

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Matthew 25:40

One Person Can Make A Difference... Is That One Person YOU?



Over the past 30 plus years, thousands of children have been educated through the generosity of our donors. Little boys and girls have had opportunity to cross the threshold of a classroom, slide onto a wooden bench and learn the day's lessons from a teacher who took great pride in his or her calling to teach. Because you have cared, our students have gone on to become doctors, nurses, priests, secretaries, teachers, principals, agronomists, and engineers. One by one, WE have been able to bring HOPE to an otherwise hopeless part of our world.

The Haiti Education Foundation realizes the many needs all around us...whether local or on foreign soil. The competition for the donor dollar is great...and never in our history have we needed your support more than now.

As you consider the difference you can make, please remember these things:

- There is nothing more powerful than your prayers for our ministry
- No gift is too large or too small
- 100% of your donation is used as you ask it to be used

Another school year has begun! Teachers are in the classrooms teaching and students are excited to learn. The gift of EDUCATION is something that can never be taken away and is multiplied in the giving...it is LIFE CHANGING..

Dear Friends of Haiti,

Another school year has begun in Haiti's southern mountains. Each morning some 7,000 children are waking up with anticipation as they look forward to attending their nearest HEF village school.

Many of these children will walk for miles along mountainous trails and narrow dirt roads to get to their destinations. But they are not deterred. They realize the value of an education and the difference it can make in their world.

All of this is possible because of the work and generosity of individuals who support efforts like HEF. They truly have made an unbelievable difference in the lives of these children.

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The story of the sponsorship of the school in the village of Petite Riviere by the Crittendens and their friends is another wonderful example of how one person or one small group of people can work to change the lives of many.

We have also included a list of special needs in the article "Specific Ways to Make a Difference". The needs of Haiti are numerous, but the life of a Haitian child can be enhanced greatly by your commitment to pray for and support HEF and its mission.

We welcome you to join with us and discover how you can truly make a difference.

Sincerely,

Mike Landers

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 2015/2016 School Year

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| \$32,083.00 per month | \$385,000.00 |
| (Amount wired to Haiti for operation of schools) | |
| \$150.00 per month | \$1,800.00 |
| (Cost of sending and receiving wire transfer) | |
| Annual Budget..... | \$386,800.00 |

The Gift of Your Presence



Clockwise from Top Left: Dr. Bob Gunther, Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church, Fisherville, VA; Sara Simeunovic, Haiti Healthcare Partners; Joe Turbeville, El Dorado, AR; Susan Turbeville, El Dorado, AR; Rob Sherrard, Sara Vines & Russ Woodzell, Windy Cove Presbyterian Church, Millboro, VA.

Please send your group photos so that we can use them in our next publication...haitifnd@att.net



Alternative Gifts
International

Look for HEF in the 2015-2016 Catalogue

Making a Difference

My wife, Beth, and I have been interested for many years in organizing a group of individuals that would include family members, friends and business associates, in sponsoring one of the HEF schools. Up until this time, all the sponsors for schools have been churches, and boy are we thankful for our sponsoring churches! Creating direct relationships between American churches and their Haitian schools has been a blessing for both the church and the HEF-sponsored school.

In December, 2013, Beth and I visited St Philippe and St Jacques Primary School, which is a 30-minute drive from another HEF school that is sponsored by our own church, Raleigh Court PC in Roanoke, VA. St Philippe and St Jacques is in the village of Petite Riviere, along the south coast and due west of Baintet, in Ascension Parish. The

school had 130 students, a fabulous staff and its principal, Maccene Ulisse, is a serious, gentle, respected leader who obviously runs a first-rate program. However, the school, in two separate huts, was made of sticks and leaves which leaked when it rained and had to be rebuilt with each heavy wind. The village had no clean water and there was no lunch program for the children.



Beth and I revisited in January of this year and confirmed to Maccene, the school children and parents that we felt called to build them a school. We interviewed several building contractors, inspecting their work and collecting bids, then returned home to begin raising the money. We were blessed that the money for the nine-room concrete schoolhouse was in hand by the end of April. We selected the contractor, Desir Wilson, and construction began. We hired Lucson Celestin to be our Haitian “eyes and ears” who traveled to Petite Riviere twice each month to take photos and send them back to us and to get updates from the contractor. The schoolhouse was completed just as school opened in September, with a strong steel roof and reinforced and painted walls. Trinity Hope of Lebanon, TN, specialists in feeding school children in Haiti, is beginning to provide lunch to the children at our new school. Attendance for the 2015/2016 school year has risen to the maximum capacity of 200. We are excited about our new school and we hope to add a water purification system, kitchen, storage room, lunchroom and cistern next year. God has blessed us in so many ways, and I’m so happy that our donors have been so generous. The new building is named the Richard C. Crittenden School in memory of my brother, a really smart, gentle person, who departed this world in 2007.

HEF still needs 17 more sponsors to support our entire network of 35 schools. The sponsor can be a church, but it can also just be a group of people with a common cause, as we have done. I hope others can visit our school to see what has been done there!

Rob Crittenden

Member, HEF Board of Directors

Sponsorship Opportunities

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| <i>St. Luc, Briesilien</i> | <i>\$665/month</i> | <i>\$7,980/year</i> |
| <i>St. Barthelemy, Barot</i> | <i>\$690/month</i> | <i>\$8,280/year</i> |
| <i>St. John Baptiste, Moreau</i> | <i>\$700/month</i> | <i>\$8,400/year</i> |
| <i>Transfiguration, Duvillion</i> | <i>\$450/month</i> | <i>\$5,400/year</i> |
| <i>St. Barnabe, Laval</i> | <i>\$690/month</i> | <i>\$8,280/year</i> |

There are many more schools!

If you would like more specific information, please contact us at haitifnd@att.net.

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

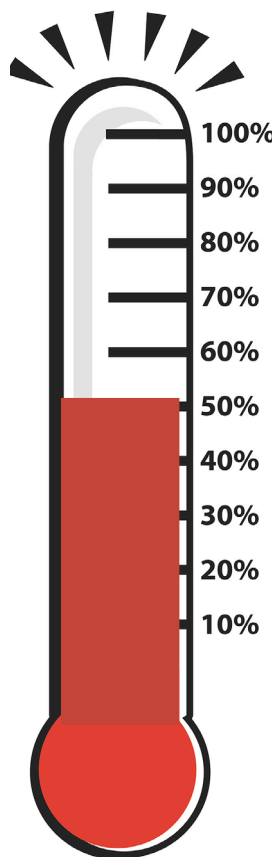
We are requesting an investment of at least 50% of the financial need of the school be met by the sponsoring church. Those needs are the salaries of teaching personnel and supplies. We ask that you consider a 5 year sponsorship for our planning purposes, but we do not request any formal written document.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

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| St. Paul's Episcopal, Shreveport, LA | St. Matthias Preschool, Cherident |
| Crittenden Family & Friends | St. Phillipe & St. Jacques, Petite Riviere |
| FPC Shreveport, LA | St. Matthias Elementary, Cherident |
| FPC Staunton, VA | St. Thomas, Lavanneau |
| Windy Cove PC, Millboro, VA | Notre Dame School, David |
| FPC Sparta, NJ | Bonne Nouvelle, LeBeau |
| FPC Gainesville, GA | St. Jos. D'Armathe, Pillard |
| Church of the Good Shepherd Lake Charles, LA | St. Mathieu, Begin |
| St. John the Divine, Houston, TX | St. Etienne, La Mothe |
| FUMC Women, Norphlet, AR | St. Andre, Cavanack |
| FPC Fort Smith, AR | Epiphanie, Morin |
| Raleigh Court PC, Roanoke, VA | St. Timothee, La Rivoire |
| FPC Sand Springs, OK | St. Nom de Jesus, Venant |
| FPC Johnson City, TN | St. Innocents, Bellevue |
| Tinkling Spring PC, Fishersville, 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 |

Please consider this great mission opportunity. Remember, 100% of your donation is used as you designate.

A Lighthouse on the Hill

Haiti Healthcare Partners



On the first day of school, Pere Fred and local teachers gathered students for the annual traditional blessing. However; this year's blessing would be unlike one students would receive in years past. On September 15, as students prepared to come to school, little did they know leaders in the Cherident community had been spending weeks prior to their arrival planning, preparing, and praying more than ever before.

Haiti Healthcare Partners (HHP) has been present in the region for 10 years through a local clinic. This summer, the staff at HHP dedicated the month of July to prayer and in this month felt called to reach out to local schools. With the collaboration of school administrators Pere Fred, HHP staff prepared an initiative (termed "Open Door") which was set to launch the first day of school.



At the core of Open Door is health education and heightened collaboration between students, their parents, teachers, with the HHP team being the glue which holds the health of these students' lives together. HHP staff will work with schools to teach on sex education and

disease prevention. Ultimately, the dream of HHP is to see students and the community understanding what it means to lead a healthy lifestyle and in turn taking ownership of their own health concerns.

Sitting together, students and teachers, everyone gathered for the traditional blessing, yet one with increased prayers and increased presence. This time the staff of Haiti Healthcare Partners spoke to the school and echoed pieces of Matthew 5:14-16 as they reinstated to everyone present; the clinic is available to all as a lighthouse.

Interested in learning more about the work of Haiti Healthcare Partners? Contact Sara Simeunovic at sonjehaiti2@hotmail.com.

Sara Simeunovic
Director of Development, Haiti Healthcare Partners



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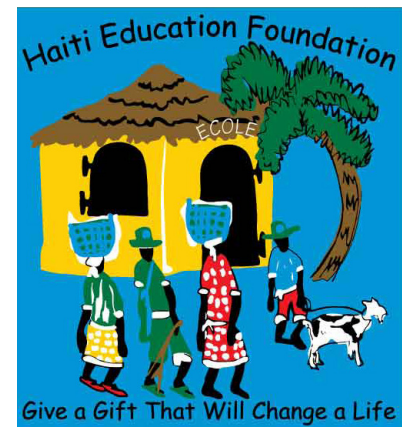
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Specific Ways to Make a Difference...

Our number one need is always scholarship funding...this is ongoing, twelve months of every year, as the teachers are paid year round. However, there are a number of special projects throughout the parishes.

1. **St. Luc School at Bresilienne** (pictured below) **is our construction focus.** The school was heavily damaged by the earthquake and is not safe for students and teachers. The cost for reconstruction is \$90,000.00 or \$10,000.00 per classroom. This school will be constructed in the same style as the St. Philippe and St. Jacques Primary school pictured on page four. A St. Luc Construction Fund has been set up and donations can be made through our website or by mail. If mailing funds, please make note on the memo line of your check.
2. Chalkboards and benches constantly need to be replaced. The cost of each is \$100.00
3. Many schools are in need of new latrines for the students and teachers. The cost for each of these is \$3,000.00.
4. We are still in need of funding for a new vehicle. As many travel to Haiti to visit schools and monitor projects, we are in great need of replacing one of our trucks. The roads are extremely rough and take a great toll on the vehicles. Our missionaries' safety is of utmost importance while they are in country. If you are interested in donating toward this purchase, please call the HEF office at 870-862-1252 for more information.



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by Donor**

**TUITION:
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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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