

“You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus.”

2 Timothy 2:1

Reaching Deeper, Growing Stronger



Ministering to the Whole Child

Thanks to the Lord's abundance – through you – we are helping thousands of children in ways we used to only dream of!
Enjoy this look, through our children's eyes, of the impact your generosity is having.



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Dear Friends and Financial Supporters of Haiti's Schoolchildren:

We are so honored to be selected again for a spring matching program from a generous donor. The period of the matching will be from April 1 to June 30. The amount to be matched will be \$125,000, and we have several important investments for your spring donations. These include summer training for all our 450 teachers and administrators, plus school supplies for all the children at all schools. Additionally, we will give a big boost to our university program for top performers from our high schools. Finally, after a successful completion of our beautiful new school building at Notre Dame in David last year, we will be rebuilding the St. Jean Baptiste (Moreau) school, which was destroyed 13 years ago in the earthquake. We have so much to be excited about, and we pray that our children and teachers will be safe from the violence in so much of Haiti. We hope that soon, we will all be able to return to visit, as those of us who have a heart for Haiti love to visit with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Please join me in thanking Chris McRae for his long stewardship as a board member of HEF. Chris has done so much for Haiti through both HEF and his management of water purification and solar power in so many villages. Thank you, Chris, for your long tenure with us!

We hope to see you on the next Zoom HUG get-together in May! Please join us...we had so much fun last time. Read details in this newsletter.

Blessings to all,

Rob Crittenden, President, HEF



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 2022-2023 School Year

\$44,041 per month\$528,492
(Amount wired to Haiti for operation of schools)

\$150 per month\$1,800
(Cost of sending and receiving wire transfer)

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

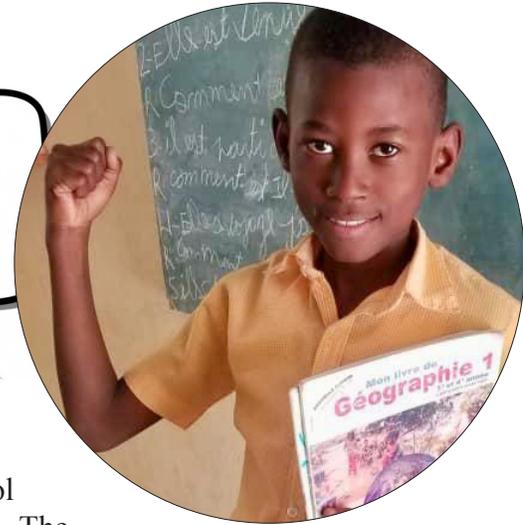


Growing



We are encouraged to dream!

Look at my safe, new school!



HEF-sponsored schools are full of children eager to learn and teachers that are

inspiring Haiti's future. With much uncertainty throughout the country, there is blessing in the opportunity for our children to be able to attend school safely and our teachers to be able to go to work and receive their monthly salaries. Everyone is so grateful! A group of teachers recently wrote, "We really cannot find words to express our gratitude for your commitment towards us. We all highly appreciate our sponsors." Students are learning and growing in a Christian environment of thanksgiving and hope. We are delighted with the training that teachers received last year and look forward to providing this for them again in the summer of 2023.

Just in time for the beginning of school last fall, Notre Dame Elementary School in David was completed. The principal and teachers had cheered on the builders as they worked through the summer and fall to finish the project. Last year, the children attended a one-room, metal structure that was hot and lacked proper lighting. Today, there are 9 separate classrooms with plenty of ventilation and light. There is a beautiful school yard, new benches and desks, and a wall that secures the area. Can you imagine the pride in the community?

Our next project will be at St. Jean Baptiste in Moreau, a school that is operating in a similar learning environment...inadequate structures with poor lighting. Our goal is to have the students of St. Jean Baptiste in a new, safe school by the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.



Strong!

**My sister
is going to
college!**



Each year, in memory of HEF's dynamic co-founder, Pere Jean-Wilfrid Albert, three outstanding high school students receive a full scholarship to the in-country university of their choice. They also receive a stipend to defray the cost of room and board. Although the student's family is expected to assist with his or her financial needs, our scholarship covers most expenses.

Eligibility for the scholarship is based on 1) successful completion of the Terminal II high school program -- a college prep, thirteenth year of school; 2) achieving a top score on the national college entrance examination; and 3) the recommendation of the priest-in-charge.

Currently, nine students are attending college through the Pere Albert Scholarship Fund. Their interests are broad: four are studying business administration, three are enrolled in nursing school, three are in engineering schools, one is studying agronomy, and one will major in computer science. (In addition to these nine, three other students are also in college, their funding provided by one or more HEF donor.)

Although attendance at college represents a golden opportunity for these recipients, it also carries with it risks that cannot be ignored. Many of the schools our students attend are in areas of the country where gang activity has made personal safety a real concern. Schools have been sporadic in their opening because of the violence. Please pray that safety and well-being go with each of these students daily.

Pray that their families might have peace that their child is protected. Pray for each student's success.

You can contribute to this exciting extension of our schools by designating your HEF gift to the Pere Albert Scholarship Fund. All the current recipients thank you for your support and for the honor you have given them.

**My whole
class got school
supplies!**



When the 2022/2023 school year began, students walked into their classrooms to find new school supplies on their desks. What a great way to start the school year! Teachers and students alike benefit from this blessing. We are asking for matching funds again this spring to provide for supplies for students in the fall of 2023.



Spring Matching Donation

Up to \$125,000

April 1, 2023 - June 30, 2023

In putting together a newsletter, there is always much thought about placement of information. We are thrilled to have our Spring Match of \$125,000. You have met every match goal that has been set, and the blessings are multiplying. Students and teachers are truly benefitting! Our HEF board is committed to transparency and making certain that your gifts are being used as directed AND well. The reason we have chosen to feature the Spring Match on page 6 is that we first want you to read and see the fruit of your giving. The details of the Match are as follows:



General Scholarship Fund

Goal: \$45,000

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

Teacher Training for Summer of 2023

Goal: \$25,000

Our teachers love the opportunity to gather in the summer to enrich their teaching skills. Qualified trainers come into our parishes and share how to best educate our students for success.



School Supplies for Fall of 2023

Goal: \$45,000

Students arrive ready to learn! We supply over 7,000 students with new notebooks, folders, pens, and rulers. Teachers are provided with chalk and other necessary teaching implements so that they have all they need to have a successful school year.

Pere Albert Scholarship Fund

Goal: \$45,000

Through this fund, HEF supports our top achievers as they “reach deeper and grow stronger” in preparation for careers that will shape their future and help their country. HEF has a long history of students who have graduated with college degrees in every conceivable area of study. Help us replenish and expand our fund for next year’s scholarship recipients.



Construction of St. Jean Baptiste School, Moreau

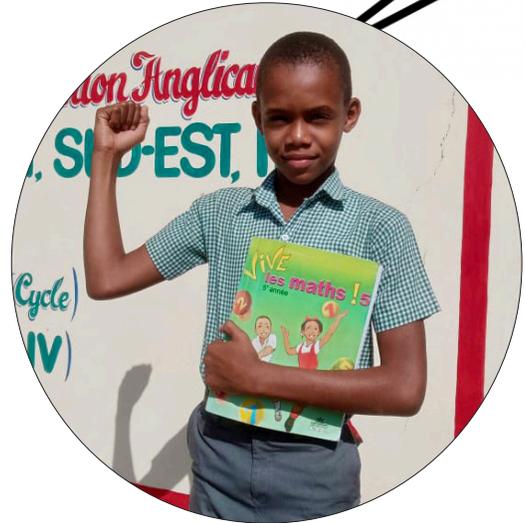
Goal: \$90,000

In the photo to the left is St. Jean Baptiste as it stands today. To date we have raised \$220,904 for the rebuilding of this K-9th grade school which includes a nice play yard and security wall. An additional \$90,000 will not only get us to our total construction cost of \$276,176, it will allow us to construct a needed cistern and furnish all 12 new classrooms and principal’s office.

My friends & I get nutritious meals every day at school!



When I don't feel well, my parents can take me to the doctor nearby.



Trinity Hope

supplies daily meals to our children, the teachers, and other school staff. We know that a well-fed child can better learn, and a well-fed teacher can better teach. The meals are nutritious and vary from day to day,



but are primarily rice and beans or corn with a special creole sauce. If you, your family or church would like to participate in this ministry of feeding our children, we have 2 schools in need for the coming school year. Please contact Susan Turbeville at 870-866-8618.

Haiti Healthcare Partners

provides primary care, medications, and specialized maternal care for hundreds of our families in the remote mountains where our schools are located. The Haitian physician, Dr. Paulidor, is passionate about this community as it is where he was raised. He and the medical staff work tirelessly in the clinic, travel to neighboring villages to conduct mobile clinics, and have also coordinated special training and events with our schools to promote healthy living. Some of these events include First Aid Training and Health Education, an Academic Decathlon, a Running Club, Women's Health Screening, and Diabetes Awareness Day. If you would like to learn more, please contact Susan Turbeville at 870-866-8618.

Working Together, We Minister to the Whole Child!

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!

Are You Wondering?

When did school actually start and what is the end of the school year plan?

After several starts and stops due to political and economic tensions in Haiti, our schools' doors were opened for class in December. Final exams will be held in early August, and then students will have a short summer break. Classes are set to begin again in late September.

What does the Pere Albert University Scholarship pay for?

Each scholarship recipient has a lifetime maximum award of \$13,500. College tuition (up to \$1,500/year) and room and board (\$175/month) are the major expense items. A laptop (\$360) is given to first-year students, and occasional emergency needs are met. Families pay for the students' school supplies and incidental items while they are away in college.

Will there be another Zoom HUG this Spring?

YES! Please join us on Sunday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m. CT for an update with Ancy Fils Aime, Liaison in Haiti; Susan Turbeville, representing HEF; Mackey Quinlan, representing HHP; and Keith Logan, representing Trinity Hope. Our gathering in October 2022 was very informative and fun. To

receive the call-in information, please sign up by emailing haitieducationfoundation@gmail.org. Again, this will be a one hour presentation followed by a half-hour Q&A. Hope to see you there!

How can we pray for Haiti?

- Continued strong partnerships among the Episcopal Church of Haiti, HEF, HHP, and Trinity Hope in serving the whole child and their families in Haiti.
- Success and safety for all students and staff in our 35 HEF schools.
- Peace and stability throughout Haiti.



Please consider joining our email prayer chain. We send prayer requests twice a month. Contact Martha Miller at marthaabbeymiller5@gmail.com.

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for all donations received by 6/30/23 up to \$125,000.



- Pere Albert

"Your generosity 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."

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