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"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you."

John 15:16

WE ARE EDUCATING HAITI'S FUTURE LEADERS



Today, hundreds of men and women who as children attended schools sponsored by Haiti Education Foundation play vital roles in the Haitian workforce. These principled, educated adults began their lives as barefoot illiterate youngsters, scarcely risking to dream. Today, because of HEF donors like you, they are doctors, nurses, engineers, teachers, computer technologists, administrators, priests, agronomists, interpreters, and more! Thanks to each HEF supporter who has invested in Haiti's future!

Dear HEF Supporters:

Haiti seems to swing from one crisis to the next, and the recent violence over rising fuel prices and inflation in the Haitian currency seems to be the current one. It is frustrating for our organization, as taking groups to Haiti is our most successful means of growing our donor base! But the one constant is this: we are paying over 400 teachers and administrators, 12 months each year, in 35 primary and six high schools, and we are educating about 7,000 children. Our mission has been the same since our founders began this so many years ago. We continue to have hope in Haiti, and from this newsletter, I hope you can see why we are so hopeful. The newspaper headlines disappoint and sadden us, but our success in building the leaders of tomorrow makes us rejoice! Thank you for your prayers and your continued financial support. And do consider a full sponsorship of a school, or even a classroom within a school. You don't have to be a church to do this! We are working toward 100% sponsorships, as that guarantees that we can keep all of our schools open, even in the face of the overall decline in non-profit support.

It is an honor to serve as your chairman. Your board is doing all that we can to prayerfully make the right decisions as we move our small organization forward and build on the hope that education brings.

Blessings,
Rob Crittenden
President, HEF

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We are excited to offer a more convenient way to give to HEF monthly through automatic payments! Information for this can be found on our website at www.haitifoundation.org under "Donate", then click "Monthly Support". For as little as \$6.00/month, you can support a child's education!



Mission: The mission of the Haiti Education Foundation is to provide educational opportunities to children in the mountains of southern Haiti.

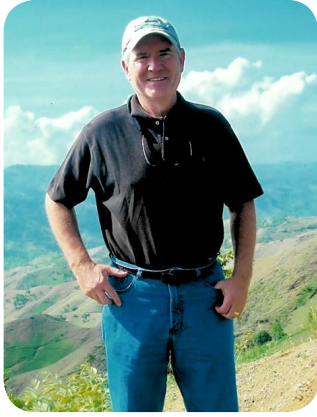
Goal: To establish an avenue for giving where 100% of contributions go to the need designated by the donor.

Objective: To help Haitians to help themselves.

Operating Budget 2018/2019 School Year

\$36,000.00 per month	\$432,000.00
(Amount wired to Haiti for operation of schools)	
\$150.00 per month	\$1,800.00
(Cost of sending and receiving wire transfer)	
Annual Budget.....	\$433,800.00

Mike Landers



On March 31, 2008, Mike Landers, son of Haiti Education Foundation founder Frances Landers, stepped into the position of HEF Chairman of the Board. In the past 11 years, Mike has contributed his time and efforts to carry on the vision of Frances and Pere Albert by traveling the US and Haiti as an ambassador for HEF. He has led well as we have endured the hardships of hurricanes and the earthquake in 2010. He was instrumental in broadening our board of directors and hosting HUG Conferences where our donors gather to network. On January 29, 2019, Mike “retired” from his position of chair. We are fortunate to have a wealth of talent on our board. Rob Crittenden has been named our new Chairman. He has served on the board since October 2010 and has been active in HEF since 1997. Rob, a champion of school sponsorship, is deeply committed to Haiti and will be an excellent successor as chairman. We are very pleased that Mike will remain on the board to continue offering his wisdom. The Haiti Education Foundation is most grateful to Mike for all that he has done for the children of Haiti and we are thankful to Rob for taking on this important role.



St. Mathieu Ecole Episcopale, Bégin

Sponsor: Good Shepherd Episcopal Church,
Lake Charles, Louisiana

A SAVING GRACE AMIDST TURMOIL

High in the remote southern mountains of Haiti sits a thriving school built and maintained by Good Shepherd Episcopal Church. Although Haiti's cities recently have experienced much unrest, in the tiny rural village of Bégin, St. Mathieu École Épiscopale is calm.

“Our school is an oasis in the storm,” said Glenda Williams, chair of Tend My Lambs, the mission outreach at Good Shepherd. “Our students are safe, and people in the community can be safe at our school too.”

The recent violence in Haiti underscores the struggle and anger of its urban young people who cannot find jobs. Many have insufficient education, and nearly all lack the income and ability to lead a productive life in their homeland. The demonstrations, an eruption of anger against Haitian president Jovenel Moïse, brought most of the country to a standstill earlier this year. Roads were blocked with burning tires, metal fencing, and cinder blocks. There were several casualties. United States' aid was stranded at the ports. With local businesses shut down, food, water, and propane gas became scarce. Even the raucous and beloved Carnival was cancelled. Tension remains high in Haiti, as confidence in the government is weak and people remain angry over corruption, economic malaise, and hunger.

The saving grace of HEF's schools, including St. Mathieu École Épiscopale, is location. Many people who live in the mountains are subsistence farmers, so they have more food and relative safety than those in the cities.

St. Mathieu École Épiscopale did close for nine days during the height of the uprising, since some of its teachers live in Port-au-Prince and couldn't get to Bégin. No vehicles were on the roads, and conditions were not safe. Even though Haiti is still tense and volatile, HEF's schools, like St. Mathieu, are operating smoothly.

The history of St. Mathieu École Épiscopale and Good Shepherd goes back 27 years. “Our church was called to build this school,” said Glenda Williams. “We have watched the students flourish, but I have to say they have enriched us just as much as the school has enriched them. We have been blessed.”

The relationship between the St. Mathieu and Good Shepherd has

lasted through hurricanes, earthquakes, and now, civil unrest. The original school, built in 1992, consisted of five elementary classrooms. Within five years, the school expanded to include middle school. A new church was built, and the combination of church and school became a place of hope for all the people of Bégin.

When the disastrous earthquake tore apart the island on January 12, 2010, St. Mathieu was partially standing, but unsafe and soon condemned. Good Shepherd decided to rebuild, and held a fundraising Fish Fry for Haiti. Generous proceeds were \$40,000, enough to rebuild the elementary and middle school, and add a high school. Within the year, the doors were reopened and the students and teachers returned.

Disaster could have struck again when Hurricane Matthew made landfall as a powerful Category 4 on October 4, 2016. But, St. Mathieu had been so strongly constructed that not only did it remain operational, but it served as a place of refuge for the community, just as it has done during the current national crisis.

Today, the school serves 214 elementary and 211 upper level students. The cost of tuition and books for these 425 students, plus the salaries of the 34 teachers, is about \$24,000 per year.

In mid-March, Good Shepherd held its annual Fish Fry for Haiti, to celebrate and support the Haitian school. In addition to money raised at the fish fry and its silent auction, St. Mathieu is sustained through scholarships provided by members of Good Shepherd and people in the Lake Charles community.

“Only \$135 provides tuition and supplies for one student for an entire year,” Glenda said. “There is no one else. The Haitian government does not provide education for these children. U.S. churches of all denominations have taken on the task of educating the Haitians. We are humbly proud to serve this need.”

Good Shepherd is seeking a partnership with another church to feed the children, which would cost a little more than the church's budget for education. Glenda said, “Such a partnership would be the answer to our prayers.” If your church is prayerfully interested, please contact Susan Turbeville at haitifnd@att.net, so she can put you in touch with Glenda.

SPONSORING A HEF SCHOOL

At this time, the Haiti Education Foundation supports 35 schools in the remote mountains of southern Haiti. The dream of our board is to match each school with an American partner. This benefits the children in Haiti as well as the sponsors! 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 or organization. Those needs are the salaries of teaching personnel and some 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.

INVOLVEMENT

Our hope is that a representation from your church or organization will personally visit the school, meet the children and their teachers. This allows donors 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

OUR SCHOOL SPONSORS

St. Matthias Preschool	St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Shreveport, LA
St. Matthias Elementary School	First Presbyterian Church, Shreveport, LA
St. Matthias High School – 7th Grade	Christ the King Episcopal Church, Santa Rosa Beach, Florida
St. Joseph D'Armathe School	First Presbyterian Church, Gainesville, GA
St. Matthieu Elementary and High School	Church of the Good Shepherd, Lake Charles, LA
St. Etienne School	St. John the Divine, Houston, TX
St. Jacques-Notre Dame School	Windy Cove Presbyterian Church, Millboro, VA
St. Andre School	United Methodist Women, Norphlet, AR and the Marsh Family
St. Jean Evangeliste School	Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church, Fishersville, VA
Epiphanie School	First Presbyterian Church, Fort Smith, AR
St. Philippe & St. Jacques School	Crittenden Family
Incarnation School	Young Family
St. Croix School	City Church, Morgantown, WV
St. Nom de Jesus School	First Presbyterian Church, Sand Springs, OK
St. Luc School	First Presbyterian Church, Hot Springs, AR and Luvara Family
St. Innocents School	First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, TN
St. Timothee School (Allison School)	Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, VA
Christ Roi School	First Presbyterian Church, Camden, AR
St. Esprite School	First Presbyterian Church, San Luis Obispo, CA
St. Barnabe School	Trimble Family
Transfiguration School	South Highland Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, AL
St. Thomas School	First Presbyterian Church, Staunton, VA
St. Marc School	Connections Community Church, Inwood, WV
St. Simon & St. Jude School	Calabash Presbyterian Church, Carolina Shores, SC
Bon Berger School	First Presbyterian Church, El Dorado, AR

There are many other churches and families who give generously to our general scholarship fund.
We are forever grateful for all who make this mission of education possible.

YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS VITAL TO OUR MISSION OUTREACH

We must meet a budget of \$433,800.00 each year in order to pay our staff and operate our schools. As always, 100% of all donations are used as designated by the donor. Please prayerfully consider how you might partner with us. A scholarship for one student for a year is only \$75.00. Perhaps your church family would consider sponsoring a classroom of students or one of our schools. We will happily provide additional information by phone, email or in person.

Thank you so much for all that you have done in the past to help the Haiti Education Foundation reach these children and communities. We look forward to what God has planned for the future and anticipate sharing the news with you!

Haiti Education Foundation SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES 2019-2020

St. Matthias Parish

St. Matthias High School,
Cherident

8th grade	\$750/month	\$9,000/year
9th grade	\$750/month	\$9,000/year
10th grade	\$750/month	\$9,000/year
11th grade	\$750/month	\$9,000/year
12th grade	\$750/month	\$9,000/year

Bonne Nouvelle, Lebeau
St. Jean Baptiste, Moreau
St. Barthelemy, Bahot
St. Matthew High School,
Begin

	\$718/month	\$8,616/year
	\$1,024/month	\$12,288/year
	\$838/month	\$10,056/year
7-9th grade	\$1000/month	\$12,000/year
10-12th gr.	\$1000/month	\$12,000/year



Ascension Parish

Ascension Pre-School,
Beinet

	\$392/month	\$4,704/year
	\$867/month	\$10,404/year

Ascension Elementary, Beinet
Ascension High School,
Beinet

7-8th grade	\$1,000/month	\$12,000/year
9-10th gr.	\$1,000/month	\$12,000/year
11-12th gr.	\$1,000/month	\$12,000/year

Epiphanie, Grandou
St. Cypriene, Labiche
La Toussaint, La Geuillade
Bon Samaritan, Bras de Gauche
Transfiguration, Corps
St. Esprit, Chemin a Beouf
St. Jacques, Denard

	\$950/month	\$11,400/year
	\$908/month	\$10,896/year
	\$709/month	\$8,508/year
	\$950/month	\$11,400/year
	\$742/month	\$8,904/year
	\$899/month	\$10,788/year
	\$1117/month	\$13,404/year

*Donations of any amount
make a difference...*

**We are grateful for
your support!**

Teachers and staff are paid 12 months of the year.

A sponsorship agreement can be made at any point of the year.

A DIFFERENCE MADE

St. Joseph D'Armathee, Pillard



Mission Accomplished! The new school at Pillard has been completed and children and their teachers moved into their new classrooms at the end of January. This is a very special project to the members of First Presbyterian Church, Gainesville, Georgia, as they have worked to design, fundraise and build the school for the students and teachers. The earthquake of 2010 destroyed the school.

In faith, the principal and people of the community worked to clear the foundation so that a new one could be built.

FPC Gainesville is a great partner to St. Joseph D' Armathee as they support the teachers and a feeding program for the students...and now a beautiful new school building. We are so thankful for the love and generosity of our donors who continue to bring the HOPE of Jesus and EDUCATION to our friends in Haiti.



St. Andre, Cavanack

In October of 2016, Hurricane Matthew blew St. Andre School to the ground. We shared photos of their principal, Charles David shuffling through the debris to put things back together so that the children could come back to school. Today, their new school is complete and all things are in place! We appreciate the various donors



who stepped up to make this possible. St. Andre School is supported by the United Methodist Women from Norphlet, Arkansas and the Marsh family. Their feeding program is supported by the Hobby family. We are grateful for this concerted effort to bring education to this very remote little school in the mountains of Southern Haiti. The children and their teachers are all smiles!

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.

St. Croix, Gazou

In 2018, City Church of Morgantown, WV, raised funding to begin the reconstruction of this little school that sits on a beautiful mountain top. Donors have stepped forward to complete the building project. The near-future needs are as follows:

- Benches: (60) \$3600
- Desks: (8) \$560
- Chairs: (10) \$300
- Laptop: (1) \$500
- Teaching materials (instructional booklets, etc. for the teachers): \$320
- Pedagogical materials (maps and other materials for student learning): \$300



St. Matthias Elementary/Preschool, Cherident

St. Matthias Elementary and Preschool suffered much damage in the 2010 earthquake. Since that time, they have made the best of facilities made of plywood with tin roofs. This school is located on the site of our Guest House and is one of our largest schools. It will sit on the site of the original Frances Landers Tech. The total cost for the sixteen room concrete building is expected to be \$160,000.00. We have raised \$78,778.00 and have a donor who has agreed to work with us on matching donations for the remaining construction costs.

Prayer Concerns

Your prayers move mountains! There are several matters in Haiti that need your constant prayers:

1. Resolution to the political turmoil that has kept Haiti unstable for the past year. Many are starving and in need of help as the economic situation is in chaos.
2. Strengthening of the Episcopal Church of Haiti as they reorganize and elect a new bishop. This lays heavy on the hearts of the people in the communities that we serve. May they focus on God's plan and provision for each of them.
3. The leaders of our schools: Pere Jacob (St. Matthias Parish), Pere Junior (St. Marc Parish), Pere Rogenor (Ascension Parish), Pere Beauvoir (Christ Roi Parish), Pere Marie (Bon Berger). Pere Beauvoir was seriously burned in a fire while burning some trash. He is still in the hospital receiving treatment.
4. Ancy Fils Aime is our liaison in Haiti who is responsible for transportation, translation and countless other important jobs for HEF.
5. Students and teachers will have a successful end to this school year. They will take end of the year exams in mid-June.



Hope Personified: Frances Maschal Landers

THE *Hope* LIVES ON BECAUSE YOU CARE....

Many of us dream of having a positive impact on the world. Frances stepped up and accomplished it. Read this engaging book and learn how! I'd love to see this book become required reading for our middle and high school children....what a gift to let them learn early how they can change the world!

- Lynn Krause

Martha's book can be purchased through our website at www.haitifoundation.org or on Amazon.com.

WE BELIEVE...

*We believe in the power of Jesus Christ in the lives of Haitian families.
We believe in the importance of education in helping Haitian students reach
their greatest potential. We believe in helping Haitians help themselves.*

*All of these are being supported when you give a gift to the Haiti Education
Foundation. 100% of all gifts are used as designated by the donor.*

Together, we are making a difference!

Please consider making the Haiti Education Foundation a part of your estate planning.



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"Continue supporting the work of HEF, and continue to educate the brothers and sisters in Haiti. That is the work that will outlive you and me." -Ancy Fils Aime, HEF Liaison to Haiti

**100% Used
as Designated
by Donor**

**TUITION:
One School Year - \$75**

Current Resident or



*"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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