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Giving Tree Metal Wall Hanging

A cut metal tree shelters birds within its encircling branches while strong roots give strength. Perfect for indoor or outdoor decor. Artisans from Comité Artisanal Haïtien (CAH) express the fragile beauty of life and hope using recycled metal oil drums to create beautiful cut metal art (also known as fer de coup), a revived traditional Haitian handicraft. Artisans cut open 55-gallon drums, pound them flat, and then mark designs on the black metal with chalk. Using a chisel, they cut through the metal to make designs.



About the Artisans

Comité Artisanal Haïtien (CAH)

Fair Trade group Comité Artisanal Haïtien (CAH) helps Haitians rebuild their lives by enabling rural craftspeople to earn a living from their skills. The economic situation in Haiti is bleak, and the need for income generation is great. For many, the money earned is not just supplemental income, but often the sole source of support for artisans and their families. Although education is technically compulsory in Haiti, only about 40 percent of children can actually afford to go to school; product sales through Ten Thousand Villages help make this schooling possible. Besides fair wages and advances on orders, artisans also receive financial assistance in case of health emergencies.

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Learn how Fair Trade really makes a difference. Our goal is to provide vital, fair income to artisans by marketing their handicrafts and telling their stories in North America. Ten Thousand Villages sells product from more than 30 countries, providing work for nearly 60,000 people around the world.

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