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Spring 2025 Newsletter



Father Bruno is turning 80!



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## Bòn Fèt Father Bruno!

Sunday,  
July 27th

## 100,000 Trees AND MORE



A Legacy Project to Reforest Northeast  
Haiti and Break Generational Poverty

*Making a Difference in Haiti*

## ST. BARTHÉLÉMY HIGHLIGHTS!



St. Barthélémy students were busy making artwork, singing, dancing, and performing music for Valentine's Day!

Scan the QR code below to visit our YouTube channel to see the Happy Valentine's Day video with adorable preschoolers singing and dancing, followed by 12th graders' beautiful voices!

Be sure also to check out the video showcasing a clip of the talented St. Barthélémy Band at their Valentine's Day Concert!



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The preschoolers also learned how to make hearts with their hands, showing their appreciation for your incredible support!



Take a peek inside the classrooms to see these minds at work! Throughout this spring semester, St. Barthélémy students have been learning their letters and numbers, making music, studying and playing with their classmates, and so much more!



## FATHER BRUNO TURNS 80 ON SUNDAY, JULY 27TH!

In honor of Father Bruno's birthday, we have included a response card for you to complete and return to us! We are excited to compile together the array of special memories with Father Bruno over the years! Scan the QR code below ▼ to enjoy the special archived podcast with Father Bruno as he highlights his life experiences!



## JOYEUX ANNIVERSAIRE DE MARIAGE!

On March 29th, Father Bruno and Madame Bruno celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary! Watch the special video of the two as they walk down memory lane, talking about how they met and special moments of their life together in Haiti by scanning the QR code on the right! ►



## BUILDING RESILIENCE AT THE FAMILY FARM LEVEL 100,000 TREES AND MORE . . . A LEGACY PROJECT TO REFOREST NORTHEAST HAITI AND BREAK GENERATIONAL POVERTY

For 2025, Jatrofa Projenou (JP), the agricultural program that Bethlehem Ministry helps support, has a major initiative: **One Hundred Thousand Trees AND MORE**. The eroding mountains of Haiti are covered with small family farms that are stuck in a cycle of poverty-driven farming practices that further damage the land and don't produce enough food to avoid malnutrition or enough income to cover basic necessities. JP has optimized how to achieve sustainable results that rescue these poverty-stricken family farms and has a proven track record. This year, JP aims to plant 100,000 trees and rescue over 75 farms as part of this major initiative to scale up its impact. But 100,000 trees is just the beginning of the program. **JP's unique expertise and approach are where the "AND MORE" comes in!** JP does NOT just stick trees in the ground. JP's success comes from its focus on partnering with - and building relationships at - the family farm unit. JP's Haitian agronomist-foresters, who are experts at the challenges of the northeast region, engage in careful planning on the front end, taking into account a given farm's specific agricultural, ecological, and economic situation, create a plan for a sustainable farm ecosystem (known as agroforestry), work with the farm in implementing that plan, and then provide continuing follow-up support over the next year. By the end of a year, barren land is visibly transformed, and families are well on their way to food security and improved livelihoods. **100,000 Trees AND MORE is a legacy project that will break the cycle of human poverty and environmental collapse. Now it is time to SCALE UP, but we need your help to do that!**



**Amazingly, the cost to rescue ONE ENTIRE family farm, which typically supports a multi-generational family of 8-15 people, including planting approximately 1300 trees at that farm, and ALL of the support to help ensure the success of the agroforestry project, is only \$1800! Just as amazingly, due to JP's comprehensive one-year partnership with each farm it assists, these trees have an unheard-of 98% survival rate!**

*A typical day: this woman heads up to join her family to work their little farm. Tragically, it doesn't produce enough food, resulting in her family suffering from malnutrition.*



**Thinking about Mother's Day?**  
Kids for Change is taking a break this year so that JP can focus their efforts on 100,000 trees AND MORE. Please consider honoring your mom and the other special women in your life by giving the gift of trees to families in Haiti this year!



◀ You can help by making a donation designated for "JP" or "Sustainability."

# RECENT EVENTS YOU CAN REPLICATE AND A CALL FOR YOUR IDEAS!

We are thrilled with the amazing events held already this year to fundraise and spread the word about our work! It would be great to see some of these replicated (TIP: feeding people seems to be a recipe for success!). Bethlehem Ministry can help facilitate you, your church, or another group you are a part of with staging an event like these:

- **Frank & Sons Neighborhood Bistro of Athens** donated a percentage of their sales for two nights. Supporters enjoyed terrific food and helped a great cause!
- **Ormond Beach Presbyterian Church** held a luncheon and presentation, during which Rachel Bruno spoke. As a special surprise, they served Soup Joumou (also known as Haitian Freedom Soup). It was delicious and a huge hit! We are happy to share their \*Madame Bruno approved\* recipe upon request.
- **Athens Academy French Club** sold yummy crêpes to raise funds for their St. Barthélémy sponsored student!



What are YOUR requests and ideas for events and fundraising? Our suggestion box is open!  
 Email: [info@bethlehemministry.org](mailto:info@bethlehemministry.org)

## BETHLEHEM MINISTRY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Bethlehem Ministry relies heavily on an incredibly hardworking Board of Directors. We are pleased to have the amazing group of directors named on the right for our 2025 Board! We also are incredibly grateful for Lauren Brown and Tom Wilfong, who completed their many years of board service at the end of 2024.

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**Translation Help Volunteers Wanted** We occasionally need help translating materials from French or Haitian Creole to English or vice versa. Please email us at [info@bethlehemministry.org](mailto:info@bethlehemministry.org) if you are interested in helping with this!

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## WAYS TO DONATE TO BETHLEHEM MINISTRY

- **MAIL A CHECK:** PO Box 48387, Athens, GA 30604
- **FOR CREDIT CARD OR BANK DRAFT:**  
 Go to [bethlehemministry.org](http://bethlehemministry.org) or scan the QR code ▶



Help make Father Bruno's 80th birthday special by providing your memories and greetings!



RETURN THIS CARD IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED or you may complete this form online by scanning this QR code or going to <https://tinyurl.com/FatherBrunoBonFet>

My/our name is: \_\_\_\_\_

When and how I/we first met Father Bruno: \_\_\_\_\_

My/our favorite memory of Father Bruno is: \_\_\_\_\_

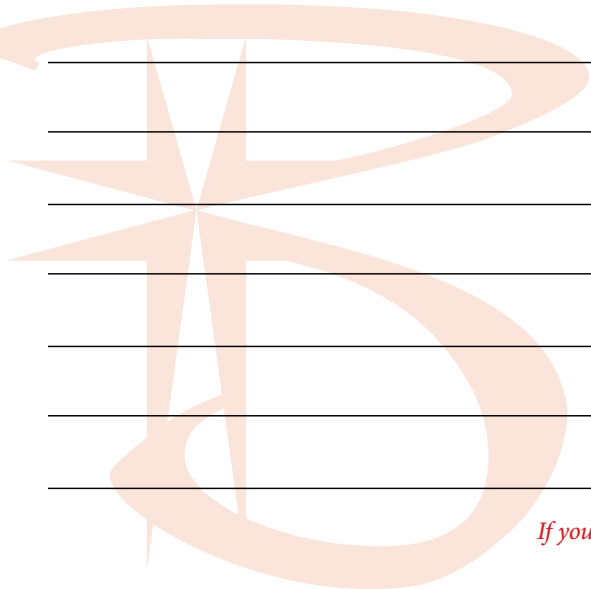
Birthday greetings, prayers and wishes: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Additional space on reverse for responses or anything else you wish to write!*





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*If you have photos or other files you would like to provide, please email them to [info@bethlehemministry.org](mailto:info@bethlehemministry.org)*



## QR CODE "HOW TO" GUIDE

You probably have noticed QR ("Quick Response") codes everywhere these days, including in our newsletter. QR codes are a great way for us to quickly direct you to a location on the web with more information than fits in the newsletter or to a video on our YouTube channel. QR codes are bar codes that your smartphone has a built-in "decoder" for. That decoder translates the QR code into a web address. So "scanning" a QR code is like clicking on a link to navigate to a webpage on the internet, but by using your phone's camera!



*Making a Difference in Haiti*

*See reverse side  
for step-by-step  
instructions on how to  
scan a QR Code.*



## **IF YOU HAVEN'T USED A QR CODE, WE'D ENCOURAGE YOU TO GIVE IT A TRY:**

1. Open your phone's camera application like you are about to take a picture of something in front of you
2. Point the camera at the QR code, center on the QR code, and make sure to get a full view of the QR code (but do NOT actually try to take a picture - keep your fingers off that big round button!)
3. Hold your phone steady and simply WAIT for a second or two (your phone needs a moment to recognize the QR code and retrieve the requested URL)
4. After a second or two, a prompt allowing you to open a link in your phone's default internet browser should appear on your phone screen (where on the screen and how exactly this prompt looks will depend on your type of smartphone). The example pictured is an iPhone, and the prompt is the yellow "Open in . . ."
5. Tap that prompt with your finger, and your phone's internet browser should automatically open to the webpage that the QR code specified