

FROM LOSS TO RENEWAL: Hope Grows in Western Jamaica

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In a powerful story of community resilience, the Trees That Feed Foundation (TTFF), in partnership with Northern Caribbean University (NCU) and local Jamaican organizations, has brought hope and sustenance to communities recovering from Hurricane Melissa.

Following the devastating storm, which stripped the hillsides of western Jamaica, TTFF quickly secured 1,000 breadfruit seedlings from longtime nursery partner, Mr. Alfred McLean. The Forestry Department of Jamaica assisted in preparing the trees for planting.



NCU lecturer Nadia Washington-Daley, a native of the Cave community, designed a pilot project to replant food-bearing trees. She mobilized 25 university students from the Biology, Chemistry & Environmental Sciences Department to plant the trees across a three-mile stretch of land. This effort was more than just service; it was education, ecology, and hope in action.

The impact of these new trees will be significant:

- Breadfruit is a treasured local staple.
- The fruit will help feed families and provide income when extra produce is sold.
- The trees will reduce erosion, restore shade, and rebuild the natural habitat.



This initiative is a critical step in building long-term food security and environmental resilience for the people of Jamaica, made possible through strong community collaboration and support. Ms. Washington-Daley's ultimate goal is to plant a minimum of 10,000 food-bearing trees across the five hardest-hit parishes.

Trees That Feed Foundation, headquartered in Winnetka, works with farmers and organizations in 20 countries in Africa, the Caribbean, and Central America. Its vision is seeing self-sustaining communities and entrepreneurs, based on agroforestry.



Trees That Feed Foundation

Planting Fruit Trees To Feed People, Create Jobs and Benefit the Environment

JOIN US FOR A FASCINATING EVENT IN WINNETKA!

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The Book Stall in Winnetka will host a special discussion to celebrate the launch of the new book, Breadfruit: *Three Global Journeys of a Bountiful Tree*.

The event will feature a discussion with author **Russell Fielding** and the **Trees That Feed Foundation** to explore the fascinating story of the breadfruit tree and the foundation's vital work. A portion of the discussion will highlight how Trees That Feed Foundation is helping with rebuilding efforts in Jamaica following Hurricane Melissa.

What: Breadfruit Book Launch & Discussion

When: January 14

Where: The Book Stall, Winnetka

RSVP is requested. You can find more details and reserve your spot at: [The Book Stall Event Page](#)



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