



Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resource Management Collaborative Research Support Program

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Trip Report: Haiti 28 January- 2 February 2013

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Purpose of Trip: Record video of three conservation agriculture workshops held at two research sites in Corporant and Maïssade; gather testimonials of workshop participants mainly comprised of farmers and agronomy students

Sites Visited: Port-Au-Prince, Cange, Hinche, and research sites at Corporant, Lachateau and Maïssade

Description of Activities:

Amy Loeffler accompanied LTRA-6 PI Tom Thompson, Co-PI Wade Thomason and Assistant In-country Coordinator Dilou Prospere to three workshops in the Central Plateau at two research sites in Corporant and Maïssade. Activities during two workshops were recorded at Corporant. Workshops targeting agriculture professionals and also agronomy students enrolled in/or graduated from Zanmi Agrikol's Centre de Formation Fritz Lafontant (CFFL) located at the research site. One other workshop was held in Maïssade and was attended by farmers and also members of the Haiti Commission of the Catholic Diocese in Richmond. Lachateau was also visited by the team to evaluate subbania, sunn hemp, and sorghum sudan cover crops, but no workshop was held there.

Key Accomplishments:

1. Established contact with the Rural Community Coordinator of Concern Worldwide, Vincent Potier, in Corporant. Marketing materials were sent to Vincent regarding the SANREM CRSP including brochures, pens and branded USB drives loaded with annual report information, as well as an email that included links to key areas of our website including links to reports and current events. Potier indicated that he would be interested in attending one of the conservation agriculture workshops while PI Thompson and Co-PI Thomason were in country.
2. Established contact with Virginia Tech student Nick Mason who is affiliated with the Bridges to Prosperity project and lives in Cange with a host family. Mason is an



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engineering graduate of Virginia Tech and has now supervised three bridge-building projects in the area. He will be in Haiti until May. Preliminary plans to write an article about Mason's work in Haiti were discussed.

3. Visited all three research locations for this project (Corporant, Lachateau, Maïssade) and met with agronomists and partner staff affiliated with the project and evaluate aforementioned cover crops.
4. Met with representatives of the Haitian Development Committee of the Haiti Commission of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond (Jay Brown, Ben Burrell and Sheryl Burrell). There was discussion of sharing multimedia assets between Virginia Tech and the HDC. Amy Loeffler will collaborate with the HDC in the coming weeks to share photographs and footage of the workshops for HDC use. Loeffler has already provided some photographs to Ben Burrell of the workshop in Maïssade.
5. Reinforced established relationships with key partners and saw significant advancement on site at Corporant with Zanmi Agrikol (Gillaine Warne, Reginald Cean, Jean-Phillipe Dorzin and Fereste Sonneus).

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