A Letter from the Founders

2015 was a whirlwind of a year! More than ever, we realized the importance of having a team of people around us to love and encourage us in our ministry and lives. Community means so much, and it has honestly been our pleasure getting to know our community here in our little town in Montrouis, Haiti. We have been so fortunate to be invited into this community, as well, as we celebrated marriages of our friends, new children born to our staff and friends and more. It has been a blast to continue to see our Haitian-led ministries and businesses grow. While we have certainly had our highlights and lowlights this year, we are confident and excited to continue to move forward and continue to grow in our community of faith- linking the world we hail from and the church there in the USA to our chosen community here in Haiti and the church here. As we continue to work here, the lines between “us” and “them” only get smaller and more blurry. We know more now than ever that there is no “them”, simply “us”. It is our burden and our joy to care for the people in our community of faith around the world. Praise to God for what He is doing in Haiti as He draws us all closer to Him through reconciliation, love and justice.

Thank YOU for being a part of our community!

Steph and Ryan Robinson
2015 in Review
Some highlights from 2015:

- Grew our kids program to 75 children
- Planted and began our moringa gardening business
- Featured in several publications
- Trained 40 women in women's health care
- Hosted a mother’s conference for 50 mothers in the area
- Hosted a staff training and development weekend
- Helped 100s of people gain access to clean water and sanitation
This year was amazing. We met almost every month this year as a team of leaders, sharing what they had learned and what they had done in their areas and villages. This year, so many projects were completed, people trained and clean water and sanitation achieved. All of our staff continue to work with us in this program, venturing out into some of the darkest and most difficult places to go and work. From mountain top villages with no access to water to using a boat to get over a flood-ridden village and check on their sanitation facilities, all of these team leaders have done it all! They are focusing on growing their team and impact as they change their village one step at a time.

The Numbers:
5 full-time staff (local)
216 kids trained
1,450 people gained access to clean drinking water
468 people gained access to sanitation facilities
385 people trained in JW technologies
2493 people were impacted by these projects and training this year.
Konbit Kids

What started as 30 kids meeting once a week quickly propelled into 50 and then 75 by the year’s end! We have been so honored to watch these children grow and their community change, all because they have a mentor in their lives. Clelie, who continues to be our Family Director, leads this ministry out and has added numbers to her staff and children attending. This program continues to meet once a week for a few hours- switching what they learned, based on the day. Topics covered are: Bible, Haitian history, life lessons and skill development, sports and art.

This year, we were able to provide t-shirts for the students, thanks to Willow Creek Baptist Church, and school supplies for the incoming year. We hosted a month-long summer camp for the children- complete with fun games and a meal every day for the month of July. Thanks to a few of our friends, we were also able to host a huge Christmas day celebration for the kids and their parents, giving the kids each a Christmas gift, too!

We are looking forward to adding more numbers, classes and care to our Konbit Haiti family in 2016!
This year was wonderful, as we built on what we had already done in 2014. In regards to our facility, there have been a few new things added, as well as more of a vision for the future in regards to our permanent facility.

We have added 2 large moringa grow beds, which now are a bright part of our rented property! We have also continued to build furniture, screened doors, etc. to make our space more functional for us and for the community we serve. More than the things we have built, we have become much more of a staple in the community in general. By using our facility to host conferences and trainings and our on-going programs, we have been able to open our doors to all of our community. We are very thankful for our facility, our landlord who is also a ministry partner, and our community.

We also have identified a piece of land that we are hoping to purchase over the next few years. We have become a 501c3 in the USA and are going to apply for our status in Haiti in 2016. After this status, we will move forward with negotiations and partnerships. This land is in a prime spot- between our community in Souboy and the mountain villages we work with.
Moringa Gardening

What started as a business investment in a good friend, slowly turned into our own small business as well. Pastor George (pictured bottom left) is continuing to make a profit and work together with us in his own moringa business. As we help him promote his Haitian business, we have also been working hard on growing our own moringa to prep for international exporting. We have also enjoyed this garden and the grow beds as a focal point with new visitors, as a training point for our friends and community and as a way to grow in responsibility. As Haiti has always been a gardening culture, we are thankful to be able to begin adding to that once more.

2 grow beds constructed

2,000 moringa trees planted

2 gardeners employed

538 bags of moringa sold

15 Haitians trained

4 other moringa products tested and created by Haitian co-workers
Our Staff
Financials:

We believe that each dollar that comes in through donations, grants and our sales of our own products, needs to be put toward the things that matter. We ensure that each allocated fund goes directly to that fund and those that are designated as “general funds” go to our biggest needs. It has been a journey of faith and trust, but we believe that this is a super important part of our ministry.

Raised in 2015: $23,385
Spent in 2015: $22,056

Funds came in through:
- Ride for Refuge Canada
- Various Grants
- Monthly Donors
- Annual Donors
- Business Sponsorships
- Various Fundraisers put on by us and our board
- Sale of our moringa product