

***“Between every two pines is a doorway to a new world.” - John Muir***

The Gifted Tree welcomes you to the virtual world of finding your tree planting location. As you know, someone has planted a gift tree in honor of you or someone you love. Your tree has been or will be planted in the area Laval, Haiti. Haiti is now one of the most deforested countries in the world. In 1920, 60% of Haitian territory was covered with forests, compared to only 2% today. The massive loss of forest cover is mainly due to the production of charcoal, which is the main source of energy for the population. Deforestation leads to soil erosion, reduced productivity of arable land, increased droughts and desertification of territories. Devastating Hurricane Matthew, in October 2016, also destroyed a huge part of the remaining standing trees. This southeast part of the country is facing serious erosion and advanced soil degradation due to deforestation by local populations to meet their energy needs, to generate some resources from the sale of coal and to open up new agricultural areas.

This new project started with the building of a nursery to produce the tree seedlings. While forest technicians and international facilitators will monitor the project to ensure its sustainability, local community members will be actively involved in the project. Continuous training of beneficiary families will be organized to introduce them to agroforestry and promote the sustainable value of the trees. The most experienced individuals will even be part of the monitoring team.

Planting of your gift tree in Haiti will be a cashew tree. The planted cashew trees will enrich a multitude of species already planted in the area (mango trees, acerolas, and avocados). The cashew production from these trees will not only provide food for families but also enable sales in the local markets. The Laval project thus makes it possible to contribute both to household food security and to improving their incomes.



You can view the general area of your planting by clicking on the following link: <https://binged.it/38Q0nrw>.

Once connected to the map, feel free to zoom in and out to get a feel of the general planting area as well as its location in Haiti, Central America and the world. Please understand that this is the general area of your tree planting as the reforestation projects conducted by The Gifted Tree take place in a number of regions surrounding the village. Your tree is planted among thousands of other gift trees and there is no plaque designating your gift tree.

Enjoy your gifted tree and know that it is making a monumental difference for the earth and opening a new doorway to the world for future generations. If you have any questions, please view our contact information at: [www.thegiftedtree.com/contact-us/](http://www.thegiftedtree.com/contact-us/). If you would like to plant a tree for someone else, please visit our website at [www.TheGiftedTree.com](http://www.TheGiftedTree.com).

