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

Ezekial 34:26

The Promise of a New School Year 2013/2014



Classes begin
mid-September...

Education brings HOPE!

Dear Friends,

Another school year is about to begin. This is the 32nd year that HEF has provided education to children living in the mountains of southern Haiti. The success of this foundation is only possible through the very generous donations of our supporters.

Over the past year, the board of directors has taken on the task of realigning our budgets for our supported schools in Haiti with the total of donations that can be expected on a regular basis. As a result, we have been forced to discontinue financing five of the forty schools that we previously supported: St. Pierre, St. Paul, Bon Berger, La Porte Etroite, and Christ Roi - Ascension. This has been a very difficult process. Our hope is that our donations will recover and we will again be able to educate the children attending those five schools.

We continue to encourage our donor churches to consider adopting a specific school. Currently, ten of the thirty-five schools have a partnering church in the United States. We are also actively pursuing support from churches not previously involved with HEF. We welcome invitations to come to your church or other organization to tell of our mission.

In October, we will be hosting our 4th Annual HUG Conference. It will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Westlake Village, California. If you are in the area and would like to participate, we certainly welcome you. Our keynote speaker will be Viergela Louis, a young Haitian woman who was educated in one of our HEF supported schools and now serves in the nursing profession in Florida. She is very anxious to share her story.

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We welcome April Miller from Millboro, VA to our board. She has made many trips to Haiti and has a deep love for its people. To say she is enthusiastic about all things Haiti is an understatement.

We thank you for your continued interest in HEF and look forward to our joining together again in our effort to serve Haiti's children.

Sincerely,
Mike Landers



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 2013/2014 School Year

\$30,244.00 per month
(Amount wired to Haiti for operation of schools)

Annual Budget
\$362,928.00

The Haiti Education Foundation, Inc.

Invites You to Attend Our Fourth Annual
Haiti United Gathering!

HUG 2013

October 12th
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Westlake Village, CA
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Registration: \$10.00 (includes lunch)
T Shirt: \$10.00

Please register before October 1:
Online at **www.haitifoundation.org**
or by Phone at 870-862-1252

Guest Speaker: Viergela Louis

Meet a young woman educated in a HEF-supported school

You will also have the opportunity to:

- Hear how HEF has been addressing illiteracy in Haiti's mountains since 1981
- Learn about the mission and future of HEF
- Discover what it means to "Sponsor a School"
- Network with others working in Haiti and share experiences
- Ask questions!

Please join us!

Blessed to Be a Blessing... Adopting a School

By April Miller



Notre Dame School in David, Haiti.

Windy Cove Presbyterian Church of Millboro, VA sent a thirteen member mission team to Haiti to enjoy a week in the beautiful mountains in the Cherident area. The team traveled to Haiti for many reasons but of utmost importance was to begin to develop a working relationship with our “adopted” school at David. Windy Cove began sponsoring the Notre Dame school at David shortly after the annual HUG conference last October. From that point on our church began praying for that school and the community of David. We also united in prayer as to how our mission team could effectively assist our school and the students who attend there. We decided that not only should we financially support them but we should also show our support by visiting them and getting to know the children that attend the school. After three separate meetings our team decided to construct new school benches, collect school supplies to take with us and have a three-day

VBS while we were in Haiti with the children of that school. So.....after much prayer and discussion the team departed Millboro, VA with our luggage full of supplies and attitudes ready to serve.

Our first planned activity was to simply travel to the school to see the location and what was available to use for our VBS. Ancy (our trusted driver and translator) had been in contact with the Principal and assured us that we would be openly welcomed. He wasn't joking!!! Every child that attends the school plus all of their friends were there to greet us!! Our team had packed soccer balls, jump ropes, bubbles and candy to give to the children. A group of girls were especially thrilled to get a large jump rope to do group jump rope activities. They “jumped” our entire visit!! During our visit the team met the principal and talked to him about the needs of his school and the children in the area and also about our plans for the remainder of the week. He was very excited to learn that we were making new school benches and that we were going to spend time with his children!

In the following days our visits to the school focused on VBS and activities with the children. Our four teens of the group planned and taught the Bible stories about Paul and Silas, the birth of Jesus and His crucifixion and resurrection. They included many of the Haitian children in the stories and performed a drama for each story. The team also helped the students create a craft activity that was about the Bible story for that day. The last day of Bible school was delivery day for the fifteen school benches that the team had constructed. It was quite a task to load all of the benches on two trucks and not lose one transporting them to the school --- but --Haitian ingenuity never fails!! After delivery of the benches our entire team helped teach the Bible story for the day and create a craft that further explained the Bible story. After Pastor Rob Sherrard sent the students out with a personal blessing each child was brought back in to the school to receive a treat bag and a new outfit. The children and the principal were extremely happy with all that our team had done for them. The children sang to the team to show their appreciation for all that we had done. Words cannot express how humbled we felt during this time. We went to Haiti to bless this little school out in the middle of a corn field with material blessings that might make their school days easier. But, they blessed our team beyond measure with the smiles and love that was shown to us during our visit in David.



Unloading benches that we built for the classrooms.

*More images from Notre Dame
School in David, Haiti*



Spending time with our students.



Having fun at VBS...It's universal!



Getting ready for a Bible story skit.

Challenges and Goals

By Susan Turbeville

The past several months have been like none other in the history of the Haiti Education Foundation...rather than growing in number, our board has made the decision to reduce the number of schools that we support. Although a very difficult decision, we know that in order to move forward successfully, we have to take a step back. I am learning that the success of any endeavor is driven by challenges and goals. I have seen this in our office...but even more poignantly in the struggles endured by our friends in Haiti. Their ability to bounce back when faced with obstacles is inspiring to all who come in contact. They are true overcomers and so are we!

With that in mind, we will press on in our efforts to fund the schools in the remote mountains of Haiti. We are starting the year with five fewer schools due to a decrease in donor sponsorship. However, I believe that we will soon be able to pick those schools back up. As you consider your gift, please know that it is making a difference in communities throughout the remote mountains of Haiti where children would otherwise have no opportunity to learn. The gift of education is like no other....it is multiplied in the giving and can never be taken away.

Mission Opportunity

We are continuing to encourage sponsorship of specific HEF supported schools. Our dream is to match each school with an American partner. This benefits the children in Haiti as well as the sponsoring church! We have heard time and again of the severe poverty of Haiti and that these people so often feel forgotten. A sponsorship creates a relationship between the two entities. This relationship involves two basic tenants; a financial obligation and involvement with the school.

Financial Obligation

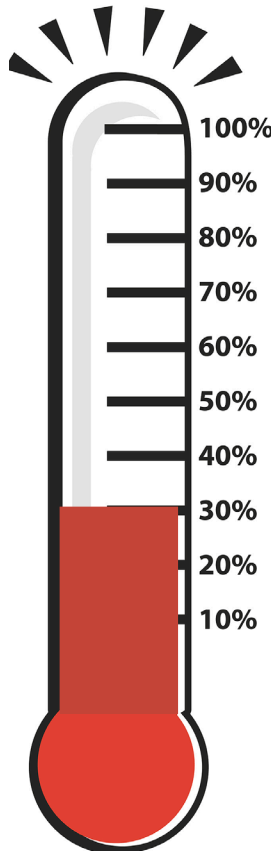
We are requesting an investment of at least 50% of the financial need of the school be met by the sponsoring church. Those needs are the salaries of teaching personnel and supplies. We ask that you consider a 5 year sponsorship for our planning purposes, but we do not request any formal written document. The sponsorship amount is a set amount and we will not ask for any increase within that 5 year period.

Church Involvement

Our hope is that a representation from the church will personally visit the school and meet the children and their teachers. This allows members of your church to see how mission funds are being spent.

There are many needs within each school. As your relationship grows, our hope is that you will be led to seek the specific needs of your school. This is not a requirement of sponsorship but an outgrowth of your investment in the lives of these children. If your church is interested in sponsorship, please call our office at 870-862-1252. Our email address is haitifnd@att.net. We can find a match for you!

Church Sponsorship of HEF Schools



Help us meet our goal of sponsorships for all 35 schools!

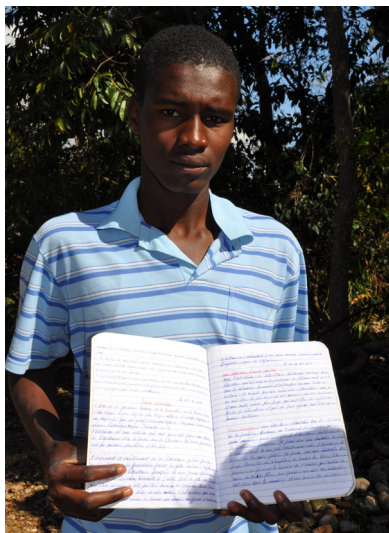
Windy Cove Pres. Church	Notre Dame School, David	St. Matthias
FPC Sparta, NJ	Bonne Nouvelle, LeBeau	St. Matthias
FPC Gainesville, GA	St. Jos. D'Armathe, Pillard	St. Matthias
Church of the Good Shepherd Lake Charles, LA	St. Mathieu, Begin	St. Matthias
St. John the Divine, Houston	St. Etienne, La Moth	St. Matthias
FUMC Women, Norphlet	St. Andre, Cavanack	St. Matthias
FPC Fort Smith, AR	Epiphanie, Morin	St. Matthias
Raleigh Court PC, Roanoke, VA	St. Thimothe, La Rivoire	Ascension
FPC Sand Springs, OK	St. Nom de Jesus, Venant	Ascension
FPC Johnson City, TN	St. Innocents, Bellevue	Ascension

Since our last publication, we have had a number of inquiries resulting in three pending commitments. Please consider this great mission opportunity. Remember, 100% of your donation is used as you designate.

Sponsorship Opportunities

<i>Bon Berger, Danot</i>	<i>Epiphanie Parish</i>	<i>\$770/month</i>	<i>\$9,240/year</i>
<i>St. Esprit, Marigot</i>	<i>Christ Roi Parish</i>	<i>\$265/month</i>	<i>\$3,180/year</i>
<i>St. Thomas, Lavanneau</i>	<i>Christ Roi Parish</i>	<i>\$485/month</i>	<i>\$5,820/year</i>
<i>St. Cypriene, Labiche</i>	<i>Ascension Parish</i>	<i>\$741/month</i>	<i>\$8,892/year</i>
<i>St. Luc, Briesilien</i>	<i>Ascension Parish</i>	<i>\$665/month</i>	<i>\$7,980/year</i>

There are many more schools! If you would like more specific information, please contact us at haitifnd@att.net.



Alternative Gifts
International

Look for HEF in the 2013 Catalog

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!

One Year Scholarship for a Child...

\$75



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as Designated
by Donor

TUITION:
One School Year - \$75

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"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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