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Guy Louis and his nephew

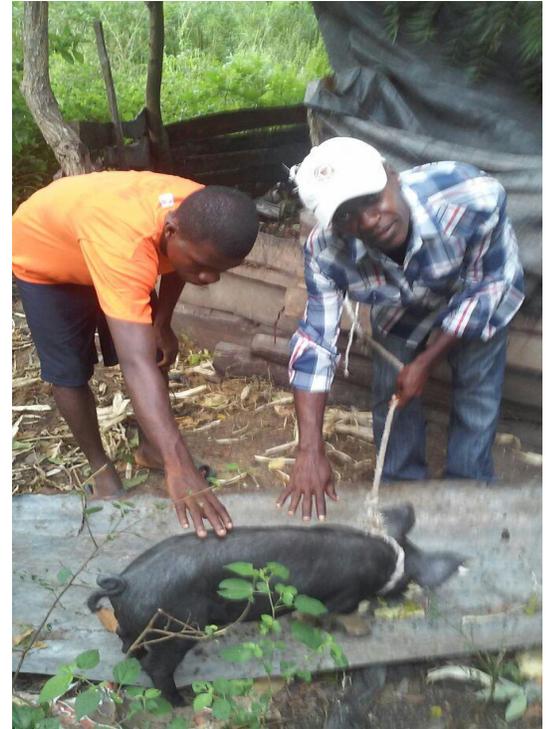
A story of Transformation

Guy Louis, a World Renew local agricultural technician is at it again. Mr. Louis works in the community of Corail, a remote community that is located on the hills of Léogane. He also serves as the general coordinator of the local federation and is one of the veterinary agents who were trained by World Renew's field agronomists. Mr. Louis, in turn, trained his nephew who developed the great leadership skills and became a leader in the community.

Recently, a community resident who owns a pig came to Mr. Louis's house for help. He explained to him that his pig was very sick and needed help immediately. He said to Mr. Louis's nephew that his pig simply failed to be itself due to its disease.

Mr. Louis was not at home but his nephew was. He went to see the pig and provided the necessary treatment for two days. After a week the owner realized that the pig was cured. It was considered a miracle by the entire family. The proprietor did not pay for the service but two months later the pig gave birth to 10 baby pigs. And another month later, he came to Mr. Louis's house again and gave a piglet to him as a gift. Mr. Louis and his nephew are currently planning to sell the pig for an amount of ten thousand gourdes (\$160).

World Renew's staff was excited to report this palpable work of one of their LAT's in



the community. On the hills of Léogane, World Renew works with 17 communities and each community has a LAT. The LAT is a member of a local association supported by World Renew to work with the community. The LAT is trained by our agronomists and, in turn trains community members. He/she gives advice to farmers, supervises farms, takes care of animals, distributes seeds to the farmers, performs gap analysis, and facilitates discussions and introduction of new initiatives in the community.



World Renew, World Missions and Back to God Ministries International Staff in Haiti

Launching the “Conform, or Be Transformed” Christian worldview manual



Since the beginning of their ministries in Haiti, CRCNA agencies have felt the need to strengthen the biblical worldview in the Christian communities. In the spring of 2016, Harold Kallemeyn, of Timothy Leadership Training and the Coordinator of French Speaking and West African countries,

came to Haiti to help. The main purpose of Mr. Kallemeyn’s trip to Haiti was to present “Conform, or be transformed”, a Christian Worldview manual, to our partners and other Christian organizations in Haiti. Most of the visited organizations and partners were receptive to the idea.

World Renew, World Missions, and TLTI will officially launch the “Conform, or Be Transformed” manual at Ministry for Christian Development (MDK)’s conference. At the end of the launch, MDK will work with participating organizations to facilitate the development of action plans and follow up.

Around sixty people from different organizations are expected at the conference. The manual will be used for ministries such as Sunday school teaching and diaconal training. Mr. Kallemeyn will come to Haiti to lead the training.

As two Christian Reformed agencies, a Christian Worldview is the basis of all World Renew and World Missions’ actions in Haiti. The set of values that guides our work in Haiti is not a secret. We express it, write about it, bond with it, act like it, and do everything with it. However, Haitian Christians recognize there is a great spiritual battle raging for the hearts and minds of people in the country. The fight is so intense that Christian ways of thinking are often mixed with the non-Christian and even voodoo ways of thinking and cause us to find ourselves in a cosmic struggle between Christian truth and a morally indifferent culture.

This initiative will allow us to instill a robust biblical and Christian worldview among our associates, partners, and beneficiary communities and churches. For us, worldview is more than a private personal viewpoint; it is a comprehensive life system that guides and informs basic behavior in private and community life. For this reason, instilling a Christian worldview is a key to success in World Missions’ and World Renew’s mandate in Haiti.

The theme “Conform, or be transformed” is based on Romans 12:2, “Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” This Scripture text presents a contrast. It’s the contrast between the attitudes of Christ’s disciples and common non-Christian attitudes in society.

Throughout Biblical history, God always called his people to develop attitudes which were different from those of other peoples. After his death and resurrection, Christ sent his Spirit to cultivate his own attitudes in the hearts of his disciples. In 1 Corinthians 2:16, these attitudes are called the mind of Christ. When we become like Christ in our attitudes and actions, the Spirit enables us to contribute to the advancement of his Kingdom and the Church.

Our partner organizations, associated organizations and other sister organizations will use this manual for the advancement of God’s Kingdom in their hearts and in their communities. We plan to launch the manual on October 18-20 through three days of seminars and conference workshops with the participation of about 25-30 different Christian organizations in Haiti.

MDK’s Succession Planning: New Leadership at MDK



After sixteen years of serving as the director of MDK, Pastor Lemete Zephyr officially resigned in July 2016. By moving on he concludes 11 years of service in an environment where resources have often been scarce but the satisfaction of serving a great cause is always great. In order to celebrate Pastor Zephyr’s achievements, MDK organized a farewell get together in his honor. Several friends, colleagues, and family members gathered together for the event.

The team could not express how much they’ve learned, grown, and enjoyed working with him. “I feel very fortunate and honored to have worked with him,” said Wegens Dextra, his successor at MDK. Great emotions were felt and memories were shared, but most importantly, there was a sense of a successful transfer of power to Dextra, the new MDK director. In the words of Pastor Zephyr: “I sowed and nurtured the seeds of Hope at MDK but now it’s up to you to harvest it.” In organizations, if leadership is the action of leading colleagues to achieve goals, Pastor Zephyr is a classic example of a great organizational leader. He played a crucial role in increasing the performance of MDK’s team and MDK’s level of productivity.

This is the result of a well-organized succession planning process in which World Renew has actively participated. Several leaders of the protestant community in Haiti took part of the farewell get together.