



*Board Member Karla Albert cradles a newfound friend in Haiti.*

## United States Foundation for the Children of Haiti



### MESSAGE FROM USFCH BOARD PRESIDENT REBECCA HACKWORTH



**Dear Foundation Friends,**

I write this note from Haiti because I want to tell you how grateful I am for you, for your faithfulness, for your generosity in supporting the Foundation, and for my fellow board members who serve Haiti. Every time I come to Haiti I am reminded of so many things I am thankful for about our work here.

We are a Haitian run organization; I wonder how many non-governmental agencies (NGO's) in Haiti can say that. There are

organizations here that have been here for decades but that are still run by outsiders. We do not dictate one thing to the Haitian staff about how they should run this organization.

Gladys Thomas remains one of the most faithful women of God I know. She is carefully building a group of Haitian leaders who share the mission with her here and together they are truly making a difference.

There are organizations here that fold without good leadership or without leadership from outside the country, but we are blessed. This makes sure things are done in a way that will last and in a way that understands the strengths and weaknesses of this country and the way things operate in this culture.

None of the amazing work going on here would be possible without

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your support. I simply want to tell you again, with a full heart, that this is truly one of the best investments I know; and it is making a real difference here.

I pray God's blessing on all of you.

**Rebecca Hackworth, president USFCH**



## Message from Gladys Thomas, President, Foundation for the Children of Haiti



It is with great pleasure and bountiful love that I greet you in the name of Haiti's lovely children and families. Thank you so much for your steadfast faith, love, joy, and hope for all of us at FEH.

Another year has begun, and there are many blessings of goodness that God will bring to us in 2013. Let us give thanks for all the wonderful blessings he showered us with in 2012. Following is a review of just some of those blessings.

### School of the Good Sower

Praise the Lord! We are now serving 184 children from the community and 70 from Haiti Home for Children.



Time flies; I can hardly believe we started this school 30 years ago with just 21 children. I thank God for all the lives that have changed over the years.

Two of our charitable food suppliers closed their food distribution projects. Even as we pray about this challenge, two other groups chimed in to send food and to help with our food budget for the school.

### The Children's Village of Hope

There are now 46 children living at the Children's Village as many have been transferred to the campus from Haiti Home in order to consolidate resources and save money. The number fluctuates as children come and go. Some of these children will be adopted into loving homes.

As Haiti recovers its governmental policies, a lot of changes have taken place in Haiti regarding adoptions. Haiti now has a good director for the national adoption department, and communication is improving. We've opened our program to adoption again, and we already have four

families that are in process. Though there is still the danger of corruption or mishaps, we pray earnestly for honesty in the Haitian adoption process.

### Haiti Home for Children

In the last newsletter we spoke of a new program to help some of our special needs students attend classes off-site. We're happy to report that this has happened. Three children are going daily to a school downtown. We were not able to pay for a bus just yet; but Dora, our volunteer worker at Hope Home is using my old car to transport the children. It's been really wonderful for all of them. The children are very excited to go to the classes, and we hope to add more children as funds allow. *Yadeline Pierre*, a young nurse, is working with Dora to run Hope Home and the Children's Village of Hope.

## Visit Haiti

**Vacation Bible Camp & All Birthdays Party: July 13 to July 22, 2013**: a week of song and dance, crafts, and games, lessons and joy.

### Friends and Sponsors Tour:

**Nov. 30 to Dec. 9, 2013**: An overview of the work of the Foundation, opportunities to experience the culture and people of Haiti, time to work and play with the children in our care, and prepare for the annual Christmas party. If interested, email us at [contact@usfch.org](mailto:contact@usfch.org)



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### Hope Hospital

Dr. Max Dernnisante is our new medical director at Hope Hospital. Dr. Darlene Gousse, former medical director, is now the hospital's executive director. In addition, Dr. Gousse has taken on many administrative responsibilities for the



Foundation for the Children of Haiti. This is a great blessing to the Foundation and me. We thank Humedica, a German medical charity, for helping to fund Dr. Gousse's salary. The hospital, meanwhile, continues to grow. We had more than \$600,000 in hospital expenses last year; yet, praise the Lord, we have raised nearly \$500,000 in hospital fees to cover those expenses.

### The Mountain School

The school opened in the Mussote region of southern Haiti in 2009 and continues to grow and serve the

families of that area.



We started with 35 first grade students and now serve 174 children...and we hope to expand. Each year we have created a class at the next higher grade level for the advancing students. We also have provided steady employment for seven teachers at this school.

It is a wonderful thing to see children in this region receiving a quality education. These are children who would not otherwise be in school. We can only imagine the blessings this education will be in the years to come for these children and their families.

*My friends, what a difference we are making together!*

### Gladys Thomas Foundation for the Children of Haiti



## Gladys Honored in Ireland



Gladys would never take any praise for the incredible work she is doing in Haiti, but that doesn't mean others can't appreciate her.

In January, Haven, an Irish charity, invited Gladys to their annual Haven's Gala Ball for Haiti and awarded her the *William Jefferson Clinton Goodwill for Haiti Award* for all her work and dedication. She, of course, gives all the glory to God for this prestigious honor.

"I am very honored," Gladys said, "but I give all glory to God. I will not accept anything without embracing all of you in it with me." So "Congratulations!" to all of us.

For more information and photos about Haven and the award given to Gladys, please visit our website: [www.usfch.org](http://www.usfch.org).

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## Honor a Mother for Mother's Day

Help support the "Mommas" who care for Haitian children by honoring your mother or someone close to you, this Mother's Day. Consider giving to USFCH on May 12, 2013, Mother's Day. The name of the person you honor will be listed on our website, and they will receive a special card from USFCH telling them about your generous gift in their name.

Please see details on our website: [www.usfch.org](http://www.usfch.org)

## Help Build the New Village School



When the Children's Village was home to only the babies at Rainbow of Love Nursery and the children at Hope Home, making do with available space for educational purposes was pretty easy. Now, however, children of grammar school age live at the Village along with the babies and special needs children.

Pre-K and the lower grades are now taking place in the playroom and bedrooms on the second floor of the nursery building.

The plan is to construct a new, two-story school building. This new building will allow us to teach our own children in a better learning environment and also to open the school to children living in the neighborhood. The new school will also free up the second floor of the Rainbow building to accommodate more children at the Village.

Please consider making a special donation to the Village School Building Fund. We are getting closer to having enough money to start the ground breaking. *Will you help us build the new school?*

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