dear friends,

Greetings from sunny Cayes. The verse above is one of our favorite at SEED. Our main mission is to train young adults so that they can pass on their knowledge to others, always knowing that it is God who equips.

Today, we would like to focus on IFTAV (Institut de **F**ormation **T**héologie, **A**gricole et **V**étérinaire), our institute. That way you will have a better understanding about the school and can pray more precisely. Often, we are asked what subjects are taught and how much practical work our students are involved in. So, here are some of them:

- Agriculture: Fruit and Vegetable Production, soil fertility, botany, agro-forestry, microbiology, topography
- Animal husbandry and Vet care: anatomy, pasture management, pharmacology, clinic practice
- Theology: church history, Christian life, homiletics, New Testament, evangelization, pastoral theology, doctrine
- General knowledge: French, English, math, computer, economics, marketing, development



Practical Training:

Agriculture:

Each student has his/her own plot that they have to maintain. That means to first set-up the nursery. Compost and manure have to be brought in. Students are expected to show neatness, precision, and excellence in their plots.

Animal Care:



In order to take care of our cows, goats, broilers, and layers all students are divided up in groups. SEED puts great emphasis on practical experience because this is a lack in most training centers. And we realize whoever wants to be strong in animal care cannot shy away to do less “good-smelling” jobs!

Vet Care:

Tuesdays and Thursdays, our second year students are working in our clinic with a vet and 2 technicians. From time to time we visit one of our interns to do a clinic in the country where there is no examining tables; everything is real primitive. But it is important that they know how to handle these situations because they too will be going out next year.

Agro-Forestry:

Since the deforestation and soil erosion are still continuing to get worse we see it as a priority to equip our people in reforestation and soil conservation for long term effects. During summer break the students go for 1 week of training to Saint Jean area where they are learning all different kinds of techniques.



Practical Work:



In order to keep tuition low the students are helping on the farm and in animal care. Here they are weeding the rice field (ri) and shelling chick peas. Some call it "slave work"!



Ministry:



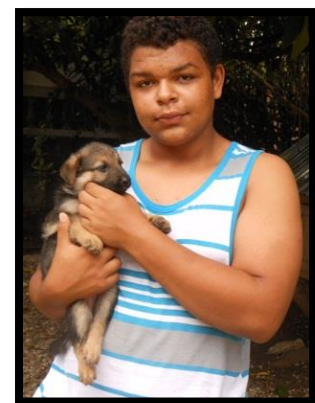
The highlight of the school week is our chapel every Tuesday afternoon. The students are responsible for planning and leading it; and it is an exciting and very loud event! After the keyboard came the drums and now they added some Haitian noise makers so that the service can be done just right. In school, they are learning how to lead and to preach and so they can practice during this special hour. Often we can see how lives are being touched and people experiencing the love of God for the first time. From time to time we are visiting one of our interns' churches and go out in the communities in order to visit the people, to talk or pray with, and to encourage them.

Family Corner:

Daniel is in his final semester of his senior high school year. He is in the process of applying to different universities and realizes that this is not an easy endeavor. The main coach of a university in the Twin Cities contacted him to ask him if he would consider joining their team and that he would like to assist him with his applications. That really encouraged him greatly! Manuel could live without too much schooling at the moment. He loves to work with the animals on the farm and is planning different projects. One of them was to take care of our 9 German Shepherd puppies so that we can sell them.

Frantz is invited to preach often, loves to teach and does it with all his might; that means really loud! The students have a good relationship with him and he always has a listening ear for them. He is a true farmer and animal breeder. The farm is where you will find him most of his time.

Doris is doing multiple things but this we will tell you in our next newsletter.



Praise:

- 46 students in first and 40 in second year
- Good start for our 26 interns
- Blessed graduation celebration with over 350 guests
- Rain

Requests:

- Spiritual growth of our 86 students
- Wisdom and courage for our 26 interns
- Protection
- Daniel's high school graduation (May 23) and University choice/Manuel finishing 10. grade
- SEED-Board meeting first week of June in TX

We want to thank you for your faithfulness through prayer and gifts toward SEED Ministries and us personally. Without you we would not be able to serve in Haiti like that. May the Lord continue to bless you abundantly.

Doris, Frantz, Daniel, and Manuel

PS: **Updates via email:** If you are interested, please, let us know and we put you on the list. And, if you do not want to receive either newsletter n re-mails, feel free to cancel them. We do understand that there is a lot of information coming at you.

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