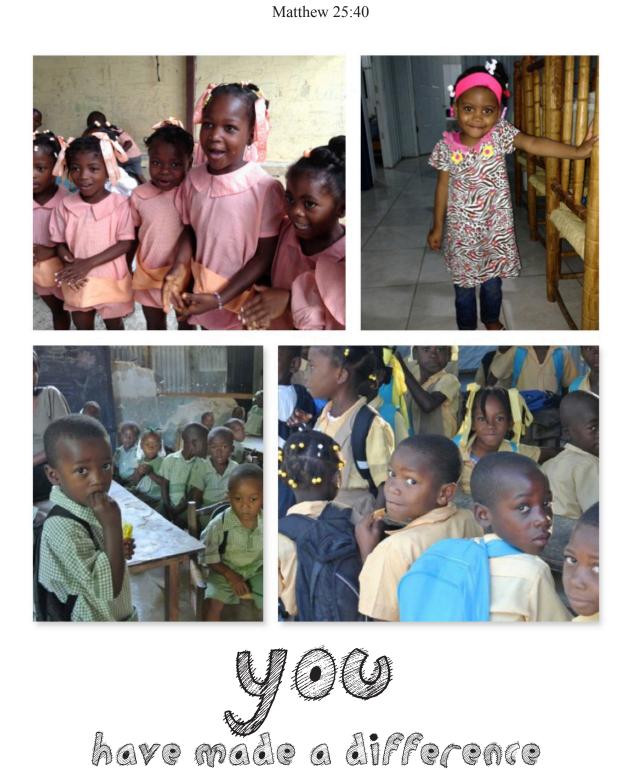
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brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."



Dear Friends,

Our HEF Board is very encouraged by the number of groups from several states which have scheduled or recently completed visits to our guest house in Cherident and our schools throughout the southern mountain region of Haiti. Many of the visitors have written to us of their journeys and tell of experiences they have enjoyed serving the schools in the area.

Since our last newsletter, four additional churches in the United States have pledged to adopt an HEF school. Two additional churches are considering doing so.

We have learned from those participating churches that adopting a school results in a bond between the church and the Haitian students and teachers that is strong and meaningful. We thank all those who are working to promote

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Haiti Education Foundation, Inc. P.O. Box 10775, El Dorado, AR 71730 870-862-1252 www.haitifoundation.org this effort.

The Board welcomes Jeffrey Landers of San Antonio, Texas as our newest board member. He and his wife Ashley are members of First Presbyterian Church, San Antonio. He is Frances Landers' youngest grandson and has a heart for the Haitian people. We are excited about his association with HEF.

If we can provide information to you or your group as to how you might join us in this mission, please do not hesitate to let us know. We look forward to hearing from you.

> 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

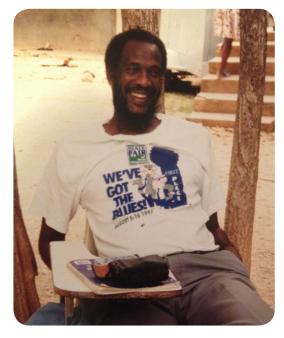
\$30,244.00 per month (Amount wired to Haiti for operation of schools)

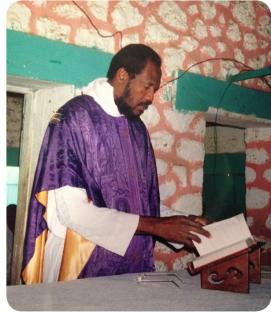
> Annual Budget \$362,928.00

Celebrating Pere Albert

On July 6th, 2014, people from all over southern Haiti will gather in St. Matthias Parish to celebrate the life of Pere Jean Wilfrid Albert, former priest and co-founder of the Haiti Education Foundation. This marks the 9th year since Pere Albert "graduated" to his heavenly home on July 6, 2005. As we have traveled to our HEF sponsored schools scattered throughout the southern mountain region, we still see his photo posted in the principals' offices. Many priests, principals and teachers still carry his picture in their wallet. His very name elicits a smile of recollection. Why? He set the bar high, lived his faith out daily, spread the joy of a personal relationship with God, instilled the importance of education, taught people to look at what God CAN do if we are willing...he left a lasting impression on many...Haitian and American!

Pere Fred Menelas, priest in charge of St. Matthias Parish, is overseeing the arrangements for the gathering. He writes, "On that day, we have planned to have a great celebration. We will have some people who will give testimonies about Pere Albert. We hope that you





will participate; either to be present or to send cards, photos and testimonies in writing so we can read them.

After the service, we will have the chance to watch some pictures of Pere Albert and see videos. In Pere Albert's life, whenever he met with people, he always shared something with them. That is why we hope to feed the participants, since we will spend some time together."

This event is being anticipated by many in Haiti...it is sure to be grand! If you have anything that you would like to share, please mail it to our office at P.O. Box 10775, El Dorado, AR 71730, by June 15th. We will make sure that it is placed in their hands. Additionally, if you would like to make a donation for the celebration meal, please make a note in the memo line of your check and we will send that in the June wire transfer.

We join in celebrating a life well lived...a life that continues to inspire and spurs us all on to investing ourselves in the things that really matter!

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Request from Haiti:

Pere Donald Metellus emailed the following request for Christ Roi Church in Jacmel. He writes:

"One of our priorities is to have some musical instruments for our church service.

1 Mixer, 1 Keyboard, 2 Guitars, Microphones

I know very well that things are not easy for you. I have begun to speak to the community to give their dues, but people do not really have the means. I want to ask for your support if possible, if you can send us some instruments or help us to buy them. The community is once again very grateful to you!"

If you have any of these items to donate or would like to contribute to the need at Christ Roi, please email me (haitifnd@att.net) or call our office (870-862-1252).

Come and See.....











What GOD Has Done!





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!

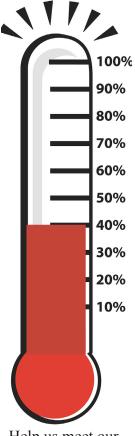
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Church Sponsorship of HEF Schools

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

| Windy Cove Pres. Church | Notre Dame School, David |
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| FPC Sparta, NJ | Bonne Nouvelle, LeBeau |
| FPC Gainesville, GA | St. Jos. D'Arimathe, Pillard |
| Church of the Good Shepherd Lake Charles, LA | St. Mathieu, Begin |
| St. John the Divine, Houston | St. Etienne, La Moth |
| FUMC Women, Norphlet, AR | St. Andre, Cavanack |
| FPC Fort Smith, AR | Epiphanie, Morin |
| Raleigh Court PC, Roanoke, VA | St. Thimothe, La Rivoire |
| FPC Sand Springs, OK | St. Nom de Jesus, Venant |
| FPC Johnson City, TN | St. Innocents, Bellevue |
| Tinkling Spring PC, Fisherville, VA | St. Jean Baptiste, Hess |
| FPC, El Dorado, AR | Bon Berger, Danot |
| Calabash PC, Sunset Beach, NC | St. Simon & St. Jude, Duny |
| FPC, Camden, AR | Christ Roi, Jacmel |
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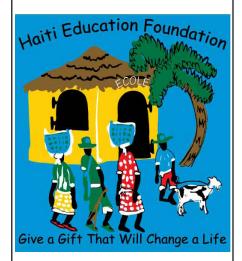
Since our last publication, we have had a number of inquiries resulting in three pending commitments. Please consider this great mission opportunity. Remember, 100% of your donation is used as you designate.

Sponsorship Opportunities

| St. Luc, Briesilien | \$665/month | \$7,980/year |
|---------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| St. Barthelemy, Barot | \$690/month | \$8,280/year |
| St. John Baptiste, Moreau | \$700/month | \$8,400/year |
| St. Thomas, Lavanneau | \$575/month | \$6,900/year |
| St. Barnabe, Lavalle | \$690/month | \$8,280/year |



There are many more schools! If you would like more specific information, please contact us at haitifnd@att.net. HEF T-Shirts will be available on our website beginning June 2014!



Visit www.haitifoundation.org to order yours!





Alternative Gifts

Look for HEF in the 2013/2014 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



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

> 100% Used as Designated by Donor

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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