



# Trees That Feed Foundation Annual Report 2019–2020

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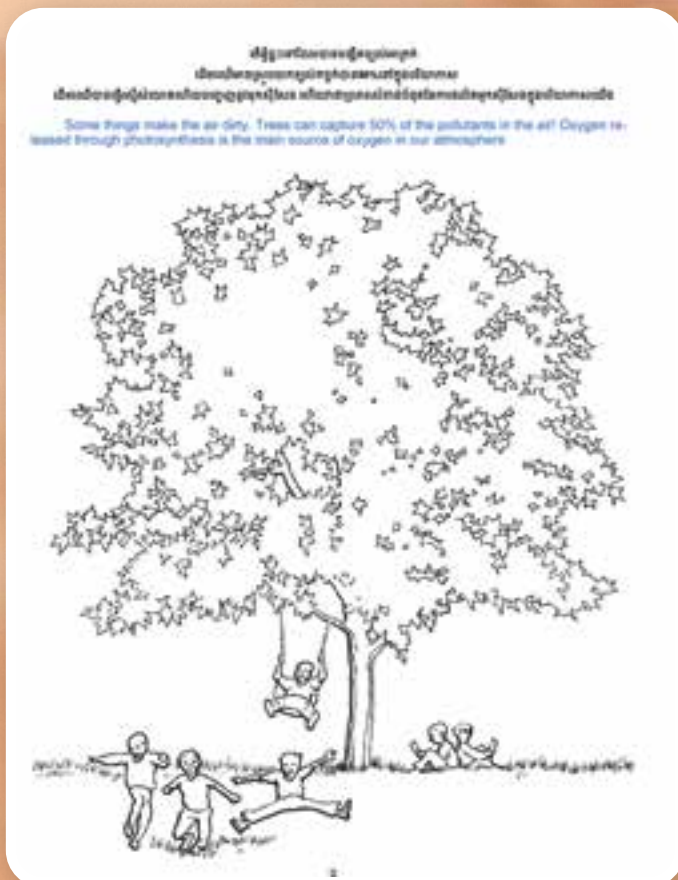
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PLANTING FRUIT TREES TO FEED PEOPLE,  
CREATE JOBS AND BENEFIT THE ENVIRONMENT



# Coloring Books



Our activity/coloring book has become a huge success. Each page has pictures to color, bilingual captions and facts or lessons about the benefits of fruit trees. We also provide a teacher's guide. Already in English, Haitian Creole, French, Spanish, Swahili, Bahasa and Khmer, we keep getting requests to publish more!

## From the Chair



Hello everyone,

*Trees That Feed Foundation* continues to move right along, with a little help from our friends! 2019 was another successful year.

We held steady in our core areas and expanded operations in supporting programs. We provided nearly 25,000 high quality fruit trees in Jamaica, Haiti, Puerto Rico, Barbados, Ghana, Kenya and Uganda. As we become more active in Africa we invited Joe Matara, originally from Kenya, to join our Board of Directors. More details follow in this report. We also delivered food processing equipment including our TTFF-designed hybrid solar dryer which has proved a great success.

We operate other programs to gain the full benefit from the trees. We increased our school programs, supplying both nutritious meals and educational materials. The meals come from fruit trees while the coloring book teaches about tree planting. These programs are a real investment in the future. We conducted field research, building the information needed to facilitate both the buy-side and sell-side of the breadfruit market. These programs are well integrated, leading to permanent food supply and sustained economic benefits.

We expanded operations despite somewhat of a slowdown in contributions. Two large grants ended while individual donations also declined. Changes in US tax law may have disincentivized charitable contributions. We anticipated the changes and had built up a small reserve, so our programs were unaffected.

In 2019 we began to share our stories more widely, by interacting with other groups more, and increasing social media advertising. We want to explain our integrated approach more clearly, showing how it's preferable to plant solutions. There's more to success than sticking a vulnerable young seedling into a hole in the ground! You, our generous supporters, can help by talking to your friends and associates, spreading the word, so that more of this kind of integrated charitable work can continue.

It looks like 2020 will be a more challenging year. As we write this the coronavirus has spread worldwide. We are staying in and being careful. Our work has slowed down somewhat, but not stopped. People in our various countries still need to eat, and the farmers still need to tend to their crops. Hopefully we can all get back to normal soon.

Meanwhile, we take comfort in the thanks we've received over the years. You'll see a few acknowledgments sprinkled around this report ... all made possible by your support! Thank you!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary McLaughlin". The script is cursive and fluid.

Mary McLaughlin

Chair, Trees That Feed Foundation



## COVER STORY

### Africa: East and West

In our 2018 Annual Report we reported on breadfruit trees delivered to East Africa, courtesy of Joe Matara, Nick De Koning, Mary Kibai, Saimon Mollel and Fiona Barretto. We recently got a report from **Joe Matara** that those trees have survived and are thriving. The GRACE initiative led by Joe continues to see tremendous interest in the trees. This is because of their productivity, versatility and health benefits of breadfruit. Social media groups over there clamored for more trees, and we delivered 1,150 more in 2019 to Kenya and 2,422 to Uganda.

TFFF had donated breadfruit trees to Ghana way back in 2012. And we funded trees to Liberia, in West Africa, back in 2014. So we've been in West Africa quite a while. In 2019 we delivered more trees in Ghana. Let's quote **Rudy Nartey** himself:

"In 2019, we planted breadfruit seedlings and distributed seedlings around the eastern region of Ghana. There was difficulty distributing the trees because the farmers had fears about the success of the trees on Ghana soil and additionally concerns about the value they would have for humanity. As the breadfruit was harvested and cooked, the demand for more trees to plant increased as local farmers expressed interest in the trees."

Chef **John Jurai Oduro** is one of the Ghanaian chefs promoting breadfruit and creating interesting new recipes. One example is melon breadfruit juice drink.

TFFF is working with other partners also in Ghana.

**Kwesi Agwani** is currently pursuing his PhD in South Africa. This project is supported by 50 farmers in Ghana with 1,000 breadfruit trees. All of the trees have been successfully planted and are currently doing well. The trees were imported by **Tacarra Birmingham**. The variety of trees include Pua'a from Germany, Ulu fiti, and Ma'afala. The second phase of the project is to assemble breadfruits from growing fields to teach farmers how to utilize the products.

As in the Caribbean, we may be able to move to the next phase of these projects, by providing food processing equipment so the farmers can create value-added, post-harvest products.

This is part of the secret to the success of *Trees That Feed Foundation*. We identify trustworthy, skilled partners and collaborate with them to give developing communities a boost, with the ultimate goal of self sufficiency. We get by with a little help from our friends!



Rudy Nartey





## HOPE FOR HEALTH, HAITI: Multi-dimensional partnership

A month or so after Hurricane Matthew struck Haiti in 2016, an email arrived at *Trees That Feed*. It was from a lady named **Mary Benner**. She introduced herself as the director of two clinics that operated in 15 villages in southern Haiti. She wondered if *Trees That Feed* might work with them to prevent malnutrition and create sustainable community development. *Hope for Health* has served over 25,000 people in nutritional clinics by working with village leaders, training them, and building ongoing support especially for children.

Our Mary recognized a kindred spirit right away. She sent along a coupon for 100 fruit trees to replace lost crops, and talked with the other Mary to see how to help the communities.

Fast forward a bit. *Hope for Health* needed 500 of our coloring/activity books in Haitian Creole. They planned a conference with representatives from some of their communities. Their local man was able to pick them up from our inventory at Three Angels in Port au Prince and get them delivered.

Mary Benner has set up a small breadfruit processing factory. TTFF has already provided equipment including a shredder and grinder. But as *Hope for Health* grew in capacity they also needed a solar dryer. The TTFF dryer dehydrates fruit, giving a perishable product a much longer shelf life. A friend who was a local metal worker, **Kenzy**, was named as the man who could build a dryer to our specifications.

Now, their builder has not only completed that first solar dryer but has built several more! The latest count is four. The first one went to our friend **Pierre-moise Louis**, in Jeremie, where it's in near-continuous use for making breadfruit flour. One was sold to another community. HFH is using theirs to serve the local community. They're drying mangoes when in season, and breadfruit otherwise. They are very pleased with the results!

Trees, educational books and food producing equipment ... many dimensions. As we help them, our partners at *Hope for Health* are helping us in return, leveraging up our mission and helping to increase production of solar dryers!



Haitian Dad teaching his son  
how to plant



Solar dryer



Demonstrating Nemco manual  
food shredder

# The Effort Vision Story

**M**ike and Mary heard of **Effort Vision** back in 2016. The country director had heard about TTFF, and wanted to talk. Their community in Haiti had plenty of breadfruit trees in the surrounding area. They wanted to make breadfruit flour for its long shelf life, and wanted to build solar dryers according to our design. It was the beginning of a long and successful relationship. We gave them help and guidance. Later that year **John Baynes** and **Pastor Emmanus** visited Chicago and saw our prototype dryer in person. Based on our design they completed four dryers and located them on the flat roof of their church building.

In 2017 we visited their church and small factory in Montrouis, Haiti. A few employees worked together and produced small pastries from the breadfruit flour and sold them locally. TTFF decided to purchase a quantity of their flour and have it distributed to schools locally and in Port au Prince. That's been continuing ever since. Thanks go to **James Charles** who executes on the ground including handling all the deliveries. Despite

the unrest in the country, as schools were being closed James, **Rony** and the team identified other worthwhile groups and were able to deliver breadfruit flour and porridge mix, while at some personal risk.

**Dawn** and **John Ashford** founded the organization in 2007 and continue to lead the organization. They provide support both physically and spiritually. Through a revolving loan program they have encouraged the development of cottage businesses. Several small businesses have been created, generating income for families. Dawn tells us that the breadfruit program has been their most successful! *Trees That Feed* is ecstatic that we've been able to partner with Effort Vision to the benefit of the Montrouis community.



Eric Swanson Mission of Hope. Enthusiastic young farmers, ready to plant fruit trees in Haiti



James and Rony



## Interactive Map of Jamaica

**T**TFF loves to help people, but we want them to become independent of our support too. How can that happen? Only if we help to create jobs. We want our fruit trees to lead to markets, to earn incomes, and ultimately lead to self-sufficiency. Our vision is food and economic independence.

Unfortunately in many of our countries, it's not so easy. Simple logistics get in the way. If you're a farmer, how do you find purchasers? If you're looking to buy fruit in quantity, where are the farmers? It's been word of mouth only. *Trees That Feed* decided to help. We want greater efficiency for fruit buyers and sellers to get together.

This map has some of the answers. Visit our website to see it live. Here's the link:

<https://treesthatfeed.org/jamaica/breadfruit-logistics>

It took a few months to collect this data. Our interactive map (below) shows locations of farmers with at least ten breadfruit trees clustered closely enough to make harvesting efficient. The user clicks on each point to see details including how many trees are at each location, and the farmer's contact information. In a different color

it shows locations of buyers and processing facilities. Buyers and sellers can find each other quickly. Already one producer has used the information on this map.

**Shavuot Farms** has bought enough breadfruit to produce over two tons of breadfruit flour, to date.

Getting this information meant visiting hundreds of sites in Jamaica. Thanks go to **Mr. Syran Stewart** in Portland, also **Dan Backman, JB Scherpelz, Randika de Mel** and **Afia Adobah**, who volunteered for TTF as part of their Master's degree Capstone projects.

We plan to extend this work to other parts of Jamaica and other countries.



TTF has donated thousands of trees to schools. This tree gives cool shade over the playground at Pell River Primary School in Hanover, Jamaica



**T**rees That Feed started out in 2008 with the idea of handing out fruit trees to homeowners. People would plant out a couple of fruit trees in their backyard to reduce their dependence on expensive imported foods. Soon we realized that fruit trees would produce far more than a family could consume ... but that's good, if the excess can be shared or sold. It became obvious that fruit trees could be planted out in quantity. Selling the fruit could be the basis of a small business. As time passed we saw the advantages of working with community groups and entrepreneurs.

It was this growing realization of the large potential of fruit trees, especially breadfruit, to become a widely valued food source and the basis of an industry, that led us along. Larger enterprises could operate at scale without harming the smaller businesses operating in local niches.

Good luck led to our first contact with **Richard Harris**. On a trip to Jamaica in 2018 his son **Joel** contacted us, he had heard about *Trees That Feed*. He invited us to visit their factory, **Shavuot Farms**. Richard and his son Joel already were operating a factory producing and exporting food products, mainly teas, to the US. Located in a commercial district in Jamaica, his operation was very large by Caribbean standards. Immediately we all saw the great potential. We were lucky to find Richard, and

we bet that he feels the same. Shavuot Farms could really show the world that breadfruit was not only a wonder food but could be made widely available.

TFFF assisted with the purchase of various kinds of equipment specifically suited to breadfruit, such as commercial capacity shredders and grinders. We helped to work through the kinks. Richard met with **Mary** and **Mike McLaughlin** in numerous meetings and conference calls.

Richard and Joel expanded their tea leaf dryer to accommodate large quantities of shredded breadfruit. We agreed not to reveal any trade secrets, but his dryer is large and it combines energy sources to dry quickly and hygienically. Scientific testing labs have confirmed the quality of his products. He streamlined his production process to reduce cost and increase capacity.

We are ecstatic to report that Richard has exported several tons of breadfruit flour to purchasers in other countries. Orders have come in, as expected, almost too much of a good thing.

It seems amazing that they've progressed this far, in only 18 months. Like every business, there have been challenges but Richard and his team were creative, adaptive, resilient throughout, solving one problem after another. And now, suffice to say, we view Richard and his Shavuot Farms as one of our greatest, proudest success stories.





As a little guy, young **Mike McLaughlin** would visit the Institute of Jamaica's zoo, library and museum on a Saturday morning. The little zoo had crocodiles, agoutis (not in the same space!) and many more interesting animals and birds. The museum had a stuffed sawfish, worth seeing on every visit. The library had the most fascinating, dusty old books with drawings instead of photographs. All this was in the central business district of Kingston.

The Institute is now the **Natural History Museum of Jamaica**, and they're still doing great work. *Trees That Feed Foundation* is excited to collaborate with them to facilitate tree planting and knowledge about the value of trees. In fact older Mike is co-author, along with **Dr. Seymour Webster**, of an article about breadfruit, published in their scholarly Jamaica Journal.

The first event of 2019 was the Biodiversity Awareness Expo, June 28, at the Freedom Primary School. Individual students and teachers received 225 seedlings to plant as well as 150 TTFF activity books. Between July and October, an additional 129 books were donated as learning resources in libraries, the museum and outreach sessions. Four were awarded as prizes at an educational program called Pickney Time.

From June through October 2019, 650 seedlings were planted in Jamaica, and TTFF educational activity books were distributed. Plants gifted include: breadfruit, ackee, apple, cherry, jackfruit, custard apple, and mango.

October 4, 200 tree seedlings were given to staff members from Highway 2000 East-West and other partner schools for them to host their own local tree planting ceremonies. Seedlings were planted in Freetown, Roswell, Chateau and Moores, Clarendon, and Portmore.

For 2019 National Tree Planting Day in October, the Institute of Jamaica was gifted 225 seedlings which were planted in Spanish Town, St. James, Old Harbour, Bull Bay, St. Andrew, Portland, and Kingston.

Finally, in December, NHMJ gave three books to participating schools in the Afternoon with a Scientist Programme and reserved 114 books to be sold in the museum gift shop. An additional 500 books are available to be used throughout 2020 in various museum programs.

*Trees That Feed* looks forward to many more years of collaboration with this fine institution.



Natural History Exhibit



Plant sale



Natural History children with coloring books

## Marisol and Amasar

Another good day for our TTFF mission was when Mary met **Marisol Villalobos**. She is co-founder of **Amasar**, in Puerto Rico. It's an agribusiness dedicated to producing value added products from that famous superfood, Breadfruit.

Amasar has developed breadfruit flour blends great for making pancakes, waffles, breads and many other dishes. She returned to Puerto Rico in 2016 with her husband **Jesus R. Martes** and they decided to become farmers. They have planted more than 400 breadfruit trees and formed partnerships with small farmers and schools in the island to produce breadfruit. Marisol educates everyone on the benefits of eating superfoods such as breadfruit. She emphasizes the importance of developing this crop in Puerto Rico to improve nutrition and create a healthy ecosystem.

Amasar has a community based mindset. They donated an acre of breadfruit land per school. They give the necessary technical support, with the promise of purchasing all the fruits from the school. The schoolchildren can benefit directly from the fruit while the income helps the schools economically. It's a double win.

Amasar is always acting towards sustainability. Marisol and Jesus also established renewable energy programs along with their agroforestry and agroecology practices.

They have also established partnerships with both the University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez and the Department of Agriculture to encourage and organize the growth of breadfruit among small farmers in the region.

Like *Trees That Feed*, Amasar actively promotes the full value chain. Not only are they planting trees, using the fruit, and educating. They are also engaging with local chefs, restaurants and cooks. It's part of a strategic plan to increase the awareness of the value of breadfruit.

Mary and Marisol have been in constant, frequent contact since that first very good day! Now, TTFF purchases high quality breadfruit flour from Amasar. We have enough to distribute a few samples to chefs who may be interested. Marisol and Amasar are doing all the right things. It's a great success story.



Marisol Villalobos and the happy team on Amasar's farm





**M**ary McLaughlin grew up on a farm and studied botany among other sciences. Over the years she's absorbed a lot of knowledge about breadfruit and other trees. **Mike** her husband, co-founder of *Trees That Feed* and a Physics major, thinks he's a quick study and has also absorbed a lot. But they would be quick to acknowledge, with thanks, the role of academic research in supporting their mission. By way of example, here are short descriptions of some of the papers they've referred to over the years.

### **Characterization of Functional Properties of Breadfruit Flour**

*Alfred H. Chen, 2016.*

The purpose was to determine if flour made from breadfruit could increase utilization of this crop.

### **Preparation of a Breadfruit Flour Bar**

*Carmen L. Nochera and Diane Ragone, 2016.*

The purpose was to develop a nutritious, ready-to-eat bar and test its qualities.

### **Diversity in the Breadfruit Complex: Genetic Characterization of Critical Germplasm**

*Nyree Zerega, Diane Ragone et al, 2014.*

The purpose was to characterize genetic diversity, evaluate genetic structures and compare genetic markers.

### **Nutritional and Morphological Diversity of Breadfruit: Identification of Elite Cultivars for Food Security**

*A Maxwell P. Jones, Diane Ragone, Kamaui Aione, W. Alex Lane, Susan J. Murch, 2011.*

The study evaluated protein and mineral content in 94 cultivars at National Tropical Botanic Garden in Hawaii.

### **Breadfruit Consumption, Cooking Methods and Cultivar Preference among Consumers in Trinidad & Tobago**

*L. B. Roberts-Nkrumah, N. Badrie, 2004.*

The study investigated consumer attitudes, consumption characteristics, cooking methods and cultivar preference.

### **Complex Origins of Breadfruit: Implications for Human Migrations in Oceania**

*Nyree J. C. Zerega, Diane Ragone, Timothy J. Motley, 2004.*

Multivariate analyses indicate at least two origins of breadfruit.

### **Soil Solarization for Controlling Nematodes in Fields of Short-Term Crops**

*Phyllis L. Coates-Beckford, 1997.*

In Jamaica soil solarization has been proven experimentally to remediate declining breadfruit trees.

A tip of the hat to our academic researchers and friends.



These young students are proud of their forestry project. They are the future of our planet.

# Calendar Dateline

## Partial list of *Trees That Feed* activities during 2019.

### JANUARY

Commissioned a new solar dryer for Global Freedom Project with Roger Gietzen; to be manufactured by Mexny Augustave

### FEBRUARY

Held a cooking school in Haiti, coordinated by Renaud Thomas

Shipped 800 breadfruit seedlings from Germany to Kenya (Joe Matara's Grace Project)

Visited partner groups, nursery and farm in Nassau, Bahamas

Unrest in Haiti begins to affect operations

### MARCH

Presented at Going Green Wilmette Exhibit

Held a training session in Jeremie, conducted by Pierre-Moise Louis

Mary traveled to Austin, Texas, to present breadfruit flour recipes to Google staff

Marisol Villalobos of Amasar produced breadfruit flour in quantity

### APRIL

Northbrook Earth & Arbor Day Exhibit; distributed breadfruit snack bars by Sweet Time bakery

Held a cooking school for 25 local chefs in Mirebalais, Haiti, led by James Charles of Effort Vision

Presented on fruit tree planting and the environment to the International Actuarial Association

Introduced investor and TTFF supporter Doug Kinney to a major investment in Nicaragua

Held TTFF board meeting

### MAY

Mexny/Gietzen delivery of solar dryer

Mary video with Blue Mango, launching distribution of breadfruit flour

Puerto Rico trees distributed

Printed 2,000 coloring books in Haiti, donated to Virginie Pochon, GAFE

Joined Food Tank to share approaches to charitable support

### JUNE

Presented to Buffalo Grove Rotary; held discussions about Guatemala

Visited Fred Clark, Madison, Forest Stewards Guild

Presented to Kenilworth Garden Club

Equipment arrives Nicaragua Ron Ehli

Tigania Livingston, Jamaica, delivers solar dryer

Chef Kelly Unger bakes banana/breadfruit bread

### JULY

Volunteered at Fairchild Gardens

Spoke at Mango conference about solar dryer

### AUGUST

Printed 1500 coloring books in Jamaica

Presented at Northfield Farmers' market, by Katie Priest

Series of breadfruit historical articles by Michael Morrissey, [www.treesthatfeed.org/historypage](http://www.treesthatfeed.org/historypage)

### SEPTEMBER

Hurricane Dorian struck the Bahamas

Honduras farmer reports successful grafting of breadfruit

### OCTOBER

Ten tons of breadfruit flour exported from Jamaica

Quality tested samples of breadfruit flour with an independent lab

Received first sample of breadfruit vodka from Mutiny Vodka, St. Croix USVI

Attended meeting at Clinton Foundation, New York, to coordinate efforts with partner groups

### NOVEMBER

Mary presented at ECHO Conference, Naples, Florida

Met with Plant with Purpose CEO to discuss organizational collaboration

Trailer loads of Tostones shipped from partners in Puerto Rico to markets in Florida

### DECEMBER

Started Facebook & Instagram advertising

Presented the TTFF story to Oakton College students

Launched a Short Story competition to promote breadfruit

**This list doesn't include 46 separate deliveries totaling 24,906 fruit trees to 8 countries; or 14 shipments of equipment including food processors, shredders, solar fans, grinders and accessories, mainly to Jamaica and Haiti.**



## Board of Directors

TTFF is governed by a Board of Directors. The Board meets twice yearly, Spring and Fall, typically April and October to receive updates, review financial information and determine strategy.

We note with sadness the passing of two Board members Emeritus during the year. **Lee Smith**, aged 70, served on our board from our inception in 2008 until he resigned due to ill health in 2018. **Sue Mathewson**, aged 84, served on our board from 2016 until 2019 when she retired due to ill health. We thank them for their service and wish them to Rest in Peace.



Meanwhile, we are delighted to welcome **Joe Matara** to the board. Originally from Kenya, he now lives in New Jersey. A CPA, he also runs a successful nonprofit school program in Kenya, serving hundreds of schoolchildren with education, meals, uniforms and health care. He has volunteered his services to *Trees That Feed* for many years. Joe officially joined the TTFF Board in February 2020.

We thank our Board members for their service to our mission: planting fruit trees to feed people, create jobs and benefit the environment.



BACK ROW **Mike McLaughlin, Michael K. Renetzky, Nyree Zerega, Gabriel Osson**  
FRONT ROW **Mary McLaughlin, Ken Banks**

***Trees That Feed Foundation could not do what we do, without the help of our many supporters. This is a partial list:***

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***And special thanks to more than 300 individual donors. You all give us the support needed to carry out our mission.***

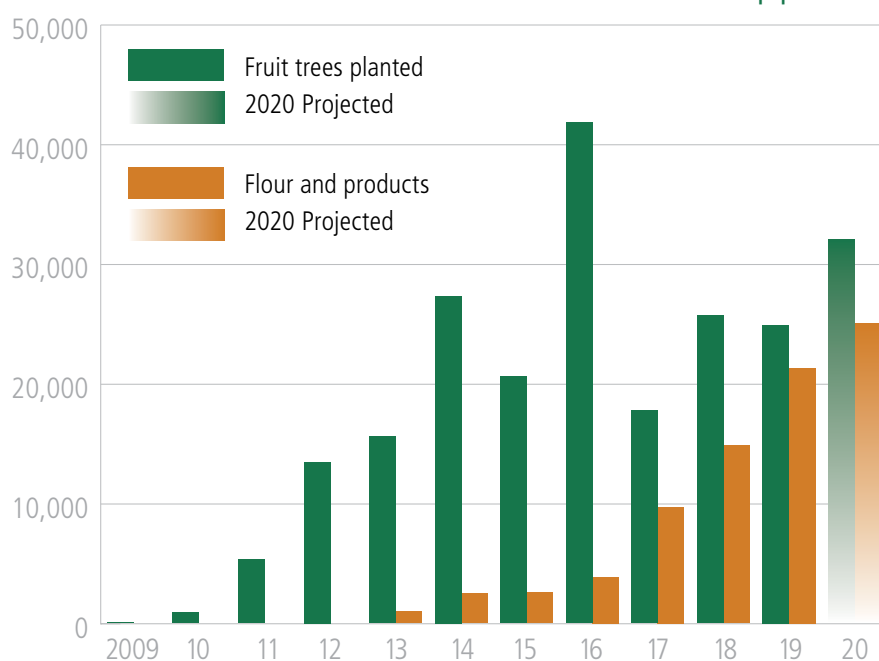
**From Todd Manley**

**Producer of Mutiny Vodka,  
made from breadfruit**

I am still giddy from the enthusiasm shared yesterday! I cannot thank you enough for the opportunity and the inclusion as the breadfruit tree is close to my heart!

(Editor's note: Todd also produces hand sanitizer using alcohol distilled from breadfruit flour! Todd lives and works in St. Croix. He reports that the first breadfruit tree planted in the Caribbean is still alive and sequestering carbon, 225 years later! He's a gold mine of information. He points out the breadfruit is a super complex carbohydrate that takes the body about 12 hours to process, giving sustained energy and satiated feeling all day long!).

## TTFF Fruit Trees Planted and Food Supplied



	2019	2018
<b>Contributions</b>	<b>\$187,043</b>	<b>\$236,771</b>
<b>Trees</b>	<b>\$74,471</b>	<b>\$91,577</b>
<b>Equipment</b>	<b>\$17,625</b>	<b>\$24,238</b>
<b>Education and Training</b>	<b>\$9,638</b>	<b>\$11,027</b>
<b>Food</b>	<b>\$40,213</b>	<b>\$44,250</b>
<b>Research</b>	<b>\$20,576</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Administrative</b>	<b>\$33,093</b>	<b>\$12,088</b>
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$8,573)</b>	<b>\$53,592</b>
<b>Expense Ratio</b>	<b>17.7%</b>	<b>5.1%</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$269,860</b>	<b>\$278,432</b>

Categories and expense allocations were revised compared to 2018 in order to align more closely with IRS Form 990. Available on request.

### DELORIS THOMPSON GREEN

**Acting Principal**  
**Guy's Hill Primary School, Jamaica**

For the past year and a half, this school has been benefitting from your part sponsorship of our Breakfast Programme.

As a school we are indeed grateful. Many of our students look forward to this meal in the mornings. For most of them it is their first meal for the day. We are also conveying thanks on behalf of the parents, who on many occasions have expressed their appreciation for the intervention.

We recognize that hungry children cannot learn; also that the first meal of the day is very important for their health and well-being. Thank you for partnering with us to enrich the lives of our students; for helping to build their future by catering to their needs today.



Young Haitian lad enjoying breadfruit dumpling soup



# Thank You

**Thank you, donors, both individuals and supporting foundations.** You've paid for thousands of fruit trees, equipment, tons of food, coloring books, training sessions, and everything including our website, computers, telephone, mail ... you've done it all.

**Thanks also to our many volunteers and partner organizations in our eighteen countries.** You make us bigger, more powerful. You give us leverage. Your service is priceless.

## **None of this could happen without you!**

Now if possible, give us a hand—your support helps to alleviate hunger, boost employment, and benefit the environment in eighteen developing countries.

- ➔ **\$15 provides a food tree that can feed a family for decades**
- ➔ **\$120 supplies educational coloring activity books and accessories to a classroom of young children**
- ➔ **\$500 buys 1,500 locally sourced meals for schools**
- ➔ **\$2,000 funds a solar dryer, an essential part of our Factory in a Box kit**

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**From Nicola Shirley-Phillips**

## **Director, Source Farm Foundation & Ecovillage, St. Thomas, Jamaica**

The Source Farm Foundation-Ujima's Farmers Market and Customers would like to thank you and your team for the donation of 300 fruit trees for our holiday *Plant a Tree* Initiative held at the Ujima Farmers Market in Kingston.

The Source Farm Foundation is always seeking ways to encourage and inspire Jamaicans to remember and learn more about the natural world. During the initiative and interaction with patrons of the market we were able to hear stories about growing up with favourite fruit and trees and people's deep relationships to trees. Everyone was excited to participate in the program. Our next step is to map the trees and even check-in on the health of the trees in their care.

Once again we thank you for the work you are doing across the world and especially the work you do in Jamaica.

**From Dior**

## **St. John Community, St. Croix, US Virgin Islands**

Good morning to all. I would like to extend the biggest THANK YOU to you all! Mary, thank you so much for making all of this possible and thank you so much Nate for caring for the St. John Community and facilitating the shipment and care for these seedlings.

We are all very excited and so thankful for your support and generosity to our Food Sustainability Program, Planting for Tomorrow. We will have pictures and progress reports coming soon. Thanks again! I pray you all are staying safe and blessed during this trying time!

**"Thanks to you, Mary and Mike,  
for sowing the seeds of *Trees That Feed*.  
Your vision will live on and inspire others  
in countries you may never visit."**

**KARL DENNIS, PASTOR**  
JAMAICA, UK, UGANDA



Children eating konparets, a hard biscuit with a long shelf life. These are made from breadfruit flour. *Trees That Feed* helps over 30 schools with breakfast programs like this.



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