

FFCC RETURNS FROM HAITI

Seed Banks & Health Education Projects Gaining Momentum

FFCC just returned from Haiti. It was a week of working with our country partner, Shepherd's House, local farmers, farming associations, educators, medical professionals and community partners. These wonderful people each brought their unique expertise to the different projects/programs we are working on together.



The FFCC Agriculture team worked with the farmers to improve our seed bank program that is providing farmers with different seed varieties than they would typically grow. New seeds means new produce in the markets. There is less competition since others do not grow these new varieties, and in the end, that means more profit for these farmers. The program is being implemented in two different areas of Haiti each with a unique set of conditions. The team is factoring these conditions into their decisions on seed choice and farming practices. Everyone is learning a lot and hoping for more great harvests.

The other program FFCC spent time on this trip is our health education program. We are working to provide lesson materials that will better equip teachers to teach subjects like physical health, environment health, and social and emotional health. We met with teachers, and school administrators to hear feedback and ideas on what has been presented so far and are incorporating their suggestions into our continued curriculum development. We are also working on a health program for the parents, so they are learning these valuable health lessons as well. More work to do but we feel encouraged by the progress.



If you are interested in supporting these or other projects that FFCC is a part of, contact Tina Socha for information (tina.socha@ffccsd.org)

Thank you to all who contributed to Rubens Frederic's house rebuild. It will be completed this month. He is very happy and grateful!