



# Hope for Haiti®

*Happy Father's Day!*



**Send an Ecard!**

Send your father an e-card with a donation to support reforestation in Haiti!

Here's a video of Michel, our staff agronomist, giving a reforestation update

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**Fourth Annual Hope for Haiti Pub Crawl August 2nd!**

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## Celebrating Father's Day with Hard Work and a Smile



As Hope for Haiti celebrates Father's Day this year, it's not hard to smile; just take a look at Michel Jean-Duquais and his three children. Michel Domingue Olivert, 7 years old, Michel Rose Cassandre, 4 years old, and Michel Rose Irlandehilary, 3 years old, live with their father in Les Cayes, Haiti. Sharing the same infectious smile as them, it's apparent that Michel is devoted to his children. Michel, 39 years old, was born in Grand-Anse, near Jeremie to a farming family. Without many memories of his own father, Michel opens up on the importance of not only being a father, but on being a good role model and why education should be a priority. ***"A good father has to think about his family, to have a job and encourage his children to go to school, give them food, send them to the hospital when they are sick, and play with them too."***

As a father of three young children. Michel is no stranger to working hard. "When I was growing up, I saw my parents and neighbors working on the land, planting bananas, coffee, and potatoes. If you want to have food, to feed your children or your nation, you have to work the land. It's not a surprise, it's an obligation," said Michel when describing the considerations parents must make for their children and also on what led him to become an agronomist. Michel is part of Hope for Haiti's Sustainable Communities team and focuses on agriculture and reforestation in Southern Haiti. Michel thinks that Hope for Haiti's work is important because in a poor country like Haiti, "most people cannot send their children to school, can't send them to a hospital when they are sick. Hope for Haiti has reforestation programs, which contributes to rebuilding the country. This is important in Haiti, especially in Les Cayes." Michel believes it is important for him to give back by showing people how to plant and take care of the land so they, too, can have food for their children.

Help Hope for Haiti reach its goal of **1,000** likes on Facebook by the end of June. If you haven't already liked our page. Please click here!



Check out Haitian TV coverage of the REAL Award ceremony & 5th anniversary of the Infirmary of St. Etienne in Les Cayes, Haiti

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Join us and celebrate our **25th Anniversary Gala "Passport to the Heart"**



When Michel thinks about what his children may be when they grow up, he laughs and says, "they are too young to be thinking of that!" Though, regardless of where they end up, he hopes that "they go to high-school and are able to take care of themselves." For now, he loves to play with them, go to church and go to the beach. And of course, share his bright smile with them.

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### Kreyòl/Creole Corner

**Men anpil, chay pa lou.**

Many hands make a load lighter.

*"What do I hope my children learn from me? I would like to tell them to appreciate people; so when people do something good- they congratulate them. Share things with people who need help, be respectful, and like to work!"*

Join us this June to celebrate Haitian fathers like Michel Jean-Duquais who work hard to give their children an education and opportunity to dream big!



### MAKE AN IMPACT


Contribute to the success of Hope for Haiti's growing Sustainable Communities and Reforestation Program in honor of Father's Day!

**Every Dollar Counts!**

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Please follow our updates [From the Field](#) and on  [Twitter](#). If you have any questions, please contact our office at [239-434-7183](tel:239-434-7183). Thank you! Mesi Anpil!

