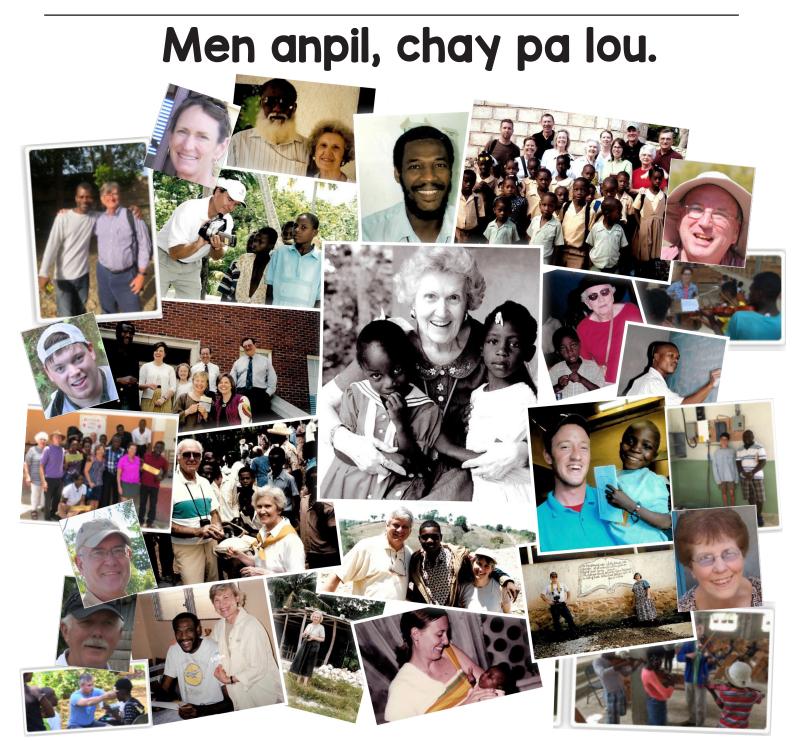


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"Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor: if either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up."

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

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Many hands make the load lighter. - Haitian Proverb



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# Back to school we go!





- **Mission:** The mission of the Haiti Education Foundation is to provide educational opportunities to children in the mountains of southern Haiti.
- **Goal:** To establish an avenue for giving where 100% of contributions go to the need designated by the donor.
- **Objective:** To help Haitians to help themselves.

#### **Operating Budget 2019/2020 School Year**

\$36,000.00 per month	\$432,000.00
(Amount wired to Haiti for operation of schools)	
\$150.00 per month	\$1,800.00
(Cost of sending and receiving wire transfer)	
Annual Budget	\$433,800.00



#### Dear HEF Supporters:

It's already the beginning of the 2019/2020 school year in the southern mountains of Haiti and nearly 7000 children are joining their 451 teachers and principals across 34 primary and five high schools to begin their new school year.

Because of generous donations toward construction, we are finally prepared to reconstruct the St Matthias Primary School in Cherident. Many of you remember that our first school's building, a two-story structure, pancaked in the January 2010 earthquake. The large size of the school and the complications of rebuilding a hillside school with a fractured foundation led us to use construction money in other places first. Yet we have the money we need and our wonderful contractor, Desir Wilson, will begin construction soon. When completed, the Cherident community will have a beautiful campus to send their children; kindergarten through high school.

About two-thirds of our schools are now sponsored by congregations, but the rest have no sponsor. We have hope and we are prayerful that one day, all of our schools will have a sponsor, but for now, these schools must be supported by combinations of individual donors like you. And for that, we are forever grateful. The important role of the independent donor dates back to Frances Landers, our founder, who always talked about the importance of "one scholarship". At that time, it was \$55. Inflation eventually took that to \$75. Seventy-five dollars won't support a school, nor will it support one grade level, but when assembled with many donors, magic happens, and we manage to keep the doors open at our unsponsored schools.

In the last months, we have initiated a third category: The Frances Landers Society. We are excited about the prospect of having a group of at least 100 HEF donors who will commit to at least \$1000 annually for our general scholarship fund. This is the "missing link" that covers the middle ground between sponsoring congregations and individual donors. Would you consider an ongoing commitment to \$1000 for our children so that all of our schools can remain open? We would love to have you in this new special group of supporters. Please let any of us know if you are interested! With individual donations, the Frances Landers Society and our congregational sponsorships combined, the Haiti Education Foundation should be financially sound for years to come.

God's blessings to all of you, Rob Crittenden President, HEF

## The Importance of Our Individual Donors...

By Susan Turbeville

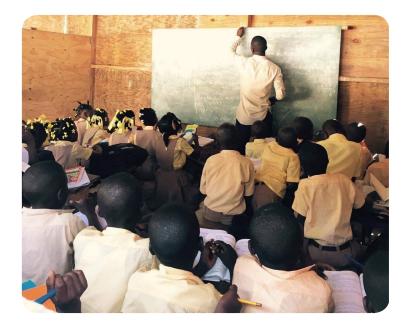
Many things change, yet, many stay the same! As Frances Landers began to raise funding to support the schools in Haiti, she reached out to many people; personally, and in groups. She spoke to women's groups, civic organizations, Sunday School classes, Family Night audiences and congregations...anyone who would listen to the great need for education in Haiti's remote mountains. The money collected through those efforts was placed into a "general scholarship" account and then dispersed among the schools to pay the salaries to the teachers and staff in the HEF supported schools. In time, we realized the benefit of churches sponsoring a specific school. This has blessed MANY in Haiti and in our US churches. Relationships have been built and fun times shared between these partners. In encouraging these partnerships, I fear that we may have downplayed the Importance of Our Individual Donors.

The Haiti Education Foundation, born in a church in a small town, El Dorado, Arkansas, now reaches from the east coast to the west...north to south... with donors in almost every state. This is all due to the belief of Individual Donors that Education Brings HOPE. For over 35 years, a huge impact has been made in those remote mountain villages. This is possible because we have seen that Together, WE can make a difference! Our vision is only brought to its fullest fruition if we continue to bring others alongside us. Many thanks to those who have stood beside us for so long and those who are willing to step up and join us in this mission of HOPE.









## THE GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND NEEDS YOU!



- 1/3 of our monthly wire transfer is funded by our Individual Donors from our General Scholarship fund. That is approximately \$12,000.00/month.
- Forty-six churches and over 500 individuals are regular donors to our General Scholarship Fund.
- We now have six donors who give through Auto Pay...our goal is to double that number by the end of 2019.
- No amount is too big or too small to be given to the General Scholarship Fund.
- For years, a faithful woman gave \$10 per month. Imagine the number of lives that her gift touched through the years.

In addition to being a vital part of our monthly operations, Individual Donors work along side us to share the news of what the Haiti Education Foundation is doing to impact the lives of children in Haiti. (If you haven't lately, please tell a friend!) They look for opportunities in churches or civic groups to help us tell the story. They encourage children and youth group participation in our mission of education. HEF is happy to provide a speaker, send information or share Martha Miller's book Hope Personified which tells the story of Frances Landers and Pere Albert's ministry in Haiti. The creativity of our wonderful and faithful donors have brought us to where we are today. We look forward to seeing what the future holds!





We are excited to offer a more convenient way to give to HEF monthly through automatic payments! Information for this can be found on our website at www.haitifoundation.org under "Donate", then click "Monthly Support". For as little as \$6.00/month, you can support a child's education!

## **HEF T-Shirt Sunday**

First Presbyterian, Hot Springs, AR had a "Wear your HEF t-shirt to church Sunday". This congregation recently partnered with St. Luc School, La Brisilliene, on the southern coast. We are thrilled to have them as school sponsors!



## Now More Than EVER!

Although not in the headlines, the political unrest in Haiti continues to plague the country. A fuel shortage is now causing problems across Haiti. This affects their transportation as well as the electrical systems in the larger cities. The devaluation of the Haitian Gourde has greatly impacted the economy and the peoples' ability to purchase their needs. Most everything is imported. A friend working for one of our partnering organizations said following her recent trip that desperation is in everyone's eyes. They are angry and hungry...in need of change. There will be an election in October that we hope will begin to calm things.

Now, more than ever, we believe in the importance of HEF's presence and focus on the benefits that education provides. It is their greatest hope and opportunity out of their despair. Children left to themselves without direction and education will only add to a spiraling problem. Our prayer is that we are raising up a host of leaders who will move Haiti in a better direction...with their eyes firmly fixed on Christ, our Savior.

#### HEF T-Shirts Available

HEF has t-shirts available in adult sizes Small through 2XL. You can order online at www.haitifoundation.org. Order yours today!





## **Teacher Training**

Teachers and staff in Ascension Parish were treated to a Teacher Training Seminar held in Begin, Haiti. The workshop was held this summer and was well received by the attendees. Teachers in St. Matthias Parish will receive training in Cherident this December. We are grateful to donors who make this possible for our teachers!



### HAITI HEALTHCARE PARTNERS

Haiti Healthcare Partners are doing great things alongside their Haitian doctor and nurses at the Jean Wilfred Albert Clinic in Cherident. Pere Albert established this clinic setting many years ago to help serve the people of the community. Today, the staff sees several hundred patients each month, conducts mobile clinics to 4 communities in outlying areas and has a wonderful training program for mid-wives (aka Matrons) in the mountain villages. If you would like to learn more about the wonderful things HHP is doing...or how you can be involved; please visit their website at www.haitihealthcarepartners.org.



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An incredible LOVE story of two very devoted "followers" who work together to feed and educate thousands of Haitian children!'

- John Reed

Martha's book can be purchased through our website at www.haitifoundation.org or on Amazon.com.

## WE BELIEVE. .

We believe in the power of Jesus Christ in the lives of Haitian families. We believe in the importance of education in helping Haitian students reach their greatest potential. We believe in helping Haitians help themselves.

All of these are being supported when you give a gift to the Haiti Education Foundation. 100% of all gifts are used as designated by the donor.

Together, we are making a difference!

Please consider making the Haiti Education Foundation a part of your estate planning.

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"Continue supporting the work of HEF, and continue to educate the brothers and sisters in Haiti. That is the work that will outlive you and me." -Ancy Fils Aime, HEF Liaison to Haiti

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TUITION: One School Year - \$75

"Your genevosity brings God's people from darkness to light. Light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it. Thank You for being His light in Haiti." - Pere Albert

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