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BIO-BENIN COMING OF AGE AND PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE



Dear Loyal Donors to Bio-Benin,

With so much bad news around the world and a retreat from caring about those less fortunate, I'm happy to report that thanks to your generosity, 30 more underprivileged youth in Benin are now fully employed and earning a living wage using the cooking skills they learned Chez Guillaume.

In January we will launch our new craft beer brewing program, with 10 new apprentices to start. All are local, from poor families, with almost no hope of gaining good employment without the training they receive through Bio-Benin.



We're truly coming of age, establishing a more stable foundation that will endure.

In Benin, we now have a local office with a secretary and are searching for an Executive Director to guide our efforts, potentially a woman to focus more attention on women's needs. Our Treasurer, Philippe Owa, is keeping a close check on all expenditures.

In Canada we're applying for charitable status so that Canadian donors will get the tax deductions they deserve, hence the new logo.

Young volunteers are helping with technology, social media and publicity. We recruited two new Board members, one as Treasurer, the other, based in France, to expand our reach. Margaret has already visited the farm and restaurant in Natitingou and planted trees along the waterways! She's a great asset. Walter has worked Chez Guillaume and is a whiz at Excel spreadsheets!



Philippe Owa



Walter Binger

Margaret Dunham

In this giving season, we ask you to consider making a recurring donation through GlobalGiving on Tuesday, **December 2nd** by clicking on

<https://www.globalgiving.org/donate/77349/bio-benin/>

Your donation on that particular day helps us win matching funds, so we'll send you a reminder! Thank you for your generosity.

As we transform into a reliable employer in the region, a source of education and a stimulus to entrepreneurship, your support is more important than ever. Each apprentice costs us \$75 a month to teach, house, feed and provide medical care and a uniform. So, if you can give that much each month it would be an amazing gift. And please remember, **every** donation helps us provide the training young people need to escape poverty and realize their dreams.

Thank you from all our students and from everyone at Bio-Benin.

We all send you our best wishes for a healthy and happy holiday season.

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