



Times of Uncertainty

Much has been said about living in times of uncertainty this year. However, when have the times ever been certain? Let's refocus our thoughts and give praise and thanksgiving to the Lord for the great things He is doing!!! Through these days which have been given to us, God is at work; His plan for his people continues to unfold. This is not a time to be in despair, but a time to rejoice and to be active in God's great plan of salvation for the people of the earth.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. - Psalm 100:4



Nicaragua



Malawi



Haiti



Philippines



God's Garden Bible School, Haiti



Uganda



Zimbabwe

God's Workmanship!

Continued Prayers for Haiti!

In partnership with MFI and Agape Flights, recently Hope Seeds received requests from over 50 mission organizations for seed aid. Over 35,000 families could be impacted by this outreach! Haiti has been through many trials over the years. Reports from missionaries describe the current situation as desperate. Much like other areas in the world, due to the pandemic, commerce has stopped, supply routes have been interrupted, medical facilities and schools closed. However, there is good news in the midst of what seems to be a dire situation. Many are coming together to support our neighbors to the south. With God's help, our goal is to meet each request and have Hope Garden Family Packs with the *Message of Hope* shipped before planting season begins early next year to reduce hunger. Please pray for our volunteers who continue to sacrifice their time and tirelessly pack seeds under more rigorous conditions due to the concern of Covid-19. Pray for safety for Hope Seeds' Haitian missionary/agronomist, Josias Romeus, who has expressed concerns for the future of Haiti and his family. Pray for the people of Haiti who have shown great resilience, that the peace of Christ will come and provide needed stability for suffering families. Keep praying for open doors for Hope Seeds. Through just a few organizations this summer, we have already supplied over 15,000 Hope Garden Family Packs to Haiti. Pray for our partners, such as Medical Ambassadors of Haiti who are currently conducting CHE (Community Health and Evangelism) training and reaching many for Christ through the *Message of Hope* contained in all 6,000 of the family packs sent to them in June of this year.



At Christ Church of Longboat Key, Hope Seeds volunteers reach 100,000 mark.



There was an air of celebration as the faithful volunteers at Christ Church of Longboat Key filled their 103,561st seed packet for Hope Seeds. The tiny bag was a big milestone for the volunteers and the organization, which is a charitable ministry that aims to improve nutrition in communities suffering from hunger. Volunteers fill tiny bags with scoops of seeds to grow foods such as eggplant, kale, cabbage and squash. Before the pandemic, a group of Christ Church of Longboat Key volunteers would gather twice a year to do a marathon seed-packing event. Tiny bags were filled, gospel messages were assembled and newsletters were folded to be sent out and as of March 2020 they had packed 52,561 seed packets since beginning in 2016, said member Ann Quackenbush. Since the pandemic, a group of over 50 volunteers have gathered 10 at a time once a week in the fellowship hall, masked and distanced, to enjoy each others' company — even celebrating birthdays and anniversaries together throughout the summer — and do some charity work. They pack a couple thousand seed packets every time and as of Oct. 5, had zipped up their 51,000th bag since the pandemic. "This week their seed packets are being sent to Zimbabwe, Sudan, Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic," Quackenbush said. In the past, seeds have gone to the Emmanuel Children's Home in Bombard, Haiti, where children are growing seeds for food for the orphanage and school. The Christ Church-packed seeds account for about 1% of the over 10 million packets Hope Seeds has sent out since it began in 1999.

~ by: Nat Kaemmerer of the Longboat Key Observer

2020 Fall Giving Challenge, Ways to Give

- 💚 \$ (\$10, \$25, \$50...) Any amount of monthly giving enables Hope Seeds to operate and carry out the mission.
- 💚 \$10 - Provides 1 lb of bulk vegetable seed for volunteers to prepare into approx. 300 packets for distribution.
- 💚 \$30 - Provides a Hope Garden Family Pack with 10 species of vegetable seeds and the *Message of Hope* to a family.
- 💚 \$50 - Covers the cost to print 1,000 copies of the Gospel *Message of Hope* in multiple languages.
- 💚 \$100 - Provides 10 lbs of bulk seed for volunteers to prepare into approx. 3,000 packets for distribution.
- 💚 \$500 - Provides Hope Garden support at a school or orphanage.
- 💚 \$1,000 - Helps support an Agricultural Training Session in sustainable methods or a Bible Garden School for kids.

