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## Haiti Education Foundation

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*"Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth."*

1 John 3:18

## Back to SCHOOL!

Following the earthquake in January, the priests reported that the teachers and parents were very concerned that the children were out of school...without focus and education. This message clearly indicates the importance of school in the villages throughout the mountains of southern Haiti. Your gifts of EDUCATION play a vital role in the lives of countless children and their families. While we are very concerned about the reconstruction of the school buildings that were destroyed or damaged, we must continue to focus on SCHOLARSHIPS. We have no use for the buildings if we are unable to pay our teachers. In working with Frances, I have been greatly impacted by her gift of focus...SCHOLARSHIPS. For only \$55 you can send a child to school for one year.

The children have completed the 2009 – 2010 school year. It is now time to FOCUS on 2010 – 2011. Children in the mountains are enjoying their free time now, but await the words, "Yes, it is time to go back to school!" Classes will begin in August. Please join us in giving the gift of EDUCATION and sending the children BACK TO SCHOOL!





Dear Ones,

Nearly thirty years ago, the Haiti Education Foundation was established to provide education to the children in the mountains of southern Haiti. Today, despite the challenges facing the Haitian people, our focus remains the same. We know that EDUCATION brings HOPE to the future of God's children in Haiti.

Thank you for your support of our schools. We continue to strive for a \$55 scholarship for each of our 9,000 children enrolled in the mountain schools. Your gifts are making a difference in the lives of MANY!

With HOPE,

*Frances*



## Thank You!

With the breaking news reports of the January 12<sup>th</sup> earthquake in Haiti came an immediate question, "How can I help?" Many sent gifts to aid in disaster relief and many put their creative, fund-raising minds to work to raise money for disaster assistance. From churches, schools, organizations and individuals, a variety of ideas were put into action, resulting in thousands of dollars for relief.

The funds raised are making a difference! Whether using conventional methods of giving or creative fundraising ideas, YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE! Please continue to reach out and give HOPE. Although our schools have suffered damages and will require repair or reconstruction, our focus continues to be on \$55 Scholarships. Without the money for the scholarships, the buildings are useless. Please continue to sponsor the children!

Blessings,  
Mary Jo Oliver, HEF Treasurer





*"Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you.*

Isaiah 54:10

## God Built the First School... He Will Build Them Again!



Flo Boggs, a dear friend of Frances Landers' emailed within hours after the earthquake, "There is a Haitian proverb that says, 'Beyond mountains, more mountains.' One must wonder how much more these dear Haitians can take!" The catastrophic events occurring in Haiti this past January would lead many to total despair. However, the sights and sounds broadcast on the nightly news following the earthquake portrayed a slightly different picture. We do not minimize the sorrow and devastation experienced over the great loss in Haiti, but let us not overlook the HOPE and FAITH of the Haitians as they walked through this difficult period of time.



As we watched the news reports and waited to hear from our friends and priests in Haiti, we grieved the loss of all the work that had gone in to building the HEF ministry. The potential loss of life in our HEF sponsored villages, the homes, the schools, the churches. In the midst of our concern came the revelation of, "Where would these people be without the foundation of the churches and schools established by HEF sponsors?" Yes, churches and schools may be destroyed, BUT the Haitians spirit of FAITH, HOPE and LOVE in Jesus Christ...their SAVIOR...continues to move them forward.

In that same Spirit of HOPE, HEF moves forward, also. A disaster fund has been established to aid in helping our friends get back on their feet and to repair and rebuild school facilities. Many of our schools have resumed classes. The board immediately determined that our teaching staff would be paid regardless of the operating status of the school. We are currently working on plans to rebuild the destroyed schools and temporary structures are being constructed where necessary.

Frances and I have had many conversations regarding the future of the Haiti Education Foundation. Never once have these conversations centered on defeat...only HOPE. Frances wisely stated, "God built the first school...He will build them again." In our mission history, we have experienced many challenges. As we look back, the things that we have viewed as being the most devastating have proved to provide the richest blessings. We know that this will be no different!

Several different groups are working alongside HEF in ministry to the people of St. Matthias and Ascension Parishes. We are incredibly blessed to be in partnership with Haiti Healthcare Partners, Living Waters for the World and Solar Under the Sun. Through these ministries, we are better able to provide a more well rounded ministry in the mountains.



# Specific Needs

Construction of pavilion at Ascension School in Bainet  
\$3,500.00

Construction of Toilets/Latrines at St. Innocents in Bellevue  
\$2,250.00

Construction of Toilets/Latrines at St. Jude and St. Simon  
\$2,250.00

Benches and Chalkboards at St. Jude and St. Simon  
\$5,000.00

20' Shipping Container for transportation of Guesthouse  
building materials

Our first large rebuilding project will be in Cherident at the St. Matthias Campus which was completely destroyed by the earthquake. This is the sight of the first HEF School built in the mountains. The Guesthouse and Priest Living Quarters is scheduled to be rebuilt by early fall. This is a \$70,000.00 project.

Upon completion of this project, we will rebuild the kindergarten, primary, secondary and high school buildings, along with the church. Each section of this project will cost approximately \$125,000.00. This school has an enrollment of over 600 students and has been recognized by the Haitian government as one of the top high schools in Haiti.

For more specific information about the construction of these buildings, please visit our web site: [www.haitifoundation.org](http://www.haitifoundation.org) or contact us at 870-862-1252.

Please consider these opportunities to help! Join hands with fellow church members, friends, and neighbors... commit to assist as God has gifted you. Let us know where you want to help!





# Mission Partners

## Haiti Healthcare Partners (HHP)

*by Bob Sears*

It has been nearly four years since HHP opened the Jean Wilfrid Albert clinic as a U.S.-based 501c3 charity in the mountains of Cherident, Haiti. During this time the facility's staffing and patient load has steadily increased to the point where now approximately 4,000 patients are treated annually.

Immediately following the quake there was an increase in wound care and respiratory-related diseases. There also has been a relative increase in the number of pregnant and young mothers with children seeking aid. Nearly all of these patients are seeking prenatal care, antibiotics for infant diarrhea, inoculations for childhood diseases, and/or nutritional programs for undernourishment.

Through conversations with the clinic's physician, Dr. Catolin and his staff, we agreed on a near-term priority list of items to enhance the scope and resources of the clinic. HHP has started a capital campaign to raise \$30,000 to meet the top five requests as quickly as possible. We are also exploring with some U.S. doctors donations of laboratory and testing equipment.

The need is great and continuous. Restoring and maintaining the health of our rural Haitian friends in the aftermath of the earthquake will require even greater efforts. We hope that we can find additional donors and partners who are willing to help us in this goal. For a complete list of needs, please go to [www.haitifoundation.org](http://www.haitifoundation.org).

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## Living Waters for the World

*by Chris McRae*

## Solar Under the Sun

Much has transpired since the earthquake on January 12th. Due to your wonderful response to the disaster, HEF has been able to continue to pay all our teachers and staff, satisfy emergency needs of Haitians in Saint Matthias and Ascension Parishes and establish temporary shelters for schools to reopen. Plans are in the mill to reconstruct churches, pastor's quarters, and school buildings. Much has been accomplished in a short period of time, but now the real work begins! The intermediate and long term recovery begins.

We are setting up training sessions to teach mission teams how to construct steel buildings that will be sent to Haiti when fabricated. These teams, then, will travel to Haiti to teach our brothers and sisters this building process. HEF lost many buildings in the quake and many others are vulnerable to high winds and hurricanes. This is our opportunity to build Haiti back better than it was before.

For those of you who are not construction oriented, there are two other ways to contribute in a meaningful, hands-on way. **Living Waters for the World** ([livingwatersfortheworld.org](http://livingwatersfortheworld.org)) teaches mission teams in water treatment techniques that bring clean potable water to our friends in developing countries. Haiti has 24 operating Living Waters systems with three located at HEF schools. It is our goal to have all forty schools equipped with these systems in the future. **Solar Under the Sun** ([solarunderthesun.org](http://solarunderthesun.org)), like Living Waters, is training mission teams to install Solar energy to power Living Waters systems, churches, clinics, schools and volunteer quarters in Haiti. By the end of June, there will be four fully solar powered Living Waters systems in Haiti. Can you imagine media centers in all 40 schools equipped with computers and internet connections?

There is a proverb in Haiti that states: "Lapenn Profité" or "Misfortune abuses us." This couldn't be a more apropos statement at this time in Haiti's history, but this, also, presents us with opportunity! We can build it back and we can do it better. Thank you for your continued support.

Ke Bondye beni nou tout (May God bless us all), Chris

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# 2010 H.U.G. Conference

September 17 – 19, 2010

Ferncliff Conference Center

Little Rock, AR

Please plan to join us for the Haiti Education Foundation

**Haiti United Gathering.**

This gathering will provide the opportunity for people from all over the United States to learn more about our mission, share ideas, and participate in training programs benefiting our brothers and sisters in Haiti. A few of our Haitian friends will be present to answer questions and help us to better understand the needs of the people. This is a vital time in our ministry! We hope that you will join us as we plan for the future. Specific conference information will be mailed. Registration will be available online at our website address.

Please visit our updated website:  
[www.haitifoundation.org](http://www.haitifoundation.org)

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"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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