

## **Update on Monette Lubin & Her Family**

September 2017

Monette Lubin and her family continue to make progress as they work through the 18-month Hurricane Matthew Response Program, towards graduation and a permanent path out of the grip of extreme poverty. Monette tells us that she too continues to see her life and the lives of her six children change for the better!

As you will recall, at the beginning of the program, Monette, like all of the 230 families Beyond Borders is working with, was given a choice between two income-generating assets:

livestock to raise and breed, or funds to launch or relaunch in some cases, a small business. Monette chose to receive goats and chickens, and since the last update, she has been able to purchase a pig! She also is maintaining the small garden that she started, using it to help support her family. She has a little money in savings as

well. Today the total value of Monette's assets – savings, animals, and garden -- is about \$170.

To ensure that that Monette succeeds in becoming economically independent, she takes part in regular group training on managing her assets, and has weekly coaching visits from Gabriel Hyppolite, her dedicated caseworker. The goal of these trainings and coaching visits is to reinforce newly learned skills, build confidence and prepare Monette to handle any challenges that may come her way.



Gabriel Hyppolite

Monette is proud of the way that she is managing her new animals, she told us. "My family and I are doing much better now. I am managing very well with my new animals and assets so that I can grow them into much, much more!" Together with her caseworker Gabriel, she has developed a plan to save, with the goal of purchasing a cow when she has enough money.

Monette told us that she really feels a difference in her life now: she and her children eat a hot meal on a daily basis, and they have all been healthy over the past several months.

HAITI, Inc.'s sponsorship is equipping Monette with the skills she needs so that she can earn a living, provide for her family, and keep her children in school and at home, where they belong.

Thank you again for your generosity, your care, and your concern for the Lubin family. Through your sponsorship, you are giving them a path to a brighter future, filled with dignity, hope, opportunity, and independence.