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Haiti Education Foundation

"I will bless them and the places surrounding my hill. I will send down showers in the season; there will be showers of blessing."

Ezekiel 34:26

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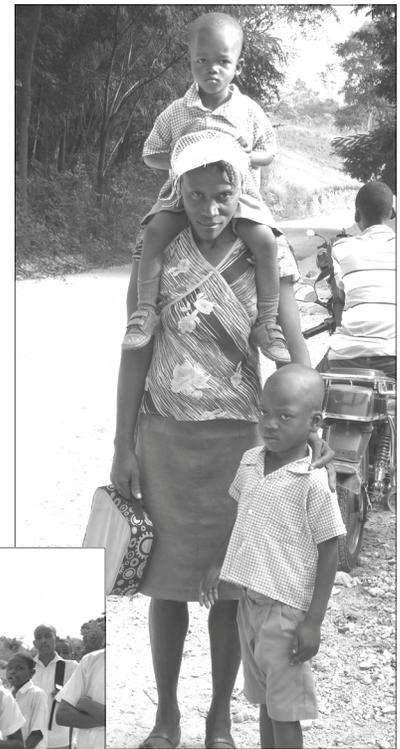
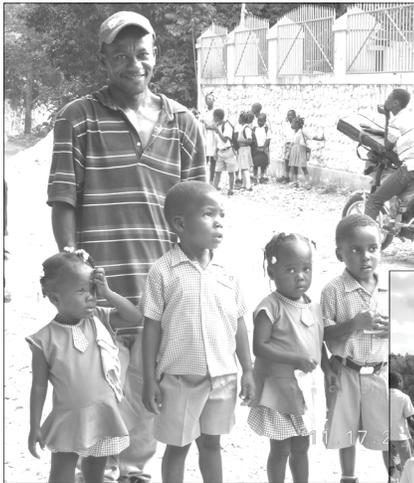
EDUCATION

Their HOPE

Their FUTURE

and

YOU!



School in Haiti is about to begin!

One year scholarship...\$75

Dear Friends of HEF,

Our Haitian teachers and principals are preparing for the students who will soon be coming through the classroom doors. Over 10,000 students are eagerly waiting to begin the new school year. A huge difference can be made in the lives of these children at a cost of only \$75 a year. We thank you for making education a possibility in the remote mountain areas of southern Haiti.

Life in Haiti has always been difficult; however, post-earthquake living expenses are taking a great toll on the lives of the people. As our board considers the budget and expenses for the upcoming school year, we are faced with the continuing need to increase teacher pay. This will only happen when we can secure more support for our mission. It is our hope that we can encourage more church groups to come alongside us and sponsor a school as part of their foreign missions. We are excited that First Presbyterian Church in Johnson City, Tennessee, has made that commitment and we look forward to working closely with this group. Equally important are the many who faithfully support through the purchase of individual scholarships.



Late in July, we received word from Pere Vil, priest in charge of Ascension Parish, that he had been reassigned to La Gonave, the island just off the central coastline of Haiti. Replacing him is Pere Soner Alexandre who has served the island of La Gonave for the past 10 years. This is not completely unexpected; soon after Pere Albert's death in 2006, Bishop Duracin invoked a policy of priest change throughout the Episcopal Church of Haiti parishes, typically every 4 -5 years. We greatly appreciate Pere Vil's four years of service in Ascension Parish, and any who had the opportunity to enjoy his hospitality in Bainet can tell you he was always a most gracious host to visiting mission teams. He will be greatly missed. Please take time to read the article about incoming Priest in Charge Pere Soner. We welcome him to HEF and look forward to working with him.

On October 5-7, we want to invite you to attend our HUG 2012 Conference in Fishersville, VA. The Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church will be the meeting place for this unique opportunity to get an update on what is going on in Haiti. Pere Desire, Pere Soner and Ancy fils Amie will also be in attendance. If able, please make plans to join us. There is more information in this newsletter.

Again, we thank you for your support of HEF and we are looking forward to another successful school year in Haiti.

Sincerely,

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Financial Report

August 2011—July 2012

Scholarship \$\$ Received	Scholarship \$\$ Sent to Haiti
\$422,575.25	\$507,330.00

Difference

< \$84,754.75 >

As reflected in the chart, we have collected only 84% of our scholarship expenses year to date. Please be generous and point us toward congregations and groups who might sponsor a school in Haiti.

Let Us Introduce...Pere Soner Alexandre

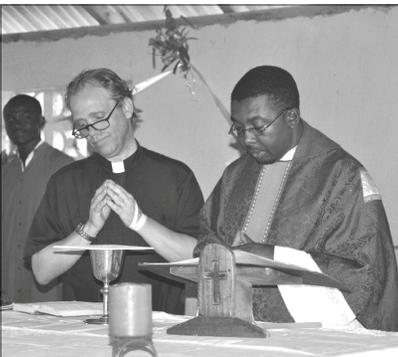
Newly assigned to Ascension Parish, Haiti

Changes are never easy...I am sure that Pere Vil and Pere Soner would agree wholeheartedly with this statement. However, we believe that all involved are winners! We are looking forward to welcoming Pere Soner into our HEF family. Let me assure you that Pere Vil is walking into a well-supported situation as well.

Pere Soner comes very highly recommended by the group of people whom he has partnered with in La Gonave. One of his supporting churches is St. Andrews Anglican Church located in Little Rock, AR. Pere Soner is married and has three children. His wife's name is Yolande, son Osni is 7, and daughters Yolwenn Scheslie who is 5 and Sophie who is 3. Another young relative, Linda, lives with the family.

Having studied theology for 3 years in Haiti, Pere Soner spent his 4th year of school in Cuba and then came back to Haiti to complete his last year of study. He is now completing his Master's Degree in Theology – the philosophy of religion and teaches philosophy at the university level. He says of himself, "I am pleased to serve my God and his people with you in Baint. I love my church and I want to move it in a good way, so I hope with you I can transform some things in the Parish of Ascension."

Pere Soner will join us at the HUG Conference in Fishersville this October.



Alternative Gifts
International

Look for HEF in the 2013 Catalogue

HEF would like to announce our new fundraising project with Alternative Gifts International (AGI). Please support our "Scholarship for Students" project for Haiti by visiting <https://www.alternativegifts.org/projects/project8/>. AGI is running a one year campaign for our cause. We encourage you to "like" Alternative Gifts on Facebook!

Once you go...you NEVER forget!

Two separate groups have been to Haiti over the summer...

April Miller from **Windy Cove Presbyterian Church** led a group of teens and adults to the Grand Colline area where they built 32 school benches, ministered to the children, and held a dental clinic. The trip was a great success. Many lives were touched by this group!



Cindy Corell and the **Tinkling Spring Medical Missions Team** have also just returned from the Grand Colline area. While there, they provided medical care for adults and children. Some in the group took the time to paint finger nails and spend time with all of the children! A joyful time for all!



The Haiti Education Foundation, Inc.

invites you to attend

HUG

Haiti United Gathering

2012

October 5-7

Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church
Fishersville, VA

Registration: \$30/person
\$50/couple

Saturday Only: \$25/person

(Please register before Sept. 26th online at www.haitifoundation.org or
using the registration form on back.)

Fri., Oct. 5	Check-in begins at 6:30 with Opening Session at 7:30
Sat., Oct. 6	Devotions at 8:30 a.m. and Sessions begin at 9:00. Lunch and Dinner provided. Day will end at 8:30 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 7	World Communion Sunday celebrated at 11:00 church service.

You will have the opportunity to:

Review the current status of our HEF schools.

Visit with the Priests in Charge of our schools.

Discuss our financial challenges.

Learn what it means to "Sponsor a School."

Network with others working in Haiti and share experiences.

HUG 2012
Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church, Fishersville, VA
Oct. 5-7, 2012

The HUG Conference is designed to provide an opportunity to share ideas, knowledge and training for all interested in the mission of the Haiti Education Foundation. This gathering will enhance our ability to spread the word of our ministries and empower all to use our gifts to benefit the people in the mountains of southern Haiti.

You will have the opportunity to:

- Review the current status of our HEF schools in Haiti
- Visit with the Priests in Charge of our schools, Pere Desire and Pere Soner (the newly assigned Priest in Charge of Ascension Parish)
- Discuss our financial challenges
- Learn what it means to "Sponsor a School"
- Network with others working in Haiti

This is a great opportunity to join with others and learn more about HEF. We look forward to your presence as we work together to make a difference in the lives of God's children in Haiti.

HUG Registration

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

T-Shirt Size: XS S M L XL XXL XXXL (Guaranteed only if registering before Sept. 26 deadline)

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Church or Organization Name: _____

Please mail registration form and check made out to:

Haiti Education Foundation

P.O. Box 10775

El Dorado, AR 71730

OR

Register on line at www.haitifoundation.org

Registration Fee:

\$30/person

\$50/couple

Saturday Only Fee:

\$25/person

We will not be able to guarantee t-shirts after September 26 deadline.

The registration fee covers some of our Haitian Team members' expenses as well as conference expenses.

Hotel recommendations available upon request. For more information, email us haitifnd@att.net or call
870-862-1252.

How Can I Make A Difference?

By Susan Turbeville

Many have pondered this question! One truth that is seen on a day-to-day basis in the HEF office is the power of many focusing on one specific goal...EDUCATION. In all likelihood, you have read (more than once) "Together we are making a difference." The success of this foundation is built on all of the "I's" who have stepped forward and said, **This is what I can do!** The Haiti Education Foundation receives donations of every size! ALL are precious and blessed. Frances Landers, founder of HEF always stated that this foundation is dependent on EVERY donor, large and small.

Your gifts are reaching children in the most remote areas imaginable in Haiti...giving opportunity and HOPE. Know that when YOU give..in whatever amount...YOU are providing that opportunity and HOPE.

As we visit the HEF schools, we are most always greeted by the teachers, students and their parents. All are beaming with pride! See the JOY in the faces and know the difference YOU are making!



Immediate Need: ~~WANTED:~~ Terminal II Sponsorship

A Terminal II program was established at St. Matthias School in Cherident a number of years ago. This program is required for students to enter the University system in Haiti. Traditionally, students attending would have to move to Port au Prince at the end of their 10th grade year, find a place to live and work out how they would eat each day AND pay to attend a program which costs about the same as going to the University (approximately \$2000/semester). Believing that it was better for the students to stay in the mountains to complete Terminal II, Pere Alphone, a former priest in charge of St. Matthias Parish, suggested that we implement this level of education. It has been a huge success! The St. Matthias School was named one of the 10 best high school programs in Haiti. We are in desperate need of a sponsoring church, organization or family. The cost of the program is \$1,250/month. We are also very willing to apply for grants. For more information, please contact us at 870-862-1252 or by email at haitifnd@att.net.



Please note our new mailing address:
P.O. Box 10775, El Dorado, Arkansas 71730



Current Resident or

**100% Used
as Designated
by Donor**

TUITION:
One School Year \$75

“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”
- Pere Albert

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