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KAMI'S Programs:

- To locally manufacture economical , efficient, environmentally friendly and healthier kerosene stoves as replacement to wood or charcoal.
- To encourage the culture of Jatropha and it's transformation into biodiesel to eventually replace kerosene
- To provide environmental education to the local population.

JATROPHA PLANTATIONS:

In April 2013, Kathleen, Michel and our two guests, Leo Lesperance and Idalina Ferreira visited the fields of jatropha of the cooperatives "**BAWOCHEN**" and "**RABOURE**".

We observed that the 6,000 trees were healthy and profiting well in spite of the six month drought in late 2012.

At "**Bawochen**" where the majority of the trees are planted, the 50 ft. deep hand dug well was holding 8 ft. of water.

The financing for this well was provided by the generosity of S.H.A.R.E. AGRICULTURE FOUNDATION, a precious partner of KAMI. Moreover, SHARE had also financed replacements for the trees which died during the drought. Vegetable were now growing between the rows of jatropha.

"**Bawochen**" Cooperative has expressed their appreciation to SHARE through KAMI.

"WATER MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE" !



KAMI STOVES :

The production of stoves had to be stopped between mid-December and our return to Haiti in April , due to a shortage of funds. During that time a backlog of 200+ orders was accumulated since the parts such as burners and regulators which are imported from the Philippines, as well as the fuel tanks which are made in Haiti were unavailable. During our visit to Haiti we were able to place orders for missing parts to build 200 stoves.. No need to say that these 200 new stoves went like hot cakes. Since our return we have placed more orders to meet increased demand

As of July 15th., there was a total of **926** stoves installed and in operation in homes within the north east of Haiti.

Haitian housewives have been cooking with wood or charcoal for over 200 years so this is a major achievement..



“Merci Leo”.

Leo Lesperance has been for some time a generous supporter of KAMI . He came with us to Terrier-Rouge in April.

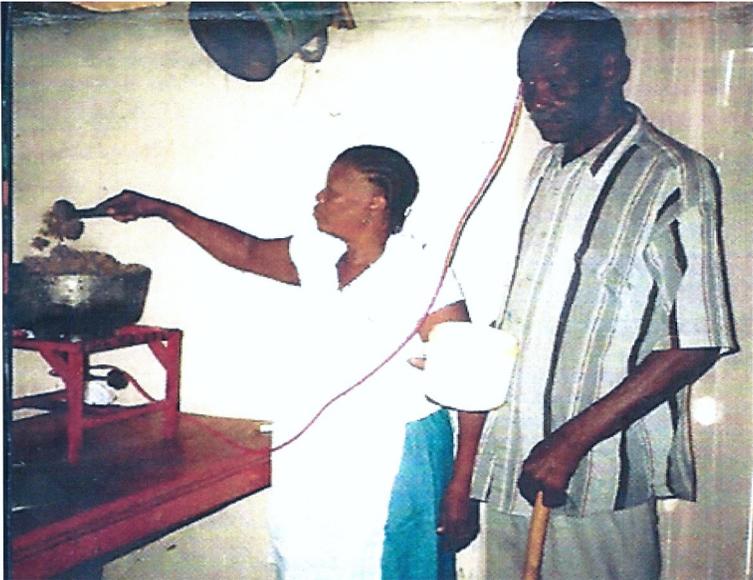
On June 2nd. his four daughters and their families organized a surprise 80th., birthday party for Leo and requested that in lieu of gifts a donation to KAMI would be appreciated. On June 29th. Leo and his family organized a Haitian style supper and a silent auction at his home in Perkinsfield, as a fund raiser for KAMI. The total amount raised these two occasions was \$8,115.20. Our sincere thanks go to Leo and his family for their amazing generosity.

Also thank you !

We also extend our sincere appreciation on behalf of KAMI to:

- 1) Hilda Bell from Toronto who held a yard sale with proceeds to KAMI.
- 2) May Maskow who has spent uncountable hours in the efforts to find funding for an extruder which will be soon required to extract jatropha oil.
- 3) Ann Lay whose ongoing dedication has raised so much of KAMI's funding since the beginning.
- 4) Idalina Fereirra from Winnipeg who has visited our operation in Haiti twice and is a generous supporter.
- 5) Felix I Bay who looked after the cost of shipping stove parts from the Philippines to Canada.

Meet Marie-Belle:



Marie-Belle's blind husband waits patiently with his spoon and bowl for his dinner.

Marie-Belle lives next to the KAMI building in Terrier-Rouge. A small sturdy woman who always greets us with a smile and a kiss on the cheek. Marie-Belle is the support for a large family and lives in a small shack with three grown up daughters, several grand children and a teen aged son. When her husband became blind several years ago, Marie-Belle took over the vegetable garden as a member of the Raboure Vegetable cooperative. Every morning, before the sun gets too hot, Marie-Belle walks the 6 kilometers to her plot to water and weed, then returns home carrying on her head whatever produce is ready to be sold at the public market. Then she begins her day of caring for her family, doing laundry, cleaning etc.

Whenever KAMI has guests we ask Marie-Belle to help with the pre-arrival clean up (there is a lot of dust in Terrier-Rouge) and to come help Nazou in the afternoons to clean the kitchen and wash the pots and pans.. It is a joy to see and hear them chatting and laughing together as they scrub away.. Marie-Belle is always grateful for whatever payment we can make for her services, and KAMI also buys whatever vegetables she has for sale..

Since it was impossible for Marie-Belle to save enough money for a KAMI stove, she received one thanks to the generosity of a donor. Before her long day is done Marie-Belle returns to work on her vegetable garden in the late afternoon.

She is one of the reasons we love Haiti !

Kathleen



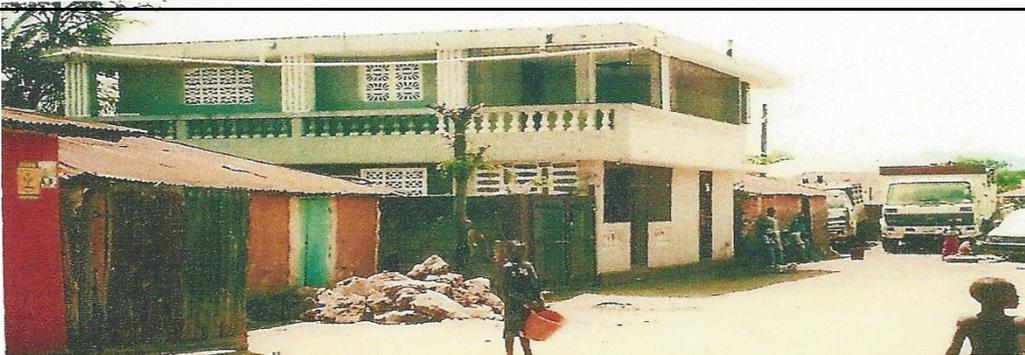
Jocelyn LATOUR, our Agent in Haiti with his family



Awareness Trip to Haiti :

During this last April trip . we had the pleasure of hosting two guests for a unique experience in Haiti; Leo Lesperance from Perkinsfield, On. and, for a second time, Idalina Fereirra from Winnipeg, Man.. Our guests enjoyed the tour of our manufacturers the jatropa plantations.and visits at local homes. Also they were entertained by local performers..

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KAMI's rented building in Terrier-Rouge, Haiti

Les Entreprises KAMI : It has always been the intention of KAMI to eventually form a self sustaining organization owned and operated by Haitians. To that end, an initial meeting was held on April 16, at KAMI's Office in Terrier-Rouge, Haiti, to undertake the first steps towards this becoming a reality. The ten attendees were presidents of the cooperatives, manufacturers of tanks and frames, the agriculture technicians, KAMI's agent and staff. Officers were elected as follows.; President: Jocelyn LATOUR (KAMI's Agent), Treasurer: Juslain ETIENNE: (President of Bawochen Coop), Secretary: Ronald PIERRE: (Manufacturer of fuel tanks). A motion was made and unanimously adopted to call the new organization "***Les Entreprises KAMI***".

Do you want to help ?

- For donations of less than \$100. please make cheque payable to KAMI Foundation for Haiti. (KAMI is too small to issue Tax Receipts).
- For donations for \$100. or more, please make cheque payable to S.H.A.R.E. AGRICULTURE FOUNDATION with KAMI Foundation in the memo box. S.H.A.R.E will provide tax receipts.
- All donations are most gratefully received and should be mailed to:

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