



Perplexed, but not in despair;



STRUCK DOWN,
BUT NOT DESTROYED.

WE ARE HARD PRESSED ON EVERY SIDE,
but not crushed;



Persecuted, but not abandoned;



We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus,
so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.

Dear Friends of Haiti,

I am again amazed at the willingness of caring and concerned people to quickly and appropriately respond when those less fortunate are suddenly in great need. The reaction of our friends and donors to our plea for assistance for the people of Haiti following Hurricane Matthew is a perfect example.

Thanks to you, HEF has been able to provide emergency assistance and monies to ensure that our students, teachers and their families are fed and sustained immediately following this tragedy. We have received heart felt responses from those in Haiti who have greatly benefited from your generosity.



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We are now focused to ensure that those school buildings damaged or destroyed are addressed in order that our students and teachers can again resume their work in the classroom. Our main focus remains to provide a quality education for children in Haiti. Your continued prayers and support are vital in our efforts to reach this goal.

We are looking forward to the celebration of the release of Martha Miller's book "Hope Personified". This will take place in El Dorado, Arkansas, on March 4, 2017. More information on this gathering will be available soon. We are hopeful that you will save this date and meet with us for this celebration.

Again, thank you for all that you have done in supporting HEF and the children it serves. Special thanks to Chris Carlisle and his mission team for the photos used in our Christmas greeting this year.

In Christ,

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 2016/2017 School Year

\$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

Hurricane Matthew....

Picking up the pieces and putting them back together...again...

By Susan Turbeville



Pictured from top: Students helping with the clean-up at Epiphany School.; The St. Matthias High School roof is blown off.; Charles David, principal of St. Andre, sifts through the rubble of the school.

One of our long-time supporters, Flo Boggs, emailed following the Earthquake of 2010, “You’ve heard the Haitian proverb, ‘Beyond the mountains, there are more mountains.’ One wonders how many more mountains our poor Haitians must struggle over just to live, much less progress. My heart aches...especially for the children.” My mind was drawn back to Flo’s statement once again as Hurricane Matthew made landfall on October 4. Will our friends be able to survive this? What will the challenges be this time? How will we be able to help?

Social media was such a blessing in those days following the storm. Friends sent messages letting us know their situations... then we started to receive photos and more specific reports as the days progressed. No deaths were reported in the area where our schools are located. There was quite a bit of wind damage which blew roofs off of schools and houses...in some cases, the buildings were destroyed. Many crops were blown or washed away and many Haitians lost their animals. Ancy Fils Aime wrote, “All of the farms that were considered as the farmers’ bank accounts are washed out...so the storm cuts out their hands.” As quickly as possible, we assessed the needs and determined that while we could not solve all feeding issues in “our” southern mountains, we could make some difference in each of the communities in which we serve. A plea was made to our donors through our web site and email. You responded generously! Funding to send a wire transfer to purchase and distribute food was quickly raised. We have been able to send three separate wires to help with food totaling \$34,503. Additionally, we gave our teachers a small bonus to help supplement their losses. For the longterm, the priests are looking into possible programs to raise chickens in the communities to begin to replace what was lost. We are now putting together the budget to repair the schools which had their roofs blown off and are in the process of fundraising to rebuild St. Andre which is just one of the nine that were destroyed. Rest assured, the children are back at school...teachers are teaching and learning is taking place! The condition of their learning environment in many situations is not what it was. In the next several weeks, we will post our construction needs on our web site so that we can get the children back in adequate classrooms.

At this time, I want to express my feelings on the importance of building proper concrete structures for our children to have to attend school. Many times, our schools are the most reliable building in a community. Therefore, when a storm comes, families are able to seek refuge in these structures. In the villages where our schools are in concrete buildings...the families can shelter. This was reported time and again to us by our priests. Please consider giving to help us rebuild these facilities. The average cost to build one classroom is \$10,000.00. Understandably, we are hesitant to draw too much attention to this need due to the fact that we must first fund our school salaries so that children have teachers in the classrooms.

Through all of this, we do know that we serve a MIGHTY GOD who has a GREAT PLAN! I am confident that all needs will be met and that our friends in Haiti will know GOD’S LOVE and PROVISION. Our Haitian friends have begun to pick up the pieces... and we will work alongside them to put their lives back together again.

Hope Personified: Frances Maschal Landers

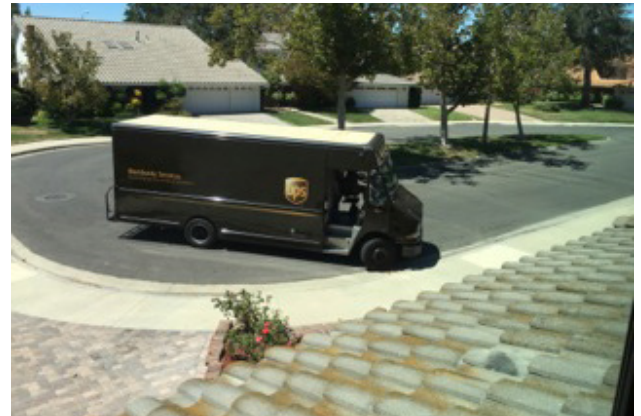
Now Available!

by Martha Abbey Miller



On August 16, a brown UPS truck delivered a smallish shipping box to our home. Not that I was anticipating the delivery or anything, but as the truck rumbled around the cul-de-sac, I was poised at the upstairs window to take a photo. I raced downstairs and opened the front door, expecting to see the delivery man holding the box, outstretched, in his white-gloved hands. Instead, the box was on the front step, the driver had sprinted back to the truck, and it was rumbling down the street.

Well, how could the driver had known? My first copy of my first book! And not just any book, but the story of Frances Landers, her partnership with Pere Jean-Wilfrid Albert, and their ministry that became Haiti Education Foundation. There is laughter in this book, and there are tears. There are joys and setbacks, plenty of perseverance, and some well-placed miracles. A lot of HEF supporters will find your names within Hope Personified, some will smile at your own stories, and many be warmed by familiar photographs. Newcomers to Haiti Education Foundation will feel right at home.



I give abundant thanks to the Landers family, the HEF board of directors, and many of Frances's friends and supporters for their contributions to and prayers for Hope Personified. The book is available from westbowpress.com, barnesandnoble.com, and amazon.com, in hardbound, softbound, and ebook formats. I wish I could hand-deliver each of them to you. To honor Frances, I'd wear white gloves! Enjoy!

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When purchasing from Amazon.com, please register for AmazonSmile to support the Haiti Education Foundation. A portion of each registered purchase will be donated to HEF...and EVERY donation makes a difference! **amazon.com**

Join the Celebration!



Haiti Education Foundation invites you to celebrate the release of

Hope Personified: Frances Maschal Landers

Saturday, March 4, 2017
in El Dorado, Arkansas

Martha Miller, author, will be signing copies of her book
and will perform her One woman act:
"Frances Landers"

More details to follow.

Sponsorship Opportunities

St. Barthelemy, Barot	\$690/month	\$8,280/year
St. John Baptiste, Moreau	\$700/month	\$8,400/year
Transfiguration, Duvillion	\$450/month	\$5,400/year
Ascension Pre-School	\$265/month	\$3,180/year
St. Esprit, Marigot	\$395/month	\$4,740/year

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



More Ways to Make a Difference

Our number one need is always scholarship funding...this is ongoing, 12 months of every year, as the teachers are paid year round. However, there are always a number of special projects throughout the parishes.

1. Chalkboards and benches are constantly in need of being replaced. The cost of each is \$100.00.
2. Many more schools are in need of new latrines for the students and teachers to use. The cost for each of these is \$3,000.00
3. A number of our very remotely located schools are in need of being replaced/ repaired. These schools are constructed of local materials such as banana bark, bamboo, rock and tin. The cost to rebuild these structures is around \$10,000.00 per classroom. Rob Crittenden will be traveling to Haiti in January or February to get more precise costs at these school sites.

Prayer Concerns

Your prayers move mountains! There are several matters in Haiti that need our prayers...

1. The leaders of our schools, Pere Fred, Pere Michaud, Pere Goursse, Pere Bearvoir, and Pere Sonley as they oversee the education and spiritual guidance of the children and teachers.
2. Ancy fils Aime is responsible for our missionaries traveling to Haiti and so much more!
3. Essential needs be met for the people of Haiti during this devastating time
4. Wisdom for our board in reaching out to the needs presented by our students and teaching staff
5. Donor generosity through this trying time so that we can continue to support our schools and provide special needs.
6. Lost crops and livestock will be plentifully replaced.
7. That the faith of the people of Haiti will remain strong and they will feel God's presence in their lives.

St. Luc School...Open for Business! Next...St. Andre



We reported in our Spring Newsletter that the funding to rebuild St. Luc School in Bresilienne had been raised. The work began in June and was completed by September 1...just in time for school to begin. It is a beautiful building and we know that the teachers and children are thrilled with their new surroundings. A wonderful family has donated funds to fully furnish the school with new benches, desks, and blackboards in memory of their parents who were longtime donors to HEF. We are so happy to let you know that the building was unharmed by Hurricane Matthew. If you “do” Facebook, there is a page called St. Luc Primary School (facebook.com/Stlucprimaryschool) that documents the progress of the project from start to completion.

It is now time to focus on our newest project which will be the St. Andre School at Cavanack. This very remote school is located in St. Matthias Parish on top of a hill...a 30 minute hike from the main road. The structure that the children started this school year in was completely destroyed by Hurricane Matthew. The students are now attending in a temporary structure until we can rebuild. There are 77 students and 8 teachers. A special designation has been set up on our web page, www.haitifoundation.org, called St. Andre. Our hope is that we can begin construction after the first of the year. We estimate the cost of this project to be \$60,000.00. Once the project is started, we will have a Facebook page to document this project as well. Again, it is important to note that a school building in these remote communities is used for so much more than a school...it is their church, activity center and place of refuge in a storm. Please consider supporting this project.



Alternative Gifts
International

Look for HEF in the 2016-2017 Catalogue

Our *Creative* Donors!

After studying Haiti as a francophone country, the 6th grade French class at Fieldstone Middle School in Montvale, New Jersey, was inspired to plan a fundraiser to support education. The students donated money to buy a piece of duct tape to tape the principal to the wall. They raised enough money to donate two school scholarships. The kids had a great time and children in Haiti will benefit from their unique fundraising venture! A special thanks to Madame Leon and the 6th grade French class at Fieldstone Middle School.



John and Anne Reed of Fishersville, Virginia, recently donated a tractor to their church middle-schoolers to be used as a fund raiser for Youth Mission trips. The tractor had been given to them nearly 17 years ago as a wedding gift used to cut their pasture. The youth, with the help of their parents worked since July to restore the tractor and get it ready for auction. The sale was a great success! Following Hurricane Matthew, they heard about a school roof being blown off at St. Matthias School in Cherident and damage to the nearby clinic. The middle-schoolers chose to give the proceeds from the sale to help with the repair of both buildings. The Haiti Education Foundation is very proud to have such great partners!



Twenty kings, ten angels and Mary and Joseph rejoiced over the birth...and they sang Away in the Manger!

May the Joy of Christ's Birth Fill Your Heart this Christmas

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overcome it. Thank You for being
His light in Haiti."*
- Pere Albert

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