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 Subject: Haiti Trip January 2012

Mike and I just returned from Haiti, where we had an amazingly successful trip. We had no problem getting the 500 Breadfruit plants into Haiti, we had all the US quarantine plant documentation ready to show the customs officers at the airport. The customs officers were so excited to see the plants and thanked us for bringing them. They also asked for a few samples! We were met at the airport by Floresta Haiti and Three Angels Children's Relief. Floresta Haiti is a well established reforestation organization and are happy to partner with us to plant the breadfruit trees in rural areas.

Three Angels Children's Relief has offered to collect future shipments of plants and grow them for 4 months before distributing them to groups for planting. They have very experienced agronomy staff and hope to set up a plant nursery. We visited many potential growing areas and made sure that the growers can secure a good growing environment and be accountable for the trees they receive.

A lovely Haitian lady and friend, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The hotel is recovering after the 2010 earthquake which collapsed a 5 story building collapsed killing many people including her 7 year old grandson. [REDACTED] has expressed a commitment to helping us on a long term basis. She helped us set up a meeting on the grounds. We met under an ancient mahogany tree and over 30 people came. Most were Haitian and many were young and all were excited to hear and help. We showed breadfruit products that are being made in Jamaica, Barbados and Indonesia with very low tech equipment.

We discovered that the varieties of existing breadfruit trees in Haiti are not as good a variety as those of the Pacific and Jamaica so the introduction of new Ma'afala variety will be very beneficial.

Recipients of the donated trees included three orphanages, the new botanical Gardens, watershed restoration groups, other small organizations and a few interested individuals. The need and interest in breadfruit is so great.

We were very pleased with the trip. We hope to be able to ship in 1000 trees a month by the end of the year. If we can sustain that number for 10 years we will reach our goal of 1 million trees and achieve year round sustainable breadfruit production, and a local market.

Thanks for your support.

Mary and Mike McLaughlin
 Trees That Feed Foundation

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