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"Train up a child in the way he should go. And when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Proverbs 22:6

Building a Brighter Tomorhow... One Student at a Time



From Preschool to College, the Haiti Education Foundation partners with local leaders in 35 villages to change the lives of thousands of children.

To God goes all the glory!



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Dear Friends,

Once again, our donors answered the call, and we were able to receive matching donations from our generous supporter. Thank you! As a result, we can financially underwrite a week of training before school begins for our 669 teachers! In addition, we are funding school supplies for our 7,190 kids. Lastly, we are about halfway through the rebuild of the St Jean Baptiste School in Moreau. So much bad news in the media about urban Haiti, but never forget that we continue to raise educational quality in the remote mountains. We are so blessed. Our success as an organization has been amplified due to all of you and our 100% matching program. Please pray that the efforts of several nations in sending police to assist the Haitian force will reduce the violence in Port au Prince and put the nation on a better path.

Blessings to all, Rob Crittenden, President, HEF

Fall Matching Donations Up to \$210,000 September 1- December 10, 2023





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 2023-2024 School Year

\$44,041 per month	\$528,492
(Amount wired to Haiti for operation of schools)	
\$150 per month(Cost of sending and receiving wire transfer)	\$1,800

Annual Budget......\$530,292

Giving for the Greater Good . . .

One Donation at a Time

Fall Matching Donation Opportunity

Textbooks for High School Goal: \$40,000



Our high school students, grades 7-12, are in great need of new textbooks for their classes. The subjects that they study are like those our students in the United States study . . . all levels of math, science, history, language arts and foreign language. New textbooks will be welcomed by students and teachers alike!

Water Cisterns Goal: \$30,000

Many of our schools lack access to water that will be purified for drinking, for cooking each school day and for handwashing. A cistern will supply this need and will last many years! There is skilled know-how in the region, and a proven cistern construction model. This will be another blessing for students, teachers, and the community.



Solar Project at St. Andre, Cavanack Goal: \$30,000



St. Andre has long waited for their solar project to be installed. The school was completed in 2018 . . . however, like with many projects,

Covid got in the way. Solar power will bring much needed lighting and fans to this beautiful school. Our schools are used as multipurpose buildings when school is not in session.

General Scholarship Fund Goal: \$40,000

This continues to be our "bread and butter" resource for the payroll of our unsponsored schools and our ten 7th– 9th grade programs.

Construction of St. Marc Elementary School, Trouin, Haiti Goal: \$280,000

When we travel to Haiti, the first school on our way to the Guest House is St. Marc, Trouin. Destroyed by the earthquake in 2010, the elementary school has made do in a



plywood structure. Teachers have painted cute cartoon characters on the outer walls to make the best of their situation. The scope of the project is a new 10-room structure, toilette, kitchen, cistern, desks, and play yard. All will be surrounded by a new security wall. There will be great rejoicing when this project is completed!



Educating Ha One Day



church, funding 35 schools in five parishes. Your donations fund salaries for 669 teachers and staff. Enrollment for the 2022-23 school year was about 7,190 students and we anticipate similar numbers this fall. Four schools are kindergarten through 12th grade. Ten schools are kindergarten through 9th grade. In 21 villages, schools are kindergarten through 6th grade.



In the Classroom



Recess



Lunch



Continuing to Rebuild . . .

One New School Structure at a Time

There is much excitement in the village of Moreau as workers lay the block for the new St. Jean Baptiste School. Men from the village dug the foundation by hand under the direction of our contractor. Concrete was mixed on site and poured to form the pillars. A very deep hole was also dug to form the cistern . . . this will supply water for cooking and handwashing. Students and teachers are able to see where their classrooms will be for the coming year as doorways and interior walls appear. The projected completion date for St. Jean Baptiste is mid-September 2023. This school construction project is so much more than a building...it is a reminder of our commitment to educating the students of this village. Even more so, it is God's hands and feet at work in the very remote mountains of southern Haiti.



As you will read on page 7, our goal for 2024 is the construction of St. Marc School in Trouin. This community will be equally as excited as is Moreau. The teachers and students have waited a long time for this project to become a reality!











Our list of needed construction projects is long! In some villages, students meet in poorly ventilated tin structures.

With Haiti's heat and humidity, it's no surprise the principals beg us for new school buildings.

While we cannot tackle everything at once, we are thankful for our generous donors and a talented

Haitian construction crew who build quickly and well!

Celebrating the Lord's Wisdom . . . One Leader at a Time

The Haiti Education Foundation's mission, goal, and objective are always printed on page 2 of this newsletter. Looking at our objective, 'To help Haitians to help themselves,' lately HEF has been asking, Who knew?

The Lord knew! He began guiding us in 1989 to dozens of talented, godly leaders in the mountain villages of Haiti. They are the priests, principals, teachers, and community liaisons who fully operate 35 schools without needing us to be there. They are, with our support, "helping themselves." Due to Haiti's urban violence, we sadly have not been able to visit or send teams to our rural schools for five years. Many other American-sponsored mission projects throughout Haiti, excellent ones, have had to shut down, since teams cannot come regularly from the United States. We praise God that He has equipped HEF, one step at a time, for such a time as this!

Giving thanks for our leaders who encourage our students:



Teachers look on as students lead the opening prayer and pledge to start their school day.



Having completed teacher training over the summer, our educators are confident to return to the classroom.



Church leaders lead the choirs and congregations through the streets of Beinet to the Ascension Church for a celebration of Ascension Day.



Former students of Ascension School gather for lunch during the Ascension Day celebration. They return to visit, reminisce, and encourage the people of the community.



Ancy Fils Aime, liaison in Haiti, represents HEF as he oversees our many projects throughout the parishes we serve.

Help Wanted:

HEF is looking for a volunteer skilled in digital media and passionate about Haiti. We want to increase our social media presence, update our website, and expand our reach to younger potential donors.

Contact Susan Turbeville by email at haitiedfnd@gmail.com.

Share the News!

Please give the enclosed HEF information card to someone whom you think might be interested in our ministry. Your help makes a great difference!



Haiti Update Set

Attendees continue to enjoy our twice-a-year Haiti Update. The next one is set for **Sunday**, **November 12**, at 7:00 pm CT. We will hear the latest from Ancy Fils Aime in Haiti; Susan Turbeville of HEF; Mackey Quinlan of HHP; and Keith Logan of Trinity Hope. It will be a one hour presentation followed by a half hour Q&A. These gatherings have been very informative and fun.

To sign up for this event, scan the QR code below to visit our website where you will find the registration request. You may also register by email to haitieducationfoundation@gmail.org.

Hope to see you there!



Open the camera app on your smartphone, center the QR code on the screen and hold your phone steady for a couple of seconds. Tap the notification that pops up to open the link. (You will need to be connected to the internet to do this.)

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FALL MATCH CHALLENGE of 12/10/23 up to \$210,000.



- Pere Albert

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

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