



United States Foundation for the Children of Haiti



Making a difference, one child at a time since 1982.

Supporting the work of Fondation Pour les Enfants d’Haiti (FEH)...orphanages, schools, hospital, faith.

Letter from President of USFCH

Dear Friends,

Recently I returned from Haiti where we had our annual meeting of the Board of Directors for USFCH. I serve with a great group of folks who love the mission of Fondation Pour Les Enfants d’Haiti. Gladys Thomas continues to encourage our faith with her devotion to the Lord and to the children. She presented a detailed annual report for 2014, a summary of which is in this newsletter. As you read the accomplishments of the last year, keep in mind that all of this was done with a budget of about one million dollars. I think you will agree with me that the money is used carefully and the results are a bargain!

About one-third of the annual budget comes from donors in the USA via USFCH. Another third comes from our counterpart organization in Canada; and the remaining third comes from funds raised in Haiti, through adoptions, and from an adoptive parents’ group in France. God always seems to provide what we need although I still get nervous when our funds are low as they are right now. I hope it is a joy for you, as it is for me, to be

part of God’s delivery system. What a blessing it is to have a front row view of all that is being accomplished for the Kingdom of God through FEH/USFCH.

Presently our greatest need is for general operating funds. At present we have money in the bank for only two months of our share of the money needed to pay for salaries, supplies, food, energy, and all that it takes to run three orphanages, three schools, and a hospital. You, dear supporters, give generously and faithfully. Would you help us by sharing information about the work of FEH/USFCH with your larger family and community? All donations, no matter how small, help to provide a home, health care, and education for many children in Haiti. During our annual meeting, the Board decided to move to digital distribution of our newsletters. Those who prefer a printed copy may request one. However, although it is less than two percent of the money that comes through USFCH that is used for administrative purposes, much of that has been the cost of printing and mailing newsletters. We hope you agree with us that it is more important to put that money to work in Haiti.

The challenges are great, but the accomplishments are greater. We

How you can help!

Donate at www.usfch.org.
Spread the word about the need.
Pray for God to provide the needed funds.

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thank you for being part of the team addressing the needs in Haiti. And, we thank God for you!

Sincerely,

Rebecca Hackworth
USFCH Board President



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C-Tech School...Vision to Reality

The vision of having a technical school in the region of Musotte is coming to reality with funds granted by the Helen Festus Stacy Foundation through CROSS International. The school will be named Christian Technical Education Center, or C-Tech for short. This is a long-term project with the goal of becoming a school of excellence benefiting the youth of Haiti. Initially, computer technology, hospitality, and automotive studies will be offered. Over 12 acres of land have been donated by the government of Haiti for the project, and a committee of local citizens is working closely with FEH towards the realization of the project.

This initial funding will allow :

- Fencing to provide security for the campus;
- Refurbishing and expanding an existing building to be used as an administrative and educational center;
- Sanitary provisions of water, hygiene facilities, and waste disposal;
- Dormitories for 25 students;
- Food service facility for students and staff.

The ground breaking ceremony took place on April 25, 2015 with prominent community representatives and FEH Board members in attendance. It was a time to honor the beginning of a journey that will create sustainable change for the youth in Haiti. USFCH and FEH agree that education is truly the way to help Haiti become a more prosperous nation. Providing technical education that can lead to meaningful employment will be a significant change. C-Tech is another aspect of the mission of USFCH/FEH. As we are "Making a difference, once child at a time," we are also making a change that we believe will change the future for the students, their families, and generations to come.



Gladys Thomas, CEO & President of FEH

Educating the young, will change the future...

Children's Village of Hope School Progress Report

Another significant educational change being made by FEH will be at the school now being constructed at Children's Village of Hope. The concept of inclusive education, blending disabled and non-disabled students, is new in Haiti. We are very excited to be a leader there in this approach.

The school building at the Village is in progress. Thanks to donations from Humedica, a solid foundation was dug, substantial metal framing was finished, roofing is in place, and plumbing and electrical service are roughed in the first floor. Next, the siding will be done.

However, we face a challenge in moving ahead. A \$70,000 pledge was made if we can find two additional pledges of \$70,000. A second partner stepped up to pledge \$70,000, and it is now up to us to raise the third \$70,000. It can be by one person or company or the combined gifts of many.

Are you inspired to help us meet that goal, or can you suggest an organization that might be our third partner?



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A House Mother's Love

We have many amazing house mothers who love the children residing in FEH orphanages. These house mothers work 24/6 not only taking care of basic life needs such as feeding and clothing, but also providing love, guidance, and encouragement. One house mother in particular has been a participant in the transformation of an amazing little boy named Renald.

Soon after the earthquake in 2010, Renald was placed in the care of FEH. It was



soon found that he had an undetermined heart problem, blindness, hemiplegia, and severe malnutrition. He weighed barely ten pounds! Many would have given up on him. Jesula was a new house mom at the time, and she was given responsibility for the struggling infant. Why a new house mom was chosen for this task, truly God knows. Over many days and nights and trips to the hospital when it seemed

he was near death, her love, faith, and patient care continued. Slowly Renald began to make progress, and his health stabilized.

Today Renald is learning to walk with Jesula at his side. He smiles and giggles as he works with the physical therapy staff. Despite his limited vision,



he is attending school at the Village with the other children. And, he has Jesula continuing to love and motivate him.

Through love and support provided by Jesula and the rest of the FEH staff, Renald has a future full of possibilities. By becoming a monthly sponsor, donors are able to be a partner in investing in life for Renald and children like him.



Would you consider becoming a sponsor for Renald or another child in FEH care?

Donations from sponsors are a significant source of income that enables FEH to provide food, shelter, clothing, health care, staff, and education as well as Christmas and birthday gifts for each child.

Some sponsors meet their child when they travel to Haiti on a mission team. Some have never had the opportunity. Either way, each child knows the name of their sponsor, and they pray for them each day. They know they are prayed for and loved by a caring adult. It costs just \$40 per month to make a difference in the life of a child.

Contact Karla Albert at contact@usfch.org for more information about sponsoring a child





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Upcoming trips to Haiti

Christmas Gift Mission Trip
November 21-28, 2015

Spring Break Vision Trip
March 12-19, 2016

Summer Camp Mission Trip
July 2016

If you are interested in traveling with us, please email sponsor@usfch.org for more information about each trip.

Spring Break in Haiti

by Dana Smith,
Spring Break Team Leader

Sweet smiling faces, lots of giggles and hugs, spending a week surrounded by lovely people, eating delicious food in beautiful surroundings...does that sound like a rough week of mission work? Whenever we tell people about our trip to Haiti, they often say things like: "Wow, it's so great that you are doing that! I'm sure that's such a blessing to them." Until you've made the trip, however, it is hard to understand when we answer: "WE are the ones who are blessed. That is why we keep going back."

Our church, Trinity Baptist of Norman, Oklahoma was blessed to spend a week with the children and staff of FEH last March. We spent the majority of our week at Hope Home and Rainbow of Love Nursery. The precious kids living there are the embodiment of JOY! It squeezes my heart each time we arrive to see them react with smiles, jumping up and down and



running to gather others. Children in both residences greet us with hugs, some giving and some getting, but love filled either way.



Members of our group took turns either playing and dancing with the kids or helping with painting, minor repairs, and organizing supplies. It is always a delight to see the Lord use the gifts and willing spirits of team members to complete tasks. We were amazed how hard the staff works caring for the kids, and we were blessed to be able to lend a hand.

Following our most recent trip, a decision was made to commit our church to an annual spring break trip to Haiti. We look forward to continuing to partner with Gladys and her team at FEH in ministering to the children and people of Haiti. They have captured our hearts. We think of them often and long to be back with them.

Going Green!

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www.usfch.org

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