



News from INHO

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Christmas at Beth-Tikva.

INHO stands for “Investir dans l’homme,” which can be translated as “Invest in Humankind.” We are a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving children, youth, and young adults from less fortunate neighbourhoods and remote areas in Haiti. We aim to empower children, youth, and young adults to rise above adversity.

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Greetings from Fr. Robert

“There is an urgent need to recognize that the poor are usually victims, not to blame, and for sustained efforts to improve their conditions.”

The first sign of hope is the desire for peace in a world plagued by war. Despite past horrors, humanity faces new trials, with many people suffering from brutality and violence. There is a plea for help that world leaders must heed to resolve regional conflicts and prevent global consequences. We dream of a world where weapons fall silent and peace prevails. Pope Francis said: **“I ask with all my heart that hope be granted to the billions of the poor, who often lack the essentials of life.”** The pontiff emphasizes the importance of searching for concrete steps towards peace and tireless diplomacy to seek lasting solutions. That will give hope to billions of poor people who lack essentials for life.

As new forms of impoverishment emerge, it's easy to become desensitized, but we must acknowledge and address these dramatic situations globally and locally. The poor, who often face homelessness and exclusion, are the majority of the world's population. Despite abundant resources, their issues are often sidelined in discussions. There is an urgent need to recognize that the poor are usually victims, not to blame, and for sustained efforts to improve their conditions.

God bless,

Fr Robert



Fr. Robert.



Around Beth-Tikva

House of Hope

Beth-Tikva is a safe, stable, and nurturing home for 25 boys and girls. About 12 other children come for the day only.

We provide responsive caregiving, a stress-free environment, and opportunities for learning.

All kids go to public school five days a week. We help them with homework and expose them to subjects not covered in the public school curriculum, such as climate change and computer classes.

We teach them about mutual respect, love, tolerance, and living as a family. Everyone has a chore at Beth-Tikva!



Mealtime at Beth-Tikva.



Everyone lends a hand with the washing.



A place to rest and share a meal.



Behind the scenes

Around Beth-Tikva



Helping in the kitchen.



Homework time.



Preparing food together.



Computer learning.



Behind the scenes

Around Beth-Tikva



Time for schoolwork.



Sharing household chores.



Sebby's first birthday

In September, our youngest one, Sebby, got really sick and was taken to the hospital. After eight days, he was released from the hospital. He recently celebrated his first birthday!



Sebby in hospital.



Visiting Sebby in hospital.



Sebby celebrates his first birthday!



Making school uniforms

Activities at Beth-Tikva

We organized a few activities for the children these past few months. Below are some highlights!

Schools reopened this October. The children helped make their uniforms!

Getting ready to go to school!



Uniforms ready for school.



The children help sew their uniforms.



At the sewing machine.

Behind the scenes

Making school uniforms



Working on the uniforms.



Learning to sew.



Getting ready to leave for school.



Ready for the new school year.



Behind the scenes

Making school uniforms



Backpacks packed.



Gathering before school.



Looking out for one another.



Our school community.

Making avocado oil

In November, Mr. Wadd Sadira, agronomist, led a workshop on how to make avocado oil.

Nineteen children and youth attended, many between 12 and 24 years of age.

Attendees received “how-to” information and hands-on experience.



Mr. Wadd Sadira leads the workshop.



The workshop group.



Participants with their how-to notes.



Behind the scenes

Making avocado oil



Following the instructions.



Preparing the avocados.



Mashing the avocado flesh.



Everyone joins in.



Behind the scenes

Making avocado oil



Working side by side.



Making oil together.



Hands-on learning.



Preparing the mixture.



Behind the scenes

Making avocado oil



Heating the avocado mixture.



Watching the process.



The finished avocado oil.



Raising awareness of climate change

We held a conference to raise awareness of climate change. Berson, Medjine, and Carla were the main speakers!

Children, parents, teachers, and neighbours attended.

Homeowners received a fruit tree to be planted in their backyard.



Our climate-change speakers.



Sharing what we've learned.



Presenting to the community.



Behind the scenes

Raising awareness of climate change



Joining the conference remotely.



Speaking about climate change.



Young voices at the conference.



Listening to the presentations.



Behind the scenes

Raising awareness of climate change



Together at the conference.



The audience joins the discussion.



Our conference participants.



A group photograph after the conference.



Behind the scenes

Raising awareness of climate change



A fruit tree to plant at home.



Young participants at the conference.



Sharing a fruit tree.



Presenting a tree to a participant.



Listening together.

Christmas celebration

On December 24, the children celebrated Christmas. They had dinner together, and each child received a gift.

As part of the festivities, the girls had a pajama party!



Christmas at the House of Hope.



A festive moment by the tree.



Celebrating Christmas together.

Behind the scenes

Christmas celebration



Gifts around the tree.



Christmas keepsakes.



Each child received a gift.



Christmas caps and school uniforms.



Behind the scenes

Christmas celebration



A group selfie.



The girls' Christmas pajama party.



Pajama-party smiles.



Celebrating with friends.

Upcoming activities

Farming and gardening: We lost our goats in Cazale, and it won't be easy going back there given gang-related violence. Bill and Wadd, INHO young adults, will start a new program in the northern part of Haiti, in a place called Pilate. We will start a goat farm and begin growing cereal and beans.

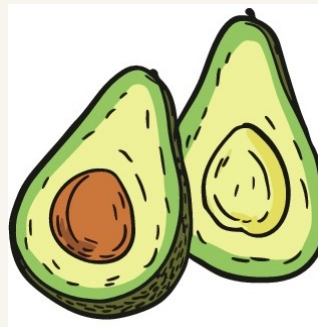
Making vegetable and avocado oil: We will continue hosting workshops to teach the kids how to make vegetable and avocado oil.



Farming and gardening.



Plans for a new goat farm.



Continuing the avocado workshops.



Making vegetable and avocado oil.



Fundraising in Montreal

The Latino Group of Friends, led by Maria Valdes, have been very busy this year organizing food and yard sales. They have donated all proceeds to INHO. We are deeply grateful for their time and contribution.

Here they are at the bazaar held at St. Théophile on December 7, 2024.



The Latino Group of Friends at the St. Théophile bazaar, December 7, 2024.



Challenges and how to help

Immediate needs

The biggest challenge is finding funds to support our work. Below are some immediate needs:

House rental: The lease on the children's home ends in March 2025. Please help us renew it by contributing towards the rent.

Home visits by a doctor: Given the healthcare crisis in Haiti, we arranged for a medical doctor to visit Beth-Tikva. Contributions to cover home visits are welcome.

University fees: Jemina has been with INHO since the beginning and just finished high school. She'd like to go to university in the fall of 2025. Contributions towards annual fees are welcome.

Furniture for Beth-Tikva: Given gang-related problems, we opened Beth-Tikva to provide shelter to kids in need. We opened the house with nothing. The children are sleeping on mattresses laid on the floor, which they also use to sit and eat. Beds, chairs, and tables are needed.

School supplies and Christmas gifts (2025): Fr. Robert has started buying school supplies and gifts for Christmas 2025.



The little ones at Beth-Tikva.



How to help

To donate and contribute towards any of our immediate needs:

If you live in Canada and would like to donate or arrange an e-transfer, contact info@incho.org. For questions about tax receipts, contact Fr. Robert at 1.438.340.6821 or directly at dominique@incho.org.

If you live in the U.S.A. and would like to donate, please contact info@incho.org. Our U.S. supporters named in this issue are Nancy Duchatelier (New Jersey), Patrick and Gieberthe Dorsainville (Brooklyn, N.Y.), and Dr. Jean Edouard-Feyette (Brooklyn, N.Y.).

Donate items for the kids, such as summer clothing, French books, and nonperishable food. Please call Fr. Robert at 1.438.340.6821.

Volunteer! Interested? Please send us an email at info@incho.org.

Advertise your business for a small fee in our biannual newsletter. Contact Fr. Robert at 1.438.340.6821 or info@incho.org.



Computer learning at Beth-Tikva.



Thank-you corner

We thank God for you and all the blessings received this year. We also extend our heartfelt thank-you to:

- Estate of Fr. Gerald A. Sinel
- Knights of Columbus Montreal Council 284 (Ladies' Auxiliary)
- Immaculate Conception Franciscan Fraternity
- Our team in Haiti and Montreal
- Latino Group of Friends
- Food for the Poor (FFP) in Haiti
- Our donors
- Our volunteers



Care and affection at Beth-Tikva.



About Haiti corner

Did you know Haiti was the French Empire's richest colony during the 18th century? Today, it is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere.

"Helping hands are better than praying lips."
Mother Teresa

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Haiti's mountain landscape.