A Letter from the Founders

2014 will forever be a year remembered for its beginnings. We started this year by formally moving into our own house in Haiti, instead of using the facilities our partnering ministries always allowed us to use. We gained more vision for the future than ever before, starting this new portion of our ministry in a country we’ve worked in for years now. We experienced, first hand, how many Haitians have to live without running water and electricity- and then consequently gained another “first” for us: living off the grid on solar power.

While we experienced many “firsts”, one thing that was not new to us was the total dependence on the Lord that we experienced this year. While some of it was more intense at times, we saw God work in crazy ways- from the rearranging of our staff to the way we have been able to build upon our foundation with Justice Water Haiti. We are beyond grateful for these experiences and are so thankful for our community all over the world who has expressed so much support in our desire and dream to expand on our hearts for empowering and raising up Haitian leaders- hoping to one day create jobs and continue to train more people who can change their own country. Thank you so much for all you have poured into! We love the Haitian proverb, “Piti piti zwazo fe nich li” and we look forward to seeing how this happens in our ministry: “Little by little the bird builds its nest.” Little by little, we hope to see real change and transformation through Biblical community development and training of local leaders. Bondye beni nou anpil!

Steph and Ryan Robinson
2014 in Review
Some highlights from 2014:

Helped start a small business
Grew Justice Water Program
Started Kids' Program
Rented our Konbit Headquarters
Bought our first truck
Went "off the grid" and onto solar power
Built all chairs, tables, beds, etc.
Justice Water Haiti

This year was a big one for Justice Water on the island! As we so often had dreamt before, this was finally our year to train up and develop the leaders who had been working with us for a while. Their tenacity and determination to provide the highest quality education and projects for their communities was inspiring and we are so thankful for them! We trained over 30 people this year in an advanced year-long training of each project with us. After that, we qualified 5 community leaders who would begin their leadership work with us- bringing Justice Water into communities across the island. They successfully completed their training, know their information and are ready to go! Some of them are living and working in some of the most difficult areas of Haiti we know. We are thankful for these amazing nationals!

“When I was younger, in the villages, I always wanted to do something to help my community. However, I never knew how to do it. I couldn’t afford to go to school. I couldn’t leave my family. What could I do? I am very thankful for Justice Water and Konbit Haiti, for coming here to teach me and my community about having clean drinking water. It is very important to us here. Water is life.” - A friend in Hinche, Haiti, 2014

72 children taught
400 people gained access to clean drinking water
72 people received access to sanitation facilities
78 people trained in water and sanitation technologies
622 people impacted this year

TO EMPOWER THE IMPOVERISHED
Konbit Kids

To meet Clelie, is to know a person so full of joy and love for her own country. We were pleased to meet her last year and to hear her heart for her nation. She began working with us this year and approached us with an idea to begin a kids’ program, like she had done a few years ago. We agreed to help her with this program and we have been in awe about how it is taken off! We love hosting the children at our ministry house and love that we are a part of such a grass-roots example of loving your neighbor.

35 children served
2 Staff
1 meeting a week
20 families engaged
Development of Konbit Headquarters

One of the most important things we accomplished this year is the development of our rental facility.

When we moved in, we had a shell of a house with nothing else. In one year, we have been able to update our house to a place where community development can happen! We also have some dormitories for some of our staff here with Konbit.

10 Solar Panels purchased and installed
1 Inverter purchased and installed
16 Batteries purchased for solar system
2 Bunk beds built, countless amounts of shelves and 2 full beds were built
11 rooms painted and 2 hallways painted
30 screens installed over windows
1 table and bench built
1 well pump working
Moringa Business

Pastor Georges, a friend of ours, is a pastor by trade and a farmer by passion. He has been farming for years, spending lots of time outside creating things. We were so thrilled when Pastor Georges approached us about helping him start a moringa business. He has met with a business mentor to help him launch this off the ground. He also received a micro-loan to help fund this business! Now, just a few months in, he has already paid back the loan and is making a profit on his business.

We look forward to partnering with him in the future to educate Haitians about this miracle tree, as well as planting our own garden.

The Numbers:

$275- Original Loan

$275- paid back by the end of the year

$39- profit

$275+additional funds from grant- saved for our own moringa facility
Our Staff
Financials:

**Amount Raised:** $26,642.42  
**Amount Spent:** $26,642.42

**Funds Came Through:**
- Grants through various organizations
- Fundraisers in the USA
- Monthly donors
- Yearly donors