
MISSIONARY AGRICULTURAL RESOURCE SERVICES

WINTER 2021 NEWS FROM M.A.R.S.

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*Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel
Oh, come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind,
Oh, bid our sad divisions cease, and be yourself our King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel!*

SISTERS OF CHARITY - HAITI

As we have mentioned more times than we care to, Haiti has been ravaged by natural disasters, corrupt governments, gang violence, and a pandemic. But our God is awesome and because of your faithfulness and generosity, the ministries served by M.A.R.S. are not just surviving, but thriving. In this newsletter, you will see both the success of the garden and goat projects. These pictures and reports were sent by Dawn Colapietro.



Sending you pictures of "our" (Sisters of Charity and M.A.R.S.) new goat family in TiMache thanks to your grant. We also bought two male goats to keep those female goats busy so we can bring more families into the program. This is the "Pay it Forward" Goat Project at the School at Cuvier. The goat project entails giving a goat or two to a needy family in order to raise a herd to use for food or to sell if money is needed. The first offspring is given back to the ministry

From the garden project, the school gets something from the garden every day to feed to the children – spinach, okra, peppers, corn, or beans. Sometimes there is even a little extra to sell in the market.



ROTOM-Uganda-School Agricultural Project.

Kenneth Mugayehwenkyi, Founder and Executive Director writes: *"Luckyly, the work at the school farm has continued despite the Covid-19 situation. We have been able to produce vegetables and feed the kids and their families. What we are left to do is the building of pig sty, goat shed and chicken house which Deo is preparing to do before year end."*

ZIMBABWE-SIM For Freedom and Windows of Hope Covid Anti-trafficking Prevention Project' Community Garden

Karine Woldhuis reports that the new project in Zimbabwe to provide security, safety and protection to a vulnerable community in Eastern Zimbabwe by providing a community garden is well under way. The garden will provide food and water to a community that is currently experiencing great food scarcity and insecurity. And as a result, the community will be less likely to be targeted by human traffickers. Up to 100 families with an average of five per family will benefit from this project. The borehole was drilled and successfully found water ("abundant water") and is sufficient for the community garden and domestic use. Children who currently are needed for water and food gathering will now be able to attend school. A solar panel pump was installed. The garden fencing was built. Allotments have been given to all members of the community garden initiative. Water tanks have been built for water storage. Preparation of the ground is underway and seeds are being sourced from what the community has available. The garden members have worked really hard in preparing the garden, constructing the fencing, organizing allotments, and constructing water tank storage. The initiative sits under the local church and is well endorsed by local leaders.