



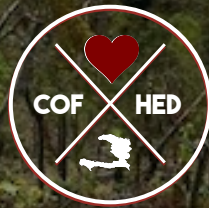
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COMMUNITIES ORGANIZING FOR
HAITIAN ENGAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT



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Gratitude from Haiti



All of us at COFHED are grateful this holiday season for you, our faithful supporters. Your donations, letters and prayers for our partner communities after Hurricane Matthew have been a blessing to us. We feel honored by your commitment to our work. The storm has set our work back and caused unbelievable devastation for thousands of community members. We take comfort in the fact that you are walking alongside of us on the long road of recovery. **Thank you from the entire COFHED team!**

HURRICANE RELIEF

The communities of Lougou, Marc, and Raymond continue to face each day as it comes, getting on with their lives after Hurricane Matthew, despite the devastation they experienced and the lack of widespread relief. The recovery from this storm will take a long time!

Working in partnership with other organizations, the following relief efforts have been accomplished:

x **FOOD DISTRIBUTION IN THE COMMUNITIES**

x **TIN SHEETS AND NAILS TO REBUILD ROOFS
DISTRIBUTED IN MARC**

x **AQUATABS DISTRIBUTED TO EACH FAMILY IN
ALL THREE COMMUNITIES**

x **LOUGOU CLINIC STOCKED WITH MEDS FOR
CHOLERA AND OTHER DISEASES**



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x **REBUILD THE ROOFS OF SCHOOL AND CLINIC IN LOUGOU (START BY DECEMBER)**

x **REBUILD THE SCHOOL IN RAYMOND**

x **REPLACE DESTROYED SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES IN ALL THREE COMMUNITIES**

x **DISTRIBUTE SEEDS FOR THE DECEMBER PLANTING SEASON TO REPLACE CROPS**



We are planning to partner with an organization called Ayitinales to distribute moringa seeds to over 700 families in Marc and Lougou. Each family will receive 2,000 seeds to plant. The moringa trees will benefit the environment by replacing the trees that have been lost, and will also provide a source of income for the families. The leaves are rich in protein, vitamins A, B and C and minerals. The moringa plant grows fast, produces leaves in droughts and is an excellent green vegetable when little other food is available.

We are excited about the opportunity for our partner communities to engage in this business and health opportunity.

OUR **NEW** OFFICE SPACE

Much of what COFHED owned in Haiti was destroyed by Hurricane Matthew. The roof was blown off of our rented mission house, and everything inside was flooded, including furniture, mattresses, paperwork, computers, etc. Much of Nick and Madeleine's personal property was also lost to the storm.

We had planned to move into our new office and apartment space in November of this year. We are so thankful that our new property didn't sustain much damage other than a few big shattered windows and cupboards. We have moved the furniture and items that survived the storm into our new office space. We are waiting for a shipment with replacement furniture to finish moving into the new space. We hope to have photos of our new office and apartment in our next newsletter!

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COFHED Fundraiser Gala // More details to come

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