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"Carry one another's burdens and in this way you will fulfill the requirement of the law of Christ (that is the law of Christian love)." Galatians 6:2



Zoom HUG Conference

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Hello Friends of HEF,

We have been so blessed as an organization these last several years, even in the face of a global pandemic. In spite of travel restrictions to Haiti, we continue to grow our program, with the continued construction of new schools, our teacher salary increases, the addition of new 7-9 grades at many of our primary schools and our awards to three more top high school graduates for four years of college through our Père Albert University Scholarship program.

We were blessed with the lifetime connection of Flo Boggs and all she brought to HEF. And now, we are again blessed with a matching program that allows us to continue expanding our mission. All are covered in this newsletter with more information to be shared during our Zoom HUG in October. Please consider again making a gift to HEF between now and the end of November and watch your impact double! Thank you, HEF donors, for your gifts, your involvement and your prayers.

Blessings to all, Rob Crittenden, 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 2022-2023 School Year



HEF is building our email database.
Please submit your email address to Susan
at haitiedfnd@gmail.com

We have another Opportunity to Match all Donations up to \$235,000!

This is What We Hope to Accomplish. . .

School Construction

In 2010, the earthquake in Haiti destroyed St. Jean Baptiste School, a two-story concrete building in Moreau; just a few miles west of Cherident. The principal moved the children across the street to an area where a temporary school could be erected. We are excited that this will be our next construction project! First, we will need to remove the old, crumbling structure. A new 12 room building with a principal's office will be built in its place at a cost of \$270,000. Your donations will help build and furnish this school.

Goal: \$290,000

General Scholarship Fund

In this time of inflation, shortages, and turmoil, we can't imagine the everyday hardship faced by our teachers and staff, as daily they educate, motivate, and set examples for their students. We are committed to making sure that funds are in place to take care of our employees who provide for our students. The General Scholarship Fund remains our "bread and butter" resource for the payroll of unsponsored schools and other special needs that ensure our students have what they need to get the most from their education.





University Scholarship Fund

Many quality high school students are eager to go to college. Three scholarships are awarded each year by a committee made up of priests, principals and Ancy Fils-Aime. With your contributions, our Pere Jean Wilfrid Albert University Scholarship Fund will continue to send students to college so that they can reach their greatest potential. Urban colleges now have relocated into the safer cities of Leogane and Jacmel, so the interest in our scholarship program is higher than ever. You'll be inspired by our alumni testimonial on page 6!

Goal: \$40,000

Two Water Systems

Rain-gathering cisterns are desperately needed on many of our school campuses. These are used to provide drinking water, for cooking each school day and for handwashing. This is the most effective way to collect and store water in the remote mountains. There is skilled know-how in the region, and a proven cistern construction model. Think what this gift could mean for the students and school staff!





We still have nine schools that need sponsors!

The cost to sponsor these schools ranges from \$5,000 to \$12,000 per year.

Please contact us for more information...870-866-8618

We Are Building...

Last year, we raised
Matching Funds to
rebuild the Notre
Dame School in David.
The project began in
early July and is well
underway! After visiting
the village, Ancy FilsAime reported, "I am
very, very pleased!
The construction crew
is talented and hard
working. This will be
a solid school. Each
day, the principal and



teachers come to the site and encourage the workers." The goal is for the children to start the 2022-2023 school year in their new school. School will begin the first week of October.







Celebrating the Life of Flo Boggs



Flo Boggs with Mickey and Mackey Quinlan and long-time friend Fran Hobbs at our last HUG Conference.

On July 12, HEF lost a great friend and champion of the Christian education of children in Haiti's mountains. Flo Boggs, of Keyser, West Virginia, passed away peacefully at age 91. In 1985, Flo took her first trip to Haiti. "Our mission team stayed at the guesthouse by the hospital," Flo once said. "On the wall was a plaque saying that the guesthouse was donated in honor of a Dr. and Mrs. Landers. I wondered who they were." Flo soon found out, becoming a close friend of Frances Landers, founder of Haiti Education Foundation, and taking sixteen trips to the mountains. She and her husband Harry, who predeceased her, were much beloved by Haitian children and their parents.

Flo's life was celebrated at Keyser Presbyterian Church on July 15. Her family has asked for memorials in her honor to be sent to her church or to Haiti Education Foundation. We will use these funds to furnish our new Notre Dame school in David.

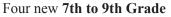
We Accomplished our Spring 2022 \$100,000 Match... These are Your Gifts at Work

Through our General Scholarship Fund, we are able to fully fund teacher and staff salaries at every unsponsored school. (If your church, family, or organization would like to sponsor a school, please contact Susan at 870-866-8618 for details.) Additionally, our board has determined that each teacher and staff member will be provided additional monetary support to ease the



With contributions to the **Pere Jean** Wilfrid Albert University

> Scholarship Program, three top notch high school graduates have been given four-year college scholarships and are preparing to attend accredited Haitian universities. See Page 6 for more.



Programs began this fall, at Bon Berger, Danot; Epiphanie, Grandou; St Barthelemy, Bahot; and Christ Roi, Monchil. This will mean exciting new learning opportunities for 240+ middle school kids and pay salaries for their teachers.

All students are enjoying new School Supplies, including notebooks, folders, pens, and rulers. Their teachers are using new chalk, geometry instruments, and other items.



In August, teachers and staff were given the opportunity to attended comprehensive, wellplanned Teacher **Training Programs** in their parishes. This was very well attended and all are looking forward to the same opportunity next year!





Funding for the Solar **Maintenance Program** has been set aside and we are working on the plan for implementation.

None of this would have happened without your generous support. Thank you so much!

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!

Reaching Their Greatest Potential

Jackson Jean Pierre



Jackson leans back in his chair and thinks for a moment, before answering the question put to him. Just what has Haiti Education Foundation meant?

"I grew up in Cherident, Grande Colline, and went to the Saint Matthias primary school. When I was young, the priest-in-charge was Father Jules. At the end of his mission, Father Jean-Wilfrid Albert became the new priest-in-charge. There were so many children in the area, he felt it necessary to add a secondary school." (This would be one of HEF's first schools, built about 1989.)

"Father Albert was such a good influence. He never doubted anyone. He was always optimistic. He made sense to me, and I am proud to have known him."

Jackson pauses to tousle the hair of his young daughter who has come to his side. Then his thought shifts back to Pere Albert, whose photograph is on the nearby bookshelf. "Father Albert loved to help."

After Jackson finished his classical education, he had dreams of studying in Port-au-Prince to be a civil engineer. But Pere Albert, who doubtless wanted to keep the talented young man in the mountains, had a different plan.

"Father Albert asked me to do him a favor and switch to agronomic studies. I listened to him and learned agronomy." Jackson went on to complete a master's degree in rural environmental science and was hired by the Haitian government. Since 2011 he has been a technical manager in Central Haiti.

Jackson leans forward for emphasis and rests his arm on his desk. We sense his confidence.

"I want to express my thanks to all the HEF partners who are supporting the young people in Grande Colline. Now we have engineers, agronomists, lawyers, doctors, teachers, priests...people with a master's degree or doctorate. And we have more with other skills. I especially want to thank Susan and her partners. You have made good investments! Please continue to support us because this was the dream of the late Father Albert."

Echoing Jackson's final words, "Hats off to you for your immeasurable support!" Enjoy Jackson's full video interview at haitifoundation.org!

Off to College!



Sophonie

Academic excellence in high school -- and your donations! -- have propelled three students to further their education. Sophonie B., Pierre Richard A., and Woodruff P. scored the highest marks on

their spring exams and earned Pere Albert University Scholarships.

This October, Sophonie heads to a registered nursing school in Leogane.

Pierre Richard will begin a degreed program in administrative sciences, and Woodruff will major

in mechanical engineering, both at the Episcopal University of Haiti.



Pierre Richard

Our recipients from years past are:

2019 Award Winner:

Robinson P., Ascension HS University Catolica Dell'Este (DR) Administrative Science, Graduation Class of 2025

2020 Award Winners:

Vilmie E. John Dryton A. Ascension HS St Matthias HS

Ruben Laconte University Ruben Laconte University Engineering Engineering

Graduation Class of 2025 Graduation Class of 2025

2021 Award Winners:

Sanon A. Rose Myrtha R. Ascension HS St Matthias HS

Adventist Univ. of Haiti Nursing Sci. Fac./Leogane

Administrative Science

Graduation Class of 2026 Graduation Class of 2026

Woodruff

HEF board member George Brandon shepherds our university students throughout their four-year journeys, and Ancy Fils-Aime keeps in touch with them, as well. Congratulations to these fine students; Pere Albert would be proud!

Are You Wondering?

When the 2022-23 school year begins?

Our 34 schools will welcome students beginning October 3, 2022. (Generally, school begins the first week of September. Due to the fuel shortage, the announcement was recently made that all schools in Haiti will postpone opening. The hope is that the shortage will end so that students and teachers will have transportation.) Our 580 teachers will greet 5,400 elementary-aged kids, 340 middle schoolers, and 680 high school students. We are also sponsoring 3 new college students this year through the Pere Albert University Scholarship Fund. Schools are closed two weeks for Christmas and one week for Easter. Final Exams will be conducted during the last part of June and school will conclude for the year on June 30, 2023.

What a typical school day is like?

Students gather around 7 a.m. to sing the Haitian national anthem, pray and conduct other daily traditions. Our age-appropriate curriculum is well rounded, including mathematics, reading, science, history, language arts, French, and Christian Education. Lunchtime is happy, thanks to the feeding programs offered by our valued partner, Trinity Hope. Classes end around 1 p.m. Most children have chores at home to be done before and after school. We continue to have children who walk long distances to reach our remote schools. There is always much singing and laughter!

What are conditions like in Haiti and how is it affecting the remote communities?

Life in Haiti continues to be extremely difficult. The cost of everything has doubled and, in some cases, tripled. Gangs continue to control Port au Prince and fuel can only be purchased in the black markets. Haiti needs our prayers! Fortunately, the communities where our schools are located are high in the mountains. Our students' families are farmers and can provide many of their own basic needs, but they do feel the pain as they are unable to sell their goods in more populated areas. Schools were fully operational last year and we anticipate the same for this school year.

What to pray for?

- an end to all urban violence and instability
- relief from rising costs and shortages
- a bountiful school year for our thousands of students, their teachers and staff

Please consider joining our email prayer chain. We send prayer requests twice a month. Contact Martha Miller at marthaabbeymiller5@gmail.com.

We look forward to answering more of your questions during our Zoom HUG Q&A Session on October 23.

With Grateful Hearts

We are thankful for the partnership we have with Haiti Healthcare Partners

Families and schoolchildren are blessed to have access to quality healthcare. Located in the village of Cherident, Clinique Jean Wilfrid Albert has a busy staff of eleven Haitian medical and administrative professionals. Now in its

seventeenth year, the clinic is funded by HEF's sister ministry, Haiti Healthcare Partners (HHP). Each month, a physician, nurses, midwife, and pharmacist treat hundreds of patients and deliver three dozen babies. Mobile clinics extend medical services to remote villages.

The clinic physician, Dr. Paulidor, grew up in the community and is well respected. He has a passion for challenging children to be their best. To increase student and family awareness of good health, he recently created six programs to be implemented in the community.

The programs are an inter-school academic decathlon, first aid training in our schools, health education in our schools, an international diabetes day, inter-school jogging competition, and an inter-school soccer championship

In addition to the care that the clinic provides to our school communities, we love how Dr. Paulidor and the staff are creating a partnership in our schools!

It's Time for a HUG!

Some of you have attended a past HUG (Haiti United Gathering) gathering in Arkansas, California, Louisiana, or Virginia. Feeling the desire to connect with YOU again, we have decided to reach out virtually. Believing that we are Better Together, we will be hosting a Zoom update on Haiti Education Foundation, Haiti Healthcare Partners, and Trinity Hope; with a special update by our liaison in Haiti, Ancy Fils-Aime. We won't be "in person" but it will be wonderful to be in touch!

Event: Better Together...a Zoom HUG Gathering

Date: Sunday, October 23, 2022

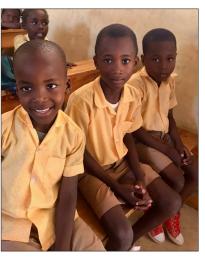
Time: 4:00 p.m. Pacific, 6:00 Central, 7:00 Eastern Format: One hour presentation by ministry leaders

followed by a half-hour Q&A

We are looking forward to sharing the news of our organizations that are able to bring HOPE to our friends in Haiti through Education, Health and Feeding.

To register, email us at **haitieducationfoundation@gmail.com**. Shortly before October 23, we'll send the Zoom link. In addition to the opportunity to receive updates, this is an excellent chance to introduce new friends and family to HEF and other organizations that are making a difference in Haiti.





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- Pere Albert

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