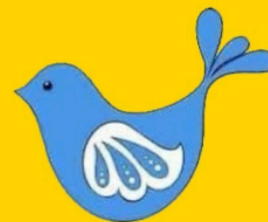


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# Hope for a village

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Cotes-de-Fer, Haiti Mission

## Cotes-de-Fer Connect

May, 2025 Newsletter

We're excited to welcome you to the very first edition of our monthly newsletter. A long-overdue step to stay better connected with you, our cherished supporters.

### ♥ From the Heart of Côtes-de-Fer, Haiti

Our hope is that this newsletter will keep you informed and inspired by the work happening in Cotes-de-Fer, made possible through your generosity and prayers.

This month, our hearts are especially full as we reflect on the growing friendship between our beloved community and friends like you. Thank you for walking alongside us on this journey of faith, service, and compassion.

With gratitude,

**The Hope for a Village Team**



## A Note from our Founder:

*By Mystraine Onoh, Founder & President, Hope for a Village*

Dear Friends,

With a heart full of gratitude, I welcome you to the **first edition of our Hope for a Village newsletter!**

This moment is special. It marks not only the progress we've made—but also the people who've made it possible: *you*. Whether you've prayed, donated, volunteered, or simply shared our mission with others, your support is the reason we continue to reach vulnerable communities with love, dignity, and hope.

When I look at the faces of the girls who can now attend school every day, the elderly who receive clean water and a warm meal, or the families finding strength in community, I'm reminded of why we began this work. And I'm even more inspired by where we're going together.

Thank you for believing in our vision. Thank you for standing with us. And thank you for being a part of this growing family.

This is just the beginning.

With love and gratitude,

**Mystraine Onoh**

President & Founder, Hope for a Village

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## Faith & Fellowship Corner

by: Dolph Thiersaint!



Let us not grow weary in doing good, for in due season we will reap if we do not give up." – Galatians 6:9

Thank you for standing with us. Your faith is changing lives.

## Networking Opportunity



In April, part of our U.S. team took part in **networking at the Ozark Showcase Community Expo**, hosted by the Ozark Chamber of Commerce. We were blessed with the opportunity to share our mission and meet potential new partners.

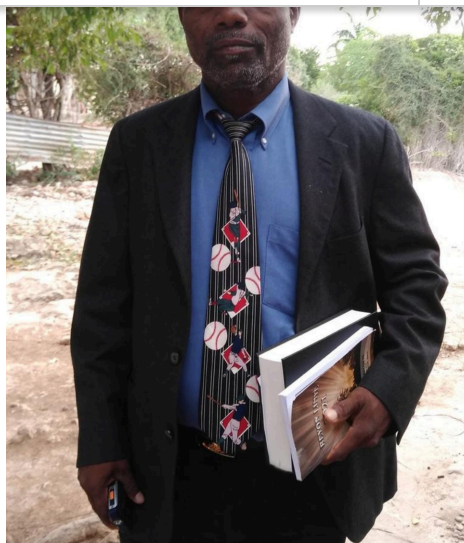
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**Please join us in a moment of silence!**

Let us pause to honor the life and legacy of two cherished souls we lost in April:

justice and education, whose dedication to his community will never be forgotten. He is survived by his wife and three children.

- Madame Benita Bado, one of our beloved elders, affectionately known as "Bébé." She brought warmth and laughter to every Sunday visit and will be deeply missed.



Our local Côtes-de-Fer, Haiti team attended both funerals in loving support and remembrance.

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 **Water That Connects Us: God's living water!**



and handicapped residents across four local sites, and 7 schools. Every Sunday, our dedicated water team continues to reach those aged 70 and older. Thanks to your support, we're not just quenching thirst—we're preserving dignity within a very vulnerable population.

## Water With Dignity: A Lifeline for the Elderly

Twice a week, our water team faithfully serves the elderly and physically challenged members of our community – many of whom are unable to fetch water on their own.

The process begins with care: our team visits each participant's home to pick up their empty jugs, washes them thoroughly, and transports them to *Puits de Jacob*, our trusted clean water provider. Once filled, the team returns the jugs directly to each home, ensuring access to safe, drinkable water for the week. The access to this basic need helps restore dignity and relieve burdens for some of our most vulnerable members in the community.

We are especially grateful for our three-wheel motorbike, which makes it possible to reach even the most remote areas of Côtes-de-Fer. Without it, many of these deliveries simply wouldn't be possible.

Because of your support, our elders are seen, cared for, and loved.

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**A Special Thank you to Micheley Henry from Puits de Jacob**  
(Jacob's Well.)



## Au Puits de Jacob / At Jacob's Well

We extend our gratitude to Mr. Micheley Henry of “*Puit de Jacob*” “*Jacob's Well*” for his continued partnership and commitment to excellence. For the past six years, he has been a reliable and valued part of our clean water delivery program in Cotes-de-Fer.

His dedication to maintaining his equipment in top condition and ensuring timely service has allowed us to consistently provide clean water to the elderly, physically challenged, and schoolchildren in need.

Thank you Micheley and team, for being more than a vendor — for being a trusted partner in-service.

Puits de Jacob; a filtered water company serving the Cotes-de-Fer residents, and surrounding areas in Haiti.

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# Lets Talk about our health today!

with Miss Veronica & Mr. Jeff



Our school health team launched new health education lessons under the Grandma Martha School Health Program every week. Topics included handwashing, personal hygiene, and self-respect.

## 🌸 Girls' Lesson Plan with Miss Veronica!

**Monthly Theme:** *Bloom Where You Are Planted: Growing in Strength and Grace*

**Weekly Focus:** Embracing Your Inner Beauty

🌸 Devotional Reflection

## 🌳 Boys' Lesson Plan with Mr. Jeff !

**Monthly Theme:** *Growing Strong Roots: Becoming Men of Character*

**Weekly Focus:** Inner Strength and Respect

🌿 Devotional Reflection

*Beauty is fleeting, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.” –*

Proverbs 31:30

👏 **Words of Affirmation (To say out loud together):** “I am beautifully made by God, inside and out. My kindness, courage, and compassion make me truly beautiful.”

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*firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong. Do everything in love.” – 1*

Corinthians 16:13-14

👏 **Words of Affirmation (To say out loud together):** “I am becoming a young man of strength, courage, and respect. My true strength is shown by how I treat others and myself.”

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## 🎉 School Year-End Celebration & Hygiene Awareness

As the school year comes to a close in Haiti, our school health team is excited to host a **special closing celebration**! All participating schools will come together for a **final health and hygiene competition** featuring both boys and girls.

🏆 **Trophies** will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place schools, and **refreshments** will be provided for students and teachers.

👉 We're inviting **sponsors of any level** – businesses, families, or individuals – to help us make this event a joyful and meaningful success!

## The Need is Growing

Out of our **7 partner schools**, **5 still lack hygiene facilities**. We've also received **8 new school applications** for our health and hygiene program.

Though we planned to add just 3 new schools per year, the growing interest and urgent needs are showing us that **God is expanding our vision**. Our dream is to see the **Grandma Martha School Health Program** in **every school across Haiti – and beyond**.

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### 💛 Community Partnership

We're proud to be working with the **local sanitary agent from the Ministry of Public Health (MSPP)** to reinforce hygiene and school bathroom standards.

💧 Because in the end – **it's all about the children** and building a strong, healthy community.



### 🩺 Behind the Scenes: A Coordinated Effort for Student Health

During a recent school health visit, our team identified several students with symptoms of a contagious skin condition. Acting quickly, our nurse



💊 **One week later:**  
Our nurse returned to reassess the



and insecurity in Haiti, the necessary medications were unavailable.

💪 **But we didn't stop there.**

Our team traveled a long distance to find and purchase the prescribed medication. We then met with the school director and the children's parents to explain the treatment plan and ensure proper follow-up.

of improvement!

This is the kind of real, life-changing impact your support makes possible.

**Thank you for standing with us.**

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### **Voices of the Elders**

Mwen santi ke mpa janm poukont mwen. deux jou nan sèmeine nan nou toujou passe visite m. Mesi empil. Ke Bon Dye beniw”



always remember me. Thank you very much. God will bless you )

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## Nurse visits

### Caring With Dignity: Home Visits That Heal More Than the Body

In April alone, our compassionate home health nurses — Miss Gertrude and Miss Veronica— completed an incredible 430 home visits across the Côtes-de-Fer area. During these visits. The visits consist of more than just check vital signs. They brought care, conversation, and connection to elderly individuals who are often isolated and overlooked.

Each visit includes physical assessments, blood pressure and glucose monitoring, wellness checks, and when needed, medication support or referrals to local clinics. But just as important, our nurses take the time to sit, to listen, and to pray with them — reminding each person that they are seen, valued, and deeply loved.

In many of these homes, our nurses are usually the only visitors some of our elderly receive during the week. For those who can no longer cook or care for themselves, we've begun offering laundry kits and hygiene support a few years ago. For the month of April, we distributed 88 of these kits to help maintain cleanliness and comfort with dignity.

bring healing that goes beyond medicine. They restore hope. They rebuild trust. And they remind our elders that they are not forgotten.

Thankyou for making these visits possible through your ongoing support.

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## It's Nurses week!

**Happy Nurse Week to Miss Veronica and Miss Gertrude!**

This first week, we celebrate two extraordinary women whose hearts and hands bring healing and hope to so many in Côtes-de-Fer. Miss Veronica and Miss Gertrude, your dedication, compassion, and strength inspire us every single day. Whether

Thank you for being the light in our community, for answering the call to serve, and for doing it all with grace, courage, and love.

We honor you today and every day.

With deep gratitude,  
*The Hope for a Village Family and*

homes, you are making a lasting impact that cannot be measured.

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