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"I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all of my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds."

Psalm 9:1

We give thanks for all God is doing in our HEF schools!





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COVID-19 Update from Haiti

As in the US, the situation in Haiti is very fluid right now. The current news reports that the number of COVID cases in Haiti are few. Most cases have been in the larger cities with a minimum number in the more remote mountain areas. School has begun and the plan is for the students to spend August, September and October completing the 2019/2020 school year. They will begin the 2020/2021 school year in November. Students and teachers are asked to wear masks and they will do their best to practice social distancing. Ninety-two handwashing stations have been provided by HEF throughout our schools. This was funded through our Disaster Fund.



please note that the photos in this issue of our newsletter were all taken in March prior to the outbreak

“His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning.”
Lamentations 3:22-23



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 2020/2021 School Year

\$37,250.00 per month	\$447,000.00
(Amount wired to Haiti for operation of schools)	
\$150.00 per month	\$1,800.00
(Cost of sending and receiving wire transfer)	
Annual Budget.....	\$448,800.00

Dear HEF Supporters:

When I wrote to you last fall about the new school year, we could not have imagined that we would have an academic year postponed due to a global pandemic. We are thankful that our schools were able to safely reopen last week as I write this (mid-August). The plan in our HEF schools is that the 2019/2020 school year will continue into October, and the 2020/2021 school year will begin in early November.

In the interim period that school was not in session, we continued to support our teachers' salaries. We also took the opportunity, through the generous donations of several of our donors, to do a few projects, large and small, throughout our school system. The largest and most challenging of these projects, still under construction, is the rebuilding of the primary school at St Matthias in Cherident. The completion of the beautiful new school is imminent.

A large part of our attention over the next years will be a concentrated focus on addressing the flow of students from one school to the next so that we can track and improve our outcomes for the individual children. After all, our mission is to create hope through education. What better way to carry out that mission than being sure that our students who really want to excel are receiving that opportunity! Many of our remote schools only have kindergarten through sixth grade, and how a graduating sixth grader gets to seventh grade at one of our secondary schools is difficult—both logistically and financially. Our board is working on a program, beginning with the 2020/2021 school year, to identify our top students at each primary school and funnel them into the nearest secondary school. Ninth grade students, at the end of the school year, undergo national testing, and the results of those tests will identify the top students at each school so that we can move them to one of our high schools. Lastly, we will introduce a program of identifying the top student at each of three high schools (through national testing results) and pay for his/her university schooling through four years.

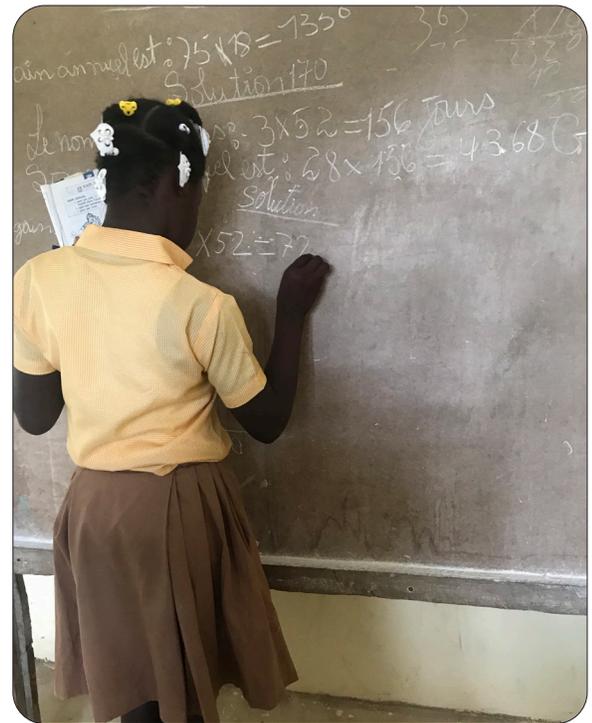
With these new opportunities for the students, we have several goals ahead of us:

1. Adding grades 7-9 at as many of our primary schools as we are financially able.
2. Creating uniformity in our operation of our high schools so that the number of teachers and administrators, plus the wages, are more consistent from school to school.
3. Expanding the Frances Landers Society to aim toward a goal of more than \$100,000 annually through individual, ongoing donations of \$1000 or more to our general scholarship fund so that we are fully funded in our recurring costs.

Please pray for our board and our schools as we undergo some major improvements in how we operate. We are confident that this is the right path, but we and our Haitian partners need your prayers and your continued financial support to make this successful.

If you have any questions or recommendations, please contact us. Thank you so much for your support of our foundation. A special thanks to our school sponsors, and we are looking for eleven more to have each school partnered with a sponsor. For individuals or families who do not participate in a school sponsorship, consider joining the Frances Landers Society, which is our group of individuals who commit to an annual gift of \$1000 or more.

We hope all of you and your families are safe and well as this pandemic rages on. Blessings to all.

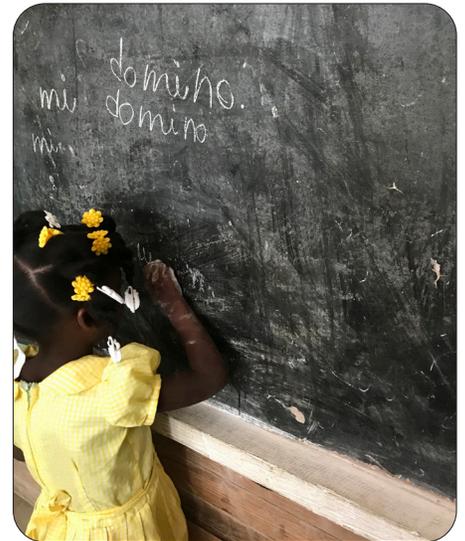


Rob Crittenden
President, Haiti Education Foundation



The Frances Landers Society

In our Fall 2019 Newsletter, Rob Crittenden announced the implementation of the Frances Landers Society. This is a group of donors who annually commit to give \$1,000.00 each year to our general scholarship fund. The General Scholarship Fund is used to support our schools which are not sponsored by a church or family. Currently, we have 11 schools dependent on this fund. Fifty-one responded generously by donating \$1,000 or more to become members of the Frances Landers Society. Our prayer is that we can reach our goal of 100 donors. Thank you to all who stepped up and we hope you will continue to support us in this way. Tell a friend or family member about our mission...we continue to use 100% of your donation as designated by YOU!



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!

St, Mathias Primary School - Beauty from Ashes



In the 2010 earthquake, the whole St. Mathias campus fell to the ground. This included the Kindergarten, Elementary and High School buildings, the church and our HEF guesthouse. With great thanksgiving, we are excited to report that all of the structures have been rebuilt (or at least nearing completion). The reconstruction of the primary school began in May and should be completed in October or November. The new building will have 16 rooms and will house kindergarten through 6th grade... six rooms for kindergarten and 10 for the elementary school. If you would like to contribute to our special project to equip the school with special needs, please make a note on your check or you can contribute through our website at www.haitifoundation.org. We look forward to the completion and for students and teachers to move into their new school!



Pere Albert Scholarship Fund



Our students have so much potential! We have seen this time and again as we have the opportunity to visit Haiti and talk to our former students. Many have had the opportunity to go on to achieve a college degree. To further encourage students to reach for their dreams, HEF would like to establish the Pere Albert Scholarship Fund so that we can send three students each year to college. The average cost per year for a student to attend is \$1,500. When in full operation, the cost will be \$18,000 per year. It is incredible to know that at that point, we will have 12 students in college at one time for a very small cost. For the donor, this will be an opportunity to sponsor a specific student...build a relationship and follow the student through the process. The students will be selected by a committee consisting of our liaison in Haiti, Ancy Fils Aime, our priests and principals and will be based on grades and the standardized testing that the students must complete each year. This opportunity will be GREAT to the students as scholarships of this type are not commonplace in remote mountain schools. Please consider a recurrent gift to our HEF College Fund!



Now Available:

Pere Jean-Wilfrid Albert Speaks Mountains of Hope

By Martha Abbey Miller

We would not be supporting HEF's schools today without Pere Jean-Wilfrid Albert, the visionary Episcopal priest who knew educating Haiti's children was its long-term path out of poverty. From 1989 until his death in 2005, Pere Albert shepherded the rugged regions of Haiti where today HEF is preparing many of the nation's future leaders.

What so compelled us about Pere Albert? His tall stature? His booming laugh? His inexhaustible energy to improve his people's lives? Above all, his most remarkable quality was his complete faith in the Lord God.

Pere Jean-Wilfrid Albert Speaks Mountains of Hope contains over 100 of his quotes and 25 color photographs. Designed to spiritually uplift the people of Haiti, the book is in Creole and English, edited by Jean Ancy Fils-Aime and me.

For \$15, which includes PayPal processing, tax, and shipping, this slim volume could become:

- a gift to fellow mission travelers and Haitian friends
- a ministry or prayer group resource
- your personal devotional or remembrance of Pere Albert

Please order copies through the HEF website. Designate any special inscription you would like me to write.

Today more than ever, we value Pere Albert's wisdom. One selection from the book, dated 1992, says, "We have to be convinced that God is with us. Please don't be afraid of the future. Leave that in God's hands and continue to serve Him as usual."



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Please note that Susan Turbeville has a new email address:

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Ascension and St. Marc Parishes Receive New Priests

In July, HEF was informed by the Episcopal Church of Haiti that Pere Jean Junior Jean, who served our St. Marc Parish for the past 23 months, would be transferred to Ascension Parish in Beinet where he will oversee 14 HEF schools. Replacing him in St. Marc Parish will be Pere Petit- Frere Mondesir who served as principal of one of our schools for many years. We welcome these two men to their new responsibilities and look forward to working with them.



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

Hurricane Marco left Haiti with much wind damage and flooding in late August. Many of our students' families lost crops and some of our schools sustained wind damage. HEF has established a **Disaster Fund** for times such as this. If you would like to give to this fund, the money will be used to help families to purchase seeds, goats, and to make necessary repairs to our schools. Please clearly note how you would like to direct your giving. We greatly appreciate your support!

“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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