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

Letter from President of USFCH

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

Each time I speak with Gladys Thomas she shares stories of people who are the recipients of God’s grace through the work of USFCH/FEH. The people of Haiti are such an inspiration to me as I see how they have learned to rely on God in ways I have not. I find myself impatient with the smallest of inconveniences; but when I remember how so many Haitians live each day, I find myself ashamed of my whining.

When speaking with Gladys recently, she spoke about a visit she had with a family who is sending one of their children to our school in the mountain area of Musotte. She said the little girl is five years old but looks very much younger. She walks a mile to our school each day, often without breakfast to sustain her on her journey. She also told about a little boy who got to school a little late, after the gate was closed. When she asked why he was late to school, he said he had left his house at 6:30 a.m. because the walk takes an hour and a half. Upon hearing this, Gladys told the school principal to always let him in no matter when he arrives. Stories like

these humble me and remind me that so many people living in our world are much more patient and courageous than I am.

I know at this time of year you receive many requests for help with ministries in the USA and around the world. As you consider your holiday and end-of-year donations, we hope USFCH/FEH will be on your giving list. Funds for operating expenses (food, utilities, basic items needed for physical and medical care, etc.) are where we need the most help. I am touched by your faithfulness to our mission. I hope that someday, somehow, you will know how your gifts have eased the burdens of children and families you have not met. We are grateful for each of you, for your gifts of prayer for our work, and for the children and families we help. Also, we thank you for the money you share to benefit those in Haiti.

As we enter this beautiful holiday season, we pray God’s blessing on you and your families. May you experience His mercy and His peace.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Hackworth
USFCH Board President

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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PO Box 521171
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-or-

Donate online at
www.usfch.org





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Musotte School -- Update

Musotte Lower School:

The first class of 25 students started in 2009. Adding a new grade level each year to accommodate their advancement, the school now is attended by



over 255 children through sixth grade. Ten pupils from the first class completed their elementary education, no small accomplishment in a highly rural and agricultural area. A graduation ceremony and celebration was held to honor our pioneer students who have now continued on to secondary school. We see it as a blessing to be able to bring education to Haitian children in a country setting and to see it grow at a rapid pace.



Musotte Technical School:

In keeping with our long-held belief that educating the children of Haiti is the way forward, the best challenge to entrenched poverty, we are pleased to report that the project of building a post-secondary school in Musotte is moving forward. The plans are for this to be a college-level technical school for training in computer



and automotive skills, the hospitality industry, and other fields yet to be determined. The land for the campus was donated to the Foundation by the town of Musotte. This is a growing area, and we are pleased to be able to locate within a mile



of the local regional high school. Cross International has been very generous in their support of the initial phases of developing the land and buildings that came with it. USFCH/FEH would welcome the opportunity to talk with individuals or organizations that might join us in this undertaking.



Children's Village of Hope School Progress Report

It has long been the plan to consolidate the two schools in Port-au-Prince when the new facility is completed at Children's Hope Village. However, with finances tight, it was decided that it would be cost effective to begin the transition this school year. Monday through Friday the children living at the Village are bused to the Haiti Home campus where they join about 200 other students. Some of these children are living at that facility, and some are from the neighborhood. New friendships are being made that will make things easier when the time comes to move Haiti Home to the Village. An additional advantage is that we are able to transport the children from Hope Home to their special-needs school as the bus makes its way to and from the consolidated School of the Good Sower at Haiti Home.

We are happy to announce that construction of the school at the Village is moving forward thanks to two grants from the Digicel Foundation.





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More Than Just a Sponsorship

by Lee Ewert,
Sponsor and recent mission trip participant

Sponsoring a child through USFCH was an easy decision for our family. We traveled to Haiti to adopt our daughter seventeen years ago, and we saw firsthand the children and the work of the Foundation. This organization had changed our lives and we wanted to continue to help them change lives for the better. The first girl we sponsored eventually aged out of the system and was able to return to join her family. We wanted to continue sponsoring a child, and we were assigned a 5-year-old girl named Rebecca. We were sent several pictures of a beautiful little girl with a big smile. We began praying for her as we sent our sponsorship payment. At her birthday we were given the option of choosing a gift for her, and I enjoyed shopping and picking out things I thought she would like. We sent notes and pictures with our gift. In return we received updated pictures showing that same captivating smile.

In the past year I had been doing a Bible study and a book study which encouraged me to live a more purposeful life. I decided to take more risks in my life, and I thought going to Haiti to meet Rebecca and help with the summer camp would be a neat thing to do. I am a teacher so the summer trip fit well with my schedule, and working with children is something I enjoy doing. However, going on a trip out of the country with a team of people I did not know was a challenge for me. But God answered my prayers and gave us a safe journey and sent me with an amazing group of people. We all got along well and accomplished much in the week we were there.

By far the best part of my trip was meeting Rebecca! She was shy the first day, but after that she watched for me each day and loved having me help her with the camp projects and activities. We enjoyed playing simple games and singing songs and dancing. It was fun seeing her interact with her friends and just be a little kid. She showed me her bedroom and the suitcase where she keeps her things. One day she even wore the dress I had sent her the summer before. The language barrier really wasn't too much of an issue, and there were lots of people who could interpret. When our last day came, I was really sad to leave Rebecca and the kids we had met; but I plan to go back and see them again. I have renewed interest in praying each day for Rebecca, and now I know specific needs I can pray for—one of which is for a family to call her their own someday. But until that day comes, I am glad our family can sponsor her, pray for her, and provide for some of her needs.

Sponsor a Child

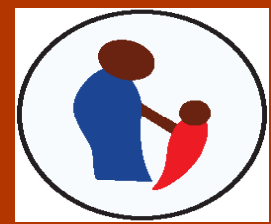
Would you sponsor a child? There are children at Haiti Home who need a sponsor, someone in the big world beyond Haiti Home who is praying and caring for him or her.

In addition to the importance of the personal connection for each child, 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 \$45 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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Kate's Gift

What better way to celebrate a special event? Rev. Dr. Kate Kalis has been a friend of USFCH/FEH for over thirty years. So, when it came time to celebrate a significant birthday, she quickly announced that in lieu of birthday gifts she would appreciate donations to the Foundation.

Kate has traveled to Haiti numerous times, once taking all the ceiling fans donated



for Hope Hospital that was then under construction. She has served on the Board of Directors for USFCH and been a sponsor for several children. Kate presently sponsors little Kettlie, and there are several others previously sponsored who are now grown with families of their own. She continues to introduce many people to the work of the Foundation, a gift in itself.



As a result of the generosity of her friends, Kate's celebration of her milestone birthday resulted in donations totaling over \$2000. Please consider doing as Kate did and making USFCH/FEH the beneficiary when you are next celebrating. It's a great way to spread the word about this mission in Haiti; and, of course, the money will help us take care of the children.



Suggested ways to help fundraise for the USFCH

Run a Marathon for a Cause

Are you a runner? For your next marathon, ask people to support you as a runner and the children in Haiti.

Craft for the Good

If crafting is your gift, sell your hobby items to help impact lives in Haiti.

Party with a Purpose

Just like Kate's gift, you can also host a party that has a large impact.

Contact Your Church to Partner with the USFCH

Most churches have non-profits they partner with. Let your church missions director know about your passion for the Children of Haiti. We would be happy to give you a list of ways your church can partner with us.

Over the years our donors have found so many creative ways to help make a difference in the lives of Haitians. We encourage you to brainstorm with your friends and family to find a way to use your creativity to raise funds. We need the help of every donor to make sure we are able to continue our work in Haiti. Every penny counts!

If you would like to hold a fundraising event, let us help you! Contact us at contact@usfch.org.

