

Giving Thanks In All Circumstances! 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Thank the Lord! Hope Seeds International (HSI) made it through a direct hit from Hurricane Milton. We weathered the storm and were operational within a week, serving those in need around the world. We are so grateful for the many hands that helped prepare for the storm and those who answered the call to help afterward. Hurricanes Helene and Milton devastated so many lives, including many HSI volunteers. We want to remember, both in prayer and action, those who are still recovering. Simultaneously, we praise God for the many testimonies we are hearing of opportunities people have had to share Christ's love in action as they've helped others throughout these difficult weeks. Such opportunities help us grow as believers and acts of sacrifice and kindness help bring communities and neighbors together. Last Thanksgiving, I mentioned that giving thanks is a powerful way to live. It takes our minds off our circumstances, helps us focus our attention back on God, and readies our hearts for service. **Be Thankful!** We are thankful for each one of you partnering with HSI in reducing hunger and sharing the **Hope** that can only be found in **Christ!** -Dave Balsbaugh, CEO





Haiti Update! For the last several years, Josias Romeus has been working hard to keep his old motorcycle running, stretching as much life from it is as possible. Josias has been HSI's Director in Haiti for 19 years. He has been very faithful in teaching our Bible Garden School, holding seminars, teaching individuals and families in sustainable food production, and sharing the Hope of Jesus. He also has a strong heart for children. As a follow-up to HSI's summer camp program, he partnered with other organizations to provide school supplies to 125 children. Pictured to the left is Josias on his new motorcycle! Thanks to our donors, Josias will be able to reach more families with life saving seeds and the Message of Hope!



Hope Seeds 25th Anniversary Match! Help Celebrate 25 years of service and Double Your Christmas Gift \$ for \$ up to \$25,000. Let's make 2025 a blessing for all whom we serve!!!

Thanks to a generous donor, Hope Seeds International (HSI) has the opportunity to present a Christmas Match up to \$25,000! Now through December 25th every gift marked Double my Christmas Gift will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$25,000!

With your continued support and prayers, **HSI** continues to bring **Hope** throughout the world: in the Caribbean, Africa, Central America, Asia, the US, and throughout the 10/40 window where many are hungry and have not heard the good news of **Christ**! It starts with packing seeds, then distributing *Hope Garden Family Packs*, followed by planting the seeds, tending the garden, and reaping the harvest. As we work in one accord, God gives the increase, resulting in a bountiful spiritual and physical harvest! Thank you for partnering with **HSI**, sharing **Christ's** love in Action and Truth for **25 years!**

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9

Prayer and Praise!

Pray for Josias J. Romeus, HSI country coordinator in Haiti, for his family, and the ministry.

Pray for a bountiful harvest of food and souls in every place HSI and our partners serve.

Pray for all who have been affected by the storms in 2024.

Pray for our staff, volunteers, and ministry partners as we share Christ's love in action and truth in 2025.

Pray for our HopeCorps missionaries as we look to travel to Northern Uganda and Mozambique to implement outreach in 2025.

Praise God for over 900,000 seed packets/ 76,000 Gospel tracts distributed this year in partnership with over 140 ministries in 26 countries as of November 2024! (A fair market value of over 4 million dollars supplied through *HSI*!)

Praise God for His protection of HSI through the storms, and the many faithful volunteers who serve sacrificially.

Praise God for the opportunities to share Christ's love in Action through the storms.

Praise God for HSI/ Agape Flights outreach to 56 missions in Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and The Bahamas this summer!

Praise God for HSI/ Missionary Flights International (MFI) outreach to Haiti serving 28 missions thus far this fall.

Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs)

What's that? A QCD is a way of giving to a charity that all folks over 70 1/2 should know about. After an IRA holder reaches 70 1/2 the IRS requires a minimum distribution (RMD) be made from the IRA account. Receiving this required withdrawal into your personal bank account immediately makes it subject to IRS taxes. If it is instead transferred directly from the IRA account to a qualified charity it becomes a QCD and it will not appear as income in your tax return. You pay no taxes on the distribution and you benefit your charity with this donation. Check it out with your tax consultant and your financial advisor. For those over 70 1/2 this can be the best way of giving. A QCD must be completed by December 31 for the current tax year! Hope Seeds is a qualified charity and we are abundantly grateful to those who give QCD's through their IRA.



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