

ANNUAL REPORT 2022

HAITI REFORESTATION PARTNERSHIP

CODEP SURPASSES 16.6 MILLION TREES

CODEP plants in two cycles/year. 2022 was the best year yet with 350,256 in the spring planting and 308,121 in the fall planting! The running tally of surviving trees over 33 years of effort is 16.6 million!

Consider how utterly remarkable this is. 750 people work throughout the year to harvest and dry seeds, plant and nurture packets in the nurseries, and then move the young seedlings out onto the mountainsides. What a massive task.

We persistently teach that *it takes five years to plant a tree*. CODEP does much more than slap a seedling in the ground. Workers monitor, protect and nurture those seedlings into saplings and on to maturity. Disease, feral goats, and poor soil are constant challenges. However, after five years, the trees are too big to be easily harvested and hauled away by an individual.

Because of forestry management challenges, we are cautious in our claims regarding total number of trees surviving since 1989. In 2022 we worked with NASA and various GPS supported systems to begin validating the actual numbers of surviving trees; we see forests but taking a rigorous inventory tree by tree is demanding: height, type, age, exact location. It is slow going but reveals a great deal.



Graduates!

The Charter Class of our Reforestation Mentoring Program received their certificates at a ceremony in December. They have learned a lot -- as have we.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

MICHAEL ANELLO

The year 2022 was one of astounding contrasts. I personally experience this as I ping-pong between two sharply different lives: time in the US and my home here in Haiti. Similarly, the steady productive reforestation work of the CODEP community is at complete odds with this year's political wreckage, violent streets, and massive inflation. Frankly, CODEP's record is more than an astounding contrast to the deterioration of the nation. CODEP is a miracle.



2022 was a record year for planting. 658,377 seedlings went into fertile ground that had been systematically prepared! CODEP also made clear and significant innovative strides. After years of begging for chemical fertilizer, a few Animators have been figuring out how to make organic fertilizer. We puzzled through some early attempts that proved to be too

acidic for the seedlings. Ultimately we settled on a gathering-tank structure, a workable mixture of manure and water, and the proper timing that worked. The seedlings flourished, surpassing expected growth norms.

I should set expectations for 2023, however. Haiti's upheavals this year have regularly closed schools and significantly impacted the local markets. CODEP workers have not been able to collect as much discarded produce from market stalls so as to harvest and dry seeds. Thus, the number of seedlings in the nurseries is down by at least 22%. The ripple effect of the political situation extends well beyond what is told in the press.



Off to College

Barbarah Cenard received her Haiti Reforestation Mentoring Program certificate in December. As a stand-out member of the class she was chosen to receive a scholarship for agricultural college. She will begin her education when schools reopen.

Leadership development has been a primary concern as we all want a CODEP that is managed competently by local folks. The Animators are becoming more sophisticated in asset management, planning, and documentation. This is no small challenge as some are barely literate and a long-standing "charity culture" makes for confusing behaviors and expectations.

We also graduated and congratulated our charter class of nine reforestation protégés. Over two years, they have grown in the skills and wonder of planting trees. They fulfill our extravagant hopes of raising a next-generation of community leaders and imagining CODEP thriving well into the future.

Our work could not continue without our partnerships. One long standing partner, Building Goodness Foundation of Charlottesville, Virginia, worked this year to construct eight "incentive kays" (houses for which some CODEP workers have earned points from their performance). Kudos to them! We are ever so grateful for the many donors, volunteers, and supporters who make the dream of a prosperous and verdant Haiti tangible.



Managing in the reality of Haiti where 20 people a day knock on my door asking for help is only possible because of the miracle of CODEP. I am grateful for the life changing experience of working with astoundingly dedicated people who plant forests for their children.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

REV. DR. WILLIAM L. HATHAWAY

2022 has been a test of our abilities and commitment to the renewal of land and lives in Haiti. Our dedicated CODEP partners and our brave Executive Director, Michael Anello, inspire us in our work.

Mindful of the political chaos and violence plaguing Haiti, the Board's principle goals this year have been to support Michael, raise money for CODEP, and insistently look to the future in which our partnership enjoys a strong infrastructure of leaders, governance and accountability.

In 2022, despite the spiral of violence and upheaval in Haiti, we made real progress:

- surpassed our \$200,000 fundraising goal;

- supported Michael, our program liaison with CODEP, as he encourages innovation and organizational maturity and simply bears witness to our Haitian friends that they are not alone in their struggles;
- created a new technical partnership with a NASA intern program to document tree planting;
- extended our networks in the United States with new Board members, more speaking venues for Michael, broader online footprint, and new connections with such organizations as North Carolina Episcopal Diocese and Wilmington Friends School.

Fundamentally, we are dedicated to engaging others in the profoundly uplifting story and work of CODEP. Our donor base is a precious and committed cornerstone of this work. Churches continue to provide nearly a third of our income while we expand our individual and organizational support from environmentalists, academics, ex-pat Haitians, Rotary, and others.



This work is not sleek or glamorous. There is no quick fix to environmental and social degradation. We take great pride in our 33 plus years of work. Our "reality story" doesn't make headlines but does make a real difference.

(Photo of Michael at Friends School, Wilmington DE)

Thank you for your part in this land changing and life changing work!

A WORD FROM A DONOR

JOEL & BONNIE MILLIKAN

The folks of CODEP inspire us with their dedication and hard work reforesting the barren mountains of Haiti. Successful agroforestry over the years has rebuilt the soil, increased food supply and improved health of the people. CODEP is a model and inspiration for their families, Haiti and the world. We are delighted to be a part of the work of CODEP through our financial support of Haiti Reforestation Partners.

NASA PARTNERSHIP

JAMIE A. RHOADS

Haiti Reforestation Partnership had the privilege this year of partnering with a NASA internship program called NASA Develop. This six-week program supports advanced training of students in the use of remote sensing (aka satellite) imagery analysis. The first group was able to link historical images going back to the late 1980's up to today to evaluate the impact of CODEP plantings. A second group looked forward to try to identify areas where planting would be more successful based on environmental characteristics. The students created maps and training materials for the Animators to use.

VISION + MISSION STATEMENTS

Vision: A sustainable CODEP organization contributing to the reforestation of Haiti

Mission: Providing resources, education, and expertise in support of reforestation and agroforestry in Haiti with local community partners

2022 FINANCIAL REPORT

The year brought some financial stability after a spate of very lean years. Our income exceeded budget which allowed us to create a modest reserve to weather ebbs and flows in cash needs and to respond to emergencies.

2022 Income

Budget - \$200,000 / Actual - \$214,613

One third of our income comes from congregations; two thirds from individuals (including business matching funds and trust income generated from individuals).

2022 Expenses

Budget - \$180,600 / Actual - \$188,321

The bulk of our expenses are programmatic:

- \$122,282 - Support of CODEP (salaries and materials)
- \$50,102 - Executive Director (programs/liaison/technical support, interface with North Americans)
- \$15,937 - Administrative Support (accountant, insurance, etc.)



CODEP Leaders

CODEP Animators are led by an Executive Committee: Clement, Bastien, Carlo, Rene. One is a “tree whisperer”; another is a whiz at keeping the records. One is Mr. Innovation. Another is a master at having an ear to the ground in the community. As a team they make the complex decisions that have steered CODEP through season after season of environmental recovery.

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