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Natural Local Leader Joins Forces With World Renew

a story of transformation by Troy Sanon

Jean Felix Delice is a natural leader. At just twenty six years old, Jean founded a community development organization in the locality of Blain, where he was born and raised. His organization, called UPDIP or Union des Paysans pour le Développement Intégral de Palmiste à Vin, joined FOTADEL - a federation of 17 communities' farmer associations and strong World Renew partner in Haiti — in 2013 and is one of its most dynamic members.

When World Renew was involved in the building of a tank-based rainwater harvesting system in Blain, Mr. Delice and his wife Manette were involved as well. They live in Blain with their children Jonathan and Christine Marie Naomie, while their children Fedner and Sara attend high school in Port-Au-Prince. The Delice family has been involved in all development activities in their community, but were especially supportive of the 11,000-gallon rainwater collection system. The family, like all their neighbors, uses rainwater for everything — drinking, cooking, washing — and they didn't have an adequate way to collect enough water nearby, leading to much time spent walking to retrieve it. Rainfall harvesting technology has proved to be very effective throughout this community, where water is scarce and cisterns are the principal source of water for residents.

The new water collection system allowed the community to accomplish another goal they had for themselves: building an emergency shelter for use during and after hurricanes and other natural disasters. Working with the Red Cross of Switzerland, Blain was able to construct a shelter large enough to house 300 people in an emergency. Mr. Delice and his organization, UPDIP, were instrumental in its creation, with Mr. Delice donating the land on which the shelter is built, gathering 15 volunteers, and organizing construction. Jean says the construction was accomplished because they were able to collect water needed with the new collection system.

The community of Blain is blessed by the presence of the new water catchment system and a new emergency shelter. It is also blessed by the existence of the Delice family, a Christian family committed to community transformation.



Jean Felix Delice, tallest gentleman in the middle, with others from UPDIP, holding their capacity building plan

Celebrating a Successful Harvest After Hurricane Matthew's Destruction

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Rosette Bruno is celebrating a successful harvest this year. She has extra reason to celebrate because during the previous planting season, she and her fellow farmers in the community of Corail, Haiti, were struggling to even buy seeds. Hurricane Matthew had destroyed her crops and her hopes of re-planting and providing for her family.

World Renew helps equip farmers like Rosette with the resources and training they need for more resilient livelihoods.

The Léogane Rural Transformation project, carried out in partnership with World Renew and a farmers' association representing 17 communities called FOTADEL, is doing that in Haiti. The project has provided Rosette and other farmers in her village and church community with improved seed varieties for crops like black beans and corn.

When it came time for this year's harvest, Rosette was overjoyed to see she had reaped 63 kg (139 lbs) of beans! She had enough food for her family, plus more to sell and share with her friends. "I gave some of the beans to my friends from my church, I ate some with my family and I sold some to get some money to buy other things. I also saved some for the next planting season," she exclaimed. "I am very happy for the corn and beans that I received. May God bless FOTADEL and World Renew."

This successful harvest gave Rosette and her family good food to enjoy in the short-term, and is helping them plan for a stronger future. **Better still, Rosette — who considers herself a missionary in her community — was also thankful she could demonstrate God's love by sharing what she had with others.**



Rosette Bruno, Corail, Haiti

Promoting collaboration between churches and communities

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Collaboration with churches is an important aspect of World Renew's work. In Haiti last year, World Renew worked with church and community in together bringing water to the community of Bouda Chita. A rooftop tank-based water catchment systems was built with the participation of the community residents on land donated by the church.

Luxana Louine is a resident of Bouda Chita and a member of Grace Baptiste Church, where the rainwater harvesting system was built. Ms. Louine told the World Renew team that her church and family have greatly benefited from the collaboration between her church and FOTADEL member Collectif des Travailleurs pour le Développement de Palmiste-à-Vin Léogane (COTDPL). According to Ms. Louine, this collaboration has resulted in two major achievements for her community:

- A literacy program started by COTDPL is taking place in the church and is managed by both church and COTDPL leaders. 65% of the participants are church members.
- A rooftop water catchment system built on church land is currently serving the whole community.

She tells us that this project changed their church's anniversary celebration for the better. The church celebrates its July 9 anniversary by hosting missionaries and guests from surrounding communities for a two day celebration. In the past, in order to provide water for guests during the event, the church would pay a group of people to walk the 90-minute trip to another community's small spring to retrieve water. Thanks to the water catchment system, 2016 was different, allowing the church to more easily provide water for its guests. Ms. Louine praised God for that and considers it a miracle, expressing great appreciation for the collaboration between COTDPL and her church. "We also want to thank partners and organizations like World Renew," she says, "who supported FOTADEL and COTDPL in these transformation efforts."

Our Team Responds to a Cholera Outbreak

In March 2017, our team was alerted to several flare-ups of cholera in the Léogane area and within the communities where World Renew's rural transformation project was being implemented. By the end of the March, 4,731 cases of cholera were confirmed across Haiti, with 637 from the West Department, in which Léogane is located. Our team was able to quickly purchase six large cases of bleach and distribute them in six communities to ensure that churches and clinics could properly disinfect. Distributions held in Bel-Air, Blain, Bouda Chita, Moren, Nan Rocher and Petit Paradis impacted 120 families, protecting about 600 people.