

# Haiti in our Hands

Compassion and solidarity for the people of Haiti



## Monthly Newsletter

June 2024

### Tree Currency Program

We are very excited to announce that the **Tree Currency Program** will begin in Chauffard on July 1, 2024. This proven program brings an agronomist to the village who will set up five large tree nurseries. In exchange for working in the nurseries, 400 local farmers will receive tools, training and seeds to help them improve yields on their own farming plots. As the trees grow, the farmers will plant the seedlings, helping to stabilize their land. Eventually, the trees will provide fruit for their families to eat and sell.



*A farmer holds a tree grown in a Smallholder Farmers Alliance nursery in a rural part of Haiti.*

A local Haitian NGO, The Smallholder Farmers Alliance, runs the successful program. We are fortunate to be able to partner with a US-based charity, The Raising Haiti Foundation, who has implemented the Tree Currency Program in several other villages. Raising Haiti is generously donating \$20,000 of the cost of the first year of the program. We are providing the remaining \$25,000. Contact Kate McMahon at [afrikate@aol.com](mailto:afrikate@aol.com) for more information.

#### News from Chauffard:

“Last Sunday, Pentecost, we had a very beautiful celebration. 55 children made their first communion... Despite the risks, I was able to find something to feed the school children at really high prices. Thank you very much for always thinking of us. May the Holy Spirit continue to illuminate you on the path of your life. Union in prayer!”

From Father Raymond, May 22, 2024

#### Upcoming Events:

**June 21 11 am - 6 pm:**

Doug's To Go for Haiti, SMSP parking lot

**July 13-14:** Bottle & Can Drive  
SMSP Parking Lot

**This Fall:**

Trunk Sale at SMSP

For more information, call  
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**Supporting the Church of the Immaculate Conception,  
Chauffard, Haiti, Father Raymond, Parish Priest**