

MORNING STAR FISHERMEN

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Internship Program

For the past two years Morning Star Fishermen has been participating in an Internship Program with Hillsborough Community College, of Tampa Florida, hosting students from Jamaica, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, Panama, and Nicaragua, who were hand picked by their countries to participate in this special Associates in Aquaculture program and administered by Georgetown University, underwritten by USAID, and the Cooperative Association of Student Scholarship Program (CASS). The students must return home and serve two more years working to develop and aquaculture program within their community, or working in an existing program, they are taught to



be ambassadors, to live in their homeland, and to help in their community. Each student who interned at MSF will return home with the knowledge and contacts they will need to build an Aquaponics system, a self contained unit where the fish (Tilapia) provide the fertilizer needed to feed the plants, and the plants clean the water for the fish. Simplicity is taught and not a lot of technology is needed, which is the way of life in most of the Third World Countries. The fish eat algae,

therefore you don't need to buy feed, and the plants feed off the waste from the fish, no chemicals are needed, thereby creating a naturally organic closed loop system. Depending on soil conditions, and water availability, about the only thing needed is some easily built filtration, and some pumps and some PVC piping, and maybe a plastic liner or concrete blocks for holding tanks. Cost to build a basic small system would be around \$2000, for a system to feed a family early. This program is planned to continue for at least the next 4 years, and if funding is approved by USAID, will continue longer.

Haiti Training Center

We entered into a joint venture with Love a Child who is in Phase II construction of the Pierre Toussaint Hope Center and Orphanage in Fond Parisien. Morning Star Fishermen has designed an expandable fish farm, and is in charge of over site of construction of the 10 tanks,

sending a team in November to install all the piping, filtration system, greenhouse roof, the hydroponic growing stations, stocking the fish, starting the seedling plants, and the training of staff to manage the system. Once complete this will become our Training Center for the Caribbean Basin, along with supplying necessary food for the Hope Center. This location will make it



easier for people throughout the Caribbean Basin to travel to Haiti to receive the same training we offer in Dade City, Florida, but not have the same travel restrictions to adhere to since 9-11. The Hope Center is a 100 acre fenced complex that will have its own security to assure everyone's safety. This is a major commitment for Morning Star Fishermen, but we know God has put us together with Bobby & Sherry Burnette, of Love a Child for a purpose, and we are all excited to see what God is going to do through our obedience. Christian Television Network, CTN, Channel 22, in Largo Florida has assisted in the fundraising efforts for this project, however there is still a shortfall, so if God puts it on your heart to help, we sure can use it.

Curriculum Development Updated Website

We are extremely fortunate to have Dr Cliff Matousek, of Literacy for Haiti, coming on board for approximately 6-9 months, to assist us in the development of our curriculum, and in it's translation into Creole and Spanish. He will be developing the curriculum in a manner that anyone with a limited education, as you would find in any Third World Country, and create it in such a way that they will be able to understand and learn the basics of aquaculture. He will be doing graphics, simple charts, video, and possibly some animation. The focus will be simplicity and back to basics education. We are grateful to Dr. Matousek for volunteering his precious time to help us in this major endeavor.



We have been actively working on getting our website updated and with the help of Lora Rozkowski of Roz designz. If you go to our site you will see the new graphics, pictures, sound, animation and a user friendly environment, I know you will enjoy your visit at <http://www.morningstarfishermen.org> , and you will see what a wonderful job Lora has been able to do for us. Click on all the links and you will find many wonderful sites to review, all of which are people and organizations we know and support, and in some way they are helping us too. If your Ministry would like to establish a link

with us, please contact us at morningstarfishermen@earthlink.net

What's New

We are in the final planning stage for bringing our first student to our Dade City Training Center from Africa. His name is Samuel Kofi Diame, and he is from Tettegu, a suburb of Accra, Ghana-West Africa. His family has a large tract of land, surrounded by a river, and he wants to learn fish farming, so he can go back and begin the first Tilapia fish farm in Ghana. He is expecting to come in November, and should be with us for three months. We have sent the authorization letter of his acceptance into our training program so he can get the proper documentation started through the American Embassy in Ghana. We are waiting to hear from him to make sure the documents arrived. Please keep this in you Prayers that he has favor with our embassy, and all his finances will be provided for his trip and training.



How You Can Help

As you can see we have a lot going on at Morning Star Fishermen, and that is only the big projects we mentioned. We still have needs on a daily basis, for example, cutting 10 acres of grass, maintenance on our buildings, the fish tanks, our equipment, phone bills, electric bills, internet expenses, gasoline for equipment and vehicles, parts/materials, office supplies, stamps, and on and on. We need your help so that God's Vision will continue, as you Pray about how you can help, which is the most important thing you can do, let us give you a few suggestions. Come and volunteer there is a tremendous amount of work to do daily, stay with us in our dormitory, or bring your RV, we have some hook-ups. Donate vans, trucks, tractors, large riding mowers, or golf carts. If you're in a position to financially Bless us, consider monthly support, of \$20, \$50, \$100, \$200, or what ever the Lord puts on your heart. As you plant a seed in good soil, God will multiply it and return it to you as a Blessing in your life. We cannot experience a harvest without first planting the seed. You can donate through our website, or use the enclosed envelope. If you have items to donate call us at 352-523-2722, so we can make arrangements.

God Bless You,

Hans & Sigrid Geissler , Founders

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