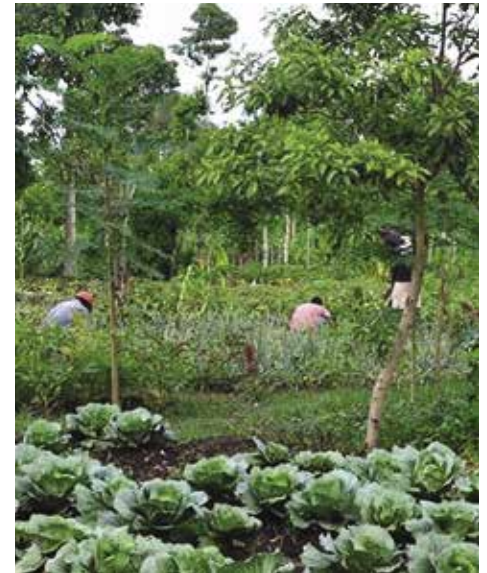




INSIDE: Thank you, Bob!

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ADDRESSING MALNUTRITION IN HAITIAN FAMILIES

ARTICLE BY CRAIG FRAYNE

Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. Fifty-four percent of the country's 10.7 million inhabitants live beneath the international poverty line of \$1.90 USD/day. Much of the country is rural and underdeveloped, lacking infrastructure especially with regards to healthcare and sanitation. Among the many challenges faced by the population, malnutrition of children is a key area of concern.

After a recommendation from SHARE supporters, a site visit, partner analysis and a test project distributing the

"KAMI stove", SHARE has started a new partnership with Second Mile Haiti, a small non-profit organization working in northern Haiti (www.secondmilehaiti.org). This small organization provides an innovative, comprehensive approach to end childhood malnutrition and keep families together by providing knowledge, enterprise development and food production.

SHARE will supply inputs to improve food production at Second Mile Haiti's farm at their recovery centre where malnourished children are treated. SHARE's new project is supplying irrigation, fruit trees, seeds

SHARE will help food deficit families in Haiti learn gardening techniques. The farm at a nutrition centre which treats malnourished children will increase food production with irrigation and a "food forest" of nutritious fruit trees.

and tools for demonstration gardens that caregivers will tend as they learn about nutritious plants, and how to care for small animals; they will share their new found knowledge with neighbours and share produce grown with their families. SHARE will support an ongoing community outreach program by supplying goats to couples who successfully complete a course that teaches nutrition, health topics, agriculture, anti-violence and gender.

SHARE is proud to assist in this innovative family preservation initiative, providing "a hand up" to self-sufficiency for very needy Haitian families.

"SHARE has provided me with a greater insight as to how fortunate we are to live in a country like Canada and how much Canadians care for others in trying to improve their lives through better farming principles, education and improved health measures for themselves and their children." SHARE volunteer

"Your greatness is not what you have, but what you give." – Unknown

CELEBRATING THE SUCCESSES OF THE CENTRAL AMERICAN INITIATIVE!



The project supports youth leadership in rural communities, provides skills training for rural enterprise, leadership training and motivational experiences for young adults.

SHARE wishes to express our heartfelt appreciation for the support of all SHARE donors, the Barrett Family Foundation and Willowool Foundation to the Central American Initiative, a three year project working in El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala. This generosity has enabled SHARE to work with capable, experienced and dedicated partners who are implementing the planned interventions in over 70 rural communities.

In spite of challenges and barriers experienced during the first two years of the project, including hurricanes and drought, the project is improving the lives of rural families. The project is providing food security with ecological sustainable agriculture production by providing agriculture extension services and training, seeds, tools and irrigation. Youth are included in leadership opportunities, an anti-violence program, enterprise development and agriculture.

With this continued support, three grassroots organizations are accomplishing so much for the impoverished communities that they serve, expanding their influence, forming alliances and strengthening their own organizations.



"I have found volunteering very rewarding. I receive much more than I give. I am so fortunate that I was born here in Canada instead of in a developing country, like our brothers and sisters. Look around, we have so much and it feels great to be able to give someone the opportunity to become self-sustained or improve their health by giving them the tools to produce better food and water. When I had the opportunity to monitor S.H.A.R.E.'s projects in Brazil and Central America I saw how important our projects are in changing people's lives. Seeing the smile on our recipient's face and the sparkle of hope in their eyes was amazing. It did make a lasting impression on me. It is an honour for me to be part of S.H.A.R.E. It has given me many fond memories. S.H.A.R.E. is making a difference in this world and I find it rewarding deep in my heart." – SHARE volunteer

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- 1 Loading cactus to plant for sheep feed, Bolivia
- 2 Seeds, tools and seedlings for small household gardens, Guatemala, Haiti and Bolivia
- 3 Soil improvements for increased ecological production, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala
- 4 Oven for income generation, Brazil
- 5 Household water filters, Guatemala
- 6 Irrigation in El Salvador, Bolivia, Cambodia and Honduras
- 7 Eco stoves to cook a nutritional supplement at schools, Guatemala
- 8 Greenhouse to grow hydroponics in drought area, Brazil
- 9 Increase in cooperative dairy herd, Guatemala
- 10 Training in ecological agriculture for food security, Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala
- 11 Fruit tree plantings in Honduras, El Salvador, Bolivia and Guatemala
- 12 Skills training for rural youth in Honduras and El Salvador

"I enjoy learning about the food production and community challenges facing others in different farming environments. The innovative solutions proposed in the projects are inspiring." – SHARE volunteer

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Your donation helps to SUSTAIN AND GROW SHARE's important work!



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THANK YOU, **BOB!**

After 28 years of dedicated service as a SHARE project manager, Bob Thomas has retired!

SHARE is extremely appreciative of his hard work and dedication over the many years. The SHARE recipients have benefited immensely by Bob's enthusiastic support to better their lives.

Bob commented on his volunteer experience: "When I first went to Brazil I had assumed that they would need my agriculture background to improve their production, etc. Actually, they knew what they needed but just did not have the resources to implement their projects. I also was amazed at their tenacity and perseverance under very adverse conditions. This has "recharged my batteries" many times and is a tenfold payback on any inputs that SHARE has provided. SHARE has changed my life in many positive directions for which I am extremely grateful".



A MAJOR DONATION PROVIDES THE GIFT OF LITERACY FOR A SECOND YEAR



Literacy, agriculture and skills training for youth are offered in targeted communities in an integrated rural development program.

A major designated donation enabled SHARE to provide funding in El Salvador for two years for adult literacy classes. The curriculum provided by the government is called "Education for Life." In addition to teaching math, reading and writing, this curriculum provides knowledge and basic life skills to the youth, men and women who missed out of attending school due to poverty, working with their family, the civil war or isolation in rural areas. People learn about health, democracy, family and societal violence, human rights and ecology. Literacy is a key to self-esteem and a building block to progress in rural development in peasant communities.

"Volunteering with SHARE has satisfied the childhood dream of helping people in needy countries and given me a feeling of satisfaction. It is a humbling experience to be taken out of the comfort zone of my home and community but I have gained a greater understanding of the issues around extreme poverty — lack of safe water, substandard housing, poor soils, unbalanced meals and lack of opportunities for education. Volunteering with SHARE has given me a feeling of satisfaction." – SHARE volunteer

PLANNED GIVING HELPS SHARE PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

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THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!



VOLUNTEER PROJECT MANAGER JOB POSTING

SHARE Agriculture Foundation is looking for a person with the following skills to assist and learn the volunteer project management job while working with the current project manager.

Please send resume to margfrayne@hotmail.com by Dec. 31, 2018.

Must have: an interest in grassroots rural development work in developing countries (Central America) * awareness of agriculture * an ability to report to and work with the SHARE board and project committee (attend meetings at Norval and Guelph) * the ability to follow organizational guidelines and industry regulations * ability to participate in a project management process * work with Spanish emails and reports (using translation services if necessary) * have report reading and report writing skills, good oral language and presentation skills, financial skills and knowledge of accounting, record keeping and computer skills * able to interact with partner organizations overseas and project beneficiaries in impoverished agriculturally-based communities. This volunteer job requires dedicating time to address all issues in a timely fashion and to travel yearly to meet with overseas partners and beneficiaries and monitor SHARE's projects.

"When I hear the total numbers of families that SHARE has helped at the AGM, I know that the volunteer hours put into fundraising are well worth the time and effort. It gives me tremendous satisfaction that somewhere in the world, my efforts are helping where needed." – SHARE volunteer