

THE *PROGRESS* REPORT

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Dieuseul St. Jean, Yvrose Edousaint and Anslo Faustin demonstrated “Little Theater” farmer-to-farmer training at the Conference On Innovation In Agricultural Education in May.

DESLANDES AGRO-EDUCATORS STEAL THE SHOW

Konbit Vanyan Kapab Agroecology Project leaders and educators presented at Innovation in Agriculture Education at the Karibe Hotel in Port au Prince, Haiti in May. The international conference was hosted by USAID and Feed the Future.

Representing PIP Haiti and Ecole Gamaliel Communautaire Deslandes (EGD), Dieuseul St. Jean, Yvrose Edousaint and Anslo Faustin opened with the presentation titled, “Impact of Participatory Action Learning on Farmer Innovation in Rural Haiti” with a demonstration of “Little Theatre,” a technique central to the farmer-to-farmer training.

The presenters received rave reviews. One conference attendee from OSU said, “This was the best presentation of the conference!” For Yvrose and Anslo, the conference was a confidence-building, once-in-a-lifetime experience.

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Yvrose Edousaint
Farmer and Agroecology Trainer

The next day, back at home and teaching another group of farmers, Yvrose was still pumped, stating, “I couldn’t sleep last night thinking about the conference. I never thought I could do something like that. I want to see us take the agroecology project much further to more people.” So do we, Yvrose, and with your passion and commitment we will.

To view the presentation PowerPoint go to www.PIPHaiti.org and follow the link to the conference presentation.

An Interview with Joe Hoover: PIP Board Member and Financial Advisor at Allegheny Investments

We asked Joe to help us all learn more about new — and we think exciting — ways to donate to PIP Haiti. Here’s what he said.



PIP: How has giving to PIP Haiti changed in the past year?

Joe: Today’s PIP donors seem to be looking for ways to contribute that fit into their personal financial plan and their everyday lives. This year, two people raised nearly \$2,000 by running in the Pittsburgh Marathon. PIP became as Amazon Smile charity and we recently became a registered charity with the United Way of Southwest PA. We also participate in the Highmark Matching program that matches employee donations made to PIP.

PIP: What changes are on the horizon for giving to PIP Haiti?

Joe: Many of our donors are also looking for ways to incorporate their charitable goals into their overall financial plans. Contributions can offset required distributions from individual retirement accounts (IRAs) and we are helping to create a donor-advised fund that can invest retirement funds and direct a portion of gains to PIP.

We are expanding our digital platform for donations, too. As we transition from print to website generated donations, we expect to realize savings that can go directly to projects in Haiti. We also hope to reach a broader donor base through social media to inspire a new generation of contributors.



SAVE THE
DATE!

Please join us at Mullaney’s Harp and Fiddle
for the Annual PIP Benefit

SATURDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 27, 2018

WHERE'S MY ENVELOPE?

Partners in Progress Haiti has always done things the old-fashioned way. We're known for our person-to-person education and support. This summer we are asking you to embrace some exciting changes as we begin the transition from printed information, mailed to your home, to an expanded menu that includes a digital communication and donation system.

We promise we'll still keep you informed about progress in Haiti, how your dollars are spent, and share news from the field – in fact we'll be doing this more frequently. And, if you

prefer, our newsletter can still be mailed to your home. PIP Haiti will begin this enhanced digital platform when our new website is launched this fall. If you've already provided your email to us, you will now begin receiving your communications digitally unless you request print.

We are always equally grateful to receive a check mailed to PIP Haiti, P.O. Box 11278, Pittsburgh, PA 15238. Please include your email on your check in the memo line.

Or, you can donate today on our website, www.piphaiti.org by clicking on the "Donate" button.

PIP 2017 ANNUAL REPORT AVAILABLE



MESI ANPIL! (THANK YOU!)

The 2017 PIP Annual Report honors you, our donors and our Partners in Progress. Every donation, large or small, makes a difference in the lives of countless Haitian citizens and the local communities where they live.

Thank you for your part in providing the resources needed to enable rural communities in Haiti to emerge from the intractable cycles of poverty and illiteracy.

To view the report online, go to www.PIPHaiti.org/2017AnnualReport.

PROTESTS ERUPT IN HAITI OVER SHARP RISE IN FUEL PRICES

MIAMI HERALD HEADLINE JUL 07, 2018

We all learned the news from Haiti in July 2018 and it has been frightening. For Haitian citizens, whose average yearly income is only \$350, learning that gas prices would jump by 40% triggered public protests that shut down the capital city of Port-au-Prince.

Video of blocked thoroughfares and street violence were disheartening, but thankfully for our Haitian friends most of the unrest subsided within a week. It is not difficult to imagine the desperation

of parents struggling to feed families on a dollar per day when they contemplate \$5.00 per gallon for gasoline.

Together, with our prayers, our contributions, and our partnerships, we will offer support and hope where hope is in very short supply.

Update: As of July 27, 2018, the United States State Department lowered its Travel Advisory Alert to Level 3 (Reconsider travel to Haiti) from Level 4 (Do not travel).

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