



## **World Wide Village, Inc.**

# **Filostin Micro-Enterprise - March 25, 2010**

After January's devastating earthquake hit Haiti, many businesses, especially those in Port au Prince, lay in ruins. Foundations were destabilized, buildings toppled, and many people saw their livelihood collapse along with the buildings. Upon witnessing the devastation first-hand, World Wide Village Inc. (WWV) used dollars donated by generous contributors like you to help a micro-loan enterprise get up and running again.

Jemps Filostin is the Founder and General Manager of a micro-enterprise called AntiStress in Port au Prince. Known to the community as Baz Grann Gracile (Gracile is Jemps' deceased mother, the business is named to honor her), this outdoor restaurant was able to reopen on February 13, 2010 due to WWV financial support. With the microloan Filostin and his employees bought gas, ice, soda, King Kola, pork, plantains, charcoal, and spices to prepare "griot" (grilled pork and fried plantains). They borrowed two 12-volt batteries and an inverter from a friend. Because utility power has not been restored, the generator charges the batteries and thereby provides music and lights for their patrons.

Baz Grann Gracile is not a hobby for Jemps and his employees, many of whom are family members--this local restaurant is their way of life and supports four families. Nikki Filostin and Verdieu Seme (Jemps' brother) work as Assistant Managers and handle the accounting for the business. Mervenie Jean Lous (Jemps' sister) is responsible for selling drinks and waitressing. Meziane Jean Louis (Jemps' sister) prepares and sells the food. Monese Seme (Jemps' sister) goes every morning to buy whatever is needed to restock supplies. At the end of every week, whatever profit has been made is deposited into a local bank. Once a month, Jemps divides the profits among himself, his employees, and a savings account for the family that is only used during emergencies.

Because of loyal World Wide Village supporters, a business was reestablished that four families depend on for their livelihood. **Just \$200 provided hope and helped restore a sense of normalcy in a place that will be recovering from the earthquake for decades to come.** Thank you for your generous support!

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