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# HEF

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*"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

## Working Together . . .



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## ...Making A Difference

Dear Friends of Haiti,

As we approach the close of yet another school year for the 35 HEF schools situated in Haiti's southern mountains, we look forward to our future and recognize the faithful support and generosity that, with God's help, has made everything possible.

This newsletter emphasizes the importance of working together to make a real difference. HEF works closely with our partners, Living Waters of the World, Solar Under the Sun, Trinity Hope, Haiti Health Care Partners, our mission teams and our generous donors to accomplish our goal to provide quality education to thousands of Haiti's children.

We continue to emphasize the importance of having churches partner with individual schools for the purpose of providing financial support, encouragement and nurturing of individual schools. This program continues to be very successful and of great benefit to not only the partnered school but also the supporting church or group.

We are very pleased to have been able to purchase a new vehicle for the use of our mission in providing safe and dependable transportation for those visiting our schools in Haiti. We are also thankful for funding recently received toward reconstruction of two schools, St. Luc and St. Joseph d'Armathee, which were severely damaged by the devastating earthquake.

Our students are accomplishing great things despite having to confront many hardships. They work diligently and strive to be responsible citizens and faithful Christians who will be able to lead productive lives and, eventually, lead their families from a life of poverty.

HEF recognizes that, without our generous donors, none of this could be possible. We thank you for your continued support.

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.

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## **Operating Budget 2015/2016 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)	
<b>Annual Budget.....</b>	<b>\$386,800.00</b>

# *Together....*

**“Escouade”** – a group of people who are committed to help each other with their farms.

As you travel the mountain roads of Haiti, it is common to see an escouade working the fields – a band of brothers – so to speak – working in unison toward a common goal, sharing the burden of the mission before them. These friends go from field to field until all are complete and ready for planting.

The Haiti Education Foundation is blessed to be part of an “escouade” of sorts. We work closely with several partners who provide differing services; Living Waters of the World, Solar Under the Son, Haiti Healthcare Partners, Trinity Hope Feeding and of course the Priests in Charge of each of our schools. Together, a difference is being made in our mission field – the children living in the remote mountains of southern Haiti.

When Pere Jean Wilfrid Albert and Frances Landers first established HEF, Pere Albert orchestrated the education, construction, feeding programs, clinic and spiritual teaching for the parishes. As time went on, the ministry grew to 40 schools, spreading our resources and outreach far beyond human capability. Following Pere Albert’s death, we quickly saw just how all-encompassing his arms were stretched! But GOD lovingly ushered HEF into a new era...first forcing us to commit solely to our focus of EDUCATION and then blessing us with partners who are equally focused on their specific mission. Because we have had the opportunity to work closely together to meet the needs of our Haitian brothers and sisters, our people are blessed and we are no longer stretched beyond our capabilities. Today, 35 schools educate thousands of children who would have no other opportunity to learn. Through the ministries of our partners some of our schools now have access to purified water, solar power, healthcare services, feeding programs and all hear the Word of Jesus Christ. We thank you, our donors, who give generously and faithfully. Because you care, these things are made possible.



## *...we are making a difference!*



*Alternative Gifts*  
International

**Look for HEF in the 2015-2016 Catalogue**



# More Than Just Supporting A School... Changing LIVES!



While visiting Haiti in April, I had the opportunity to stop by St. Barnabee School in LaVallee. Perched on a high hill just off of the main road, this school educates 265 students. The principal, Marie Michelle, has a staff of nine teachers – two of which are former students – who teach pre-K through 6th grade. Marie is an excellent administrator. She was first a teacher at the school and then moved to the position of principal several years ago.

As I walked from classroom to classroom greeting the teachers and students, I noticed that a young man – not in school uniform – had arrived and was visiting with Marie. She had a BIG smile on her face. The young man, Ezechias Louissaint, was in the area and wanted to stop by and thank Marie Michelle for her impact on his life. He said, “I was a very good student, but Madame Michelle was very strict on me. She loved me like a mother...I always knew she cared.” Ezechias is now in college studying to become a school administrator. Marie said that many of her students come by to visit and say the same thing. She has former students who now work in all facets of life in Haiti.



## 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
Transfiguration, Duvillion	\$450/month	\$5,400/year
St. Barnabe, Lavalie	\$690/month	\$8,280/year

*There are many  
more schools!  
If you would like more  
specific information,  
please contact us at  
[haitifnd@att.net](mailto: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](mailto:haitifnd@att.net).

**We can find a match for you!**



*FPC, Shreveport team experiences Trinity Hope feeding program with their elementary students at St. Matthias School in Cherident.*



*Susan Turbeville rocking Kayla at the Guest House in Cherident. Kayla is the newest addition to Pere Fred and Wislande Menellas' family.*



*St. Paul's Episcopal team in Cherident visiting with Pere Fred.*



*St. Matthias preschool teachers meet with their sponsoring church team from St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Shreveport, LA.*



# A Difference Made . . .

In our last few publications, we have reached out to you for help with a few special projects. Your response has been wonderful! We are happy to report the following:

- A vehicle has been purchased that will safely carry our missionaries to and from the airport and into the field for school visits and projects.
- Three new latrines are in the process of being built in Cherident for the pre-school, elementary and high school students and teachers.
- The funding for St. Luc School at Bresilienne has been raised!! Soon the children will have a new, safe place to attend school...photos of progress will appear in our next newsletter!

Additionally, we would like to thank First Presbyterian Church in Gainesville, GA, for raising funds to rebuild the school that they sponsor, St. Joseph D'Armathe in Pillard. Their school was completely destroyed in the earthquake of 2010.



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## 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 replace/repair these structures is around \$10,000.00. Most of these schools require a hike in and no concrete structure will ever be built on these sites.



*Students of St. Luc School which will be rebuilt within the next year!*

## 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. Political peace and resolution in Haiti.
4. Rain...Haiti has suffered from a drought for some time now... they really need rain.

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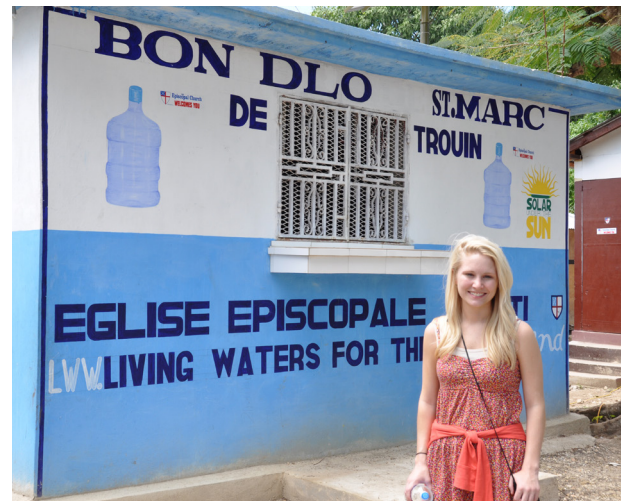
# Haiti Healthcare Partners

Many of you may remember The Clinic at Cherident, first established by Pere Albert. Today, it is called the *Clinique Jean Wilfrid Albert* and it has been supported by Haiti Healthcare Partners for the past 10 years. Many exciting things are beginning to happen there that I believe some of you would be interested in knowing more about.

Additionally, if your mission team is interested in doing a medical mission, we ask that you contact HHP to help in scheduling. You may visit their web site at [www.haitihealthcarepartners.webs.com](http://www.haitihealthcarepartners.webs.com) to see their latest news or contact their director, Sara Simeunovic at [sonjehaiti2@hotmail.com](mailto:sonjehaiti2@hotmail.com).



Living Waters of the World and Solar Under the Sun have teamed together to bring purified water to several school campuses sponsored by HEF. This water is vital to the health and well-being of our students and teachers. As many of you know, cholera has plagued the island of Haiti. We are happy to have LWW/SUS working alongside us and many others to insure that the people have a reliable purified water source. To learn how to become more engaged in this project, contact Chris McRae at [cmcrae11@cox.net](mailto:cmcrae11@cox.net)



Over the last several years, we have gained a new partner and friend through Trinity Hope – a ministry focused on feeding in Haiti. This organization feeds thousands of students throughout Haiti. We are blessed that they are working with seven of our sponsored schools so that the children can receive a nutritional meal each day. Trinity Hope has allowed HEF to establish a special account which anyone can donate through to serve one of our schools. For more information, their website is [www.trinityhope.org](http://www.trinityhope.org).



# Guimond Pierre Louis



Guimond grew up in Cavanack, a small hill top village...several villages down the winding Haitian road from Cherident. He is one of those precious children that we often talk about having to walk two hours to and from school each day. He graduated from St. Matthias high school in Cherident and went on to Theology School in Port au Prince. Pere Fred Menelas, the Priest-in-Charge of St. Matthias and also a Theology Professor at the University says that he is not only a fine man but one of his best students. He has been named a deacon in the Episcopal Church of Haiti and will soon become a Priest. We are so proud of his accomplishments and hope that we will one day have the honor of working with him in one of the parishes that we serve.

The rest of the story is this...today, there is a little school located in Cavanack and supported by the United Methodist Women of Norphlet, Arkansas. Just before Pere Albert died, he saw the great need for a school and church located in this area. The children of Cavanack no longer have to walk soooo far at such a young age...they can attend preschool through 4th grade in their village. We are very thankful for the UMW of Norphlet, AR who saw a need and took up the task!



## Soon to be published... *Hope Personified*

The Biography of Frances Landers

By Martha Miller

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His light in Haiti."*  
- Pere Albert

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