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A Note from Harold and Natalie Bither



We are often being asked, “What is really changing in Haiti?” Probably one of the greatest changes is in the number of people who now live in the Hinche area. Some of those large piles of crushed and broken buildings are the homes of those who simply moved out into other areas like Hinche to build a new life. All of this has enlarged the challenge for H.E.F. to minister to many more people with greater needs than ever before. With the help of God and many wonderful workers and supporters like you, H.E.F. is seeing wonderful changes in the greater Hinche area.

Let me address a few of these remarkable changes. All of the churches are growing! Many people are giving their heart to Christ. God is blessing our local Haitian pastors as they pastor in the different villages. We plan to build another church building in Laby–real soon. 300–400 people now attend here regularly. They need a building to meet together to worship and receive the word.

HEF now supports 14 Christian schools with a fall enrollment of 4000! Building and operating Christian schools is probably the single greatest need now that Haiti has. We are only paying each school \$100.00 a month and would like to be able to increase this amount as God provides the funds. Since the earthquake, we have over 1000 more children in our schools. God has also made it possible for H.E.F. to feed all of our 4000 school children. This is a miracle! Along with food that we receive from the W.F.P., there are many other cost associated with feeding all the children, such as transportation, cooks, management, and distribution of the food. We currently are in the process of building a food storage depot required by the W.F.P. at a cost of about \$20,000. We need sponsors to feed and educate these children!

We have medical clinics each year ministering to thousands of Haitian people. It is wonderful to see the dedicated medical people who freely carry on this ministry. How exciting to see the Mobile clinics being held in different villages. The people are so much better physically and the children are a lot healthier and feeling so much better. Jesus said, freely, freely you have received, now freely give.”

We now are involved in teaching Haitians how to raise their own food, chickens, Tilapia (fish) and raise crops VIA hydroponics. Their standards of living are constantly increasing and we do thank God that we are a part of all the wonderful changes taking place in our area. Pray with us that God will continue to smile upon this ministry in Haiti.



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you for your prayers and
continued support.**

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How Does Your Garden Grow? – Women’s Conference 2011

Our theme this summer was “How Does Your Garden Grow?” We had a team of sixteen women who worked together in coordinating the conference on the HEF compound. God was so good! Words cannot describe the “presence of the Lord” on the compound during the 4–day retreat. The Haitian women wake up in the morning singing praise, and they go to bed at night singing praise!

It is a humbling experience to share with these beautiful women in their worship and teaching God’s Word. I look forward to this conference all year! I want to thank the women on our team who worked so beautifully together in unity. The bond of love and unity with our Haitian friends is a testimony of “the unsearchable riches of Christ.”

Cindy Bither



Second Annual Haiti Teachers Conference

The second annual HEF Haiti Teachers conference consisted of 12 teachers and one cook. We had a wonderful team and planned for weeks ahead together in preparation for the conference. We planned lessons, a schedule and a conference handbook for each teacher with all of the lessons in French. Our lessons included Bible, science, geography, health and ESL. The English as a second language (ESL) sessions allowed an opportunity for us to interact with the Haitian teachers in a more personal way. A lot of laughter and good fellowship occurred during our English lessons. Over 120

Teachers came to the conference from the HEF schools and two other Christian schools. Each teacher received a French Bible, and a conference book, plus a bag of materials they would need to teach the lessons to their students. At the end of the conference each teacher was given a Certificate of Completion with their name printed on it and signed by the principal and superintendent.

We began each day with a general session on Biblical Integration and one of the general sessions was devoted to a review of the whole Bible from Genesis to Revelation. Then we would break down into small groups for the lessons. We did some lessons to reinforce the Bible curriculum we took to the conference last year and gave to each school. The other lessons were taken from their school curriculum and gave the teachers ideas and materials to make their lessons hands on and interactive for their students. The last night we had a campfire and cooked S'mores for the teachers. The response from the teachers to the conference was very positive, and The Haitian teachers did a talent show at the end of the conference to honor us. We felt so blessed to be a part of something with so much potential for the future of Haiti.

Doug Verner



Summer VBS Kid's Club

I was honored to travel to Haiti in June with students from Calvary Murrieta Christian School. Our main project was to go to the remote village schools and host kid's clubs for the Haitian students. Each day the team was met with exuberant, beautiful Haitian children who were eager to hear our students share about Jesus. Our VBS theme was "Jesus The Good Shepherd" (John 10:14). The students performed a skit ("sheep" included!), games, craft, singing, and a Bible lesson.

Cindy Bither



Pastor's Conference May 2011



This May we just completed our Pastors Conference in Hinche Haiti. 32 pastors were in attendance from the upper plateau. Chaplain Steve Wimberley and myself had the privilege to teach the sessions. We were able to cover both 1st and 2nd Peter. Our style that we have found most productive, is to teach for 45 minutes to an hour, and then open it up for questions regarding the topic just taught. This enables us to see if the material we covered was understood. They always have such wonderful questions. I learn much from these pastors who do not have very

many resources except "the Holy Spirit"! What else do you need? These men (most uneducated past primary and secondary school) have a tremendous knowledge and grasp of the word of God. There are however, a few that have Bible College degrees, who always add very helpful explanations when we get in a "translational bind" and are able to explain it well for us. I so appreciate the opportunity to come alongside these fine men of God. I love them and hope to be one day like them.

Brian Bell

Dina's Story



Dina, a young woman we were asked to help by Klaus (UN). Our doctors arranged for her surgery. According to the doctors, the surgery was a success. Dina has received "braces" on

both her legs - she says they hurt every day, but this is part of the healing process... if she is consistent with her physical therapy, she will be much better off. Again, thanks to the doctors/nurses and all the other good people from Haiti Endowment Foundation to make the surgery possible.

Website Update

We are very excited about our new website. Over the past year, we have been putting together a lot of information online that will help you get to know HEF even better. We're putting up trip updates up for each trip that goes, so you can stay up to date with the exciting things God is doing in Haiti. There are new videos and pictures, updated mission information and more to come.

This is all in an effort to communicate better with you, so if you haven't already, find us online at www.haitiendowmentfund.org, find us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/pages/Haiti-Endowment-Fund/112836380831), and follow us on Twitter (@HaitiEndowment).

Rob Thompson



Bethel Church Builds Roofs for Four Different Schools



In early May 2011, a small team from the San Francisco Bay Area arrived at the compound with a daunting task before them: construct, assemble, and install roofs on four different schools in only seven days. Without question, success would only come from not just the blessing, but the clear intervention of the Lord in central Haiti. If the weather turned bad, even for just one day, there was no chance that all four roofs would be erected. If equipment failed, a team member fell ill, or if any one of a million variables went wrong, the team would leave Haiti with unfinished business. And yet, the Lord was faithful, as He went before the team to hold back the rain and the pour out his grace and blessing on the trip,

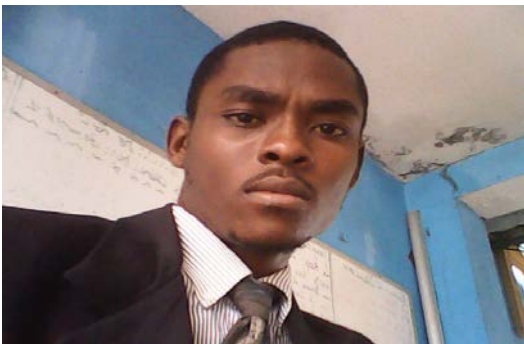
and against some very big odds, all four roofs were installed with a day to spare! Glory be to the Lord! In the evenings, the team would go on prayer walks, praying for families who lived near the HEF compound and handing out bags of rice and beans. Although there are so many stories and so many people to thank for such an incredible trip, four people in particular come to mind.

First, the team would like to thank Mr. Klaus Langauer, Chief of Security for the United Nations, Central Haiti. Mr. Langauer extended his warmth and hospitality to the team, and his love for the people of Haiti is evident and incredible. Second, the team would like to thank Pastor Illiobert and Marie. They were kind enough to share several meals with the team, host the team during a Sunday service, and provide a tour of their primary school in Hinche. Although the compound is 4,000 miles from the Bay Area, Pastor Illiobert and Marie go out of their way to make Hinche feel like home. Finally, the team would like to thank Valarie, not just for being a wonderful man and father to several beautiful young girls, but also for knocking mangos out of the trees with incredible marksmanship.

Although just a stone throw from the United States, Haiti can sometimes seem like it is on the other side of the world. Yet, the Lord is just as alive in Haiti as He is anywhere else in the world. Praise Him for what He has, what He is, and what He will do in Haiti!

Bethel Christian Church, San Francisco

HEF Sponsored Student: Patrick's Testimony



My name is Patrick Thermophil, I am twenty four years old and I am Haitian. I am from Hinche the sixth city in Haiti. I am a Christian and I have been baptized since eight years in a church named Maranatha, which is led by Pastor Berson Iliobert in Hinche. I am a third year medical student in Quisqueya University in Port-au-prince 90 km from Hinche, my home town. Now I am living in Port-au-Prince because the universities we have in Haiti are there. It is one of the specific problems we have in Haiti; everyone has to go there to have studies, the reason for that is we have lost a lot of students and teachers during the

earthquake on January 12, 2010 in Port-au-prince. Since my childhood I realized that the main problem we have in Haiti is the "health insurance". There are not enough doctors to take care of the Haitian people, it is worse for the people in the country side who cannot find even a clinic for the first aids. From then on, I have decided to be a doctor (surgeon) to help my people in need for health, to improve the health insurance and the cost of living of my Haitian people. I take this opportunity to thank everyone who is thinking about Haiti like the people in Haiti endowment fund (HEF) who are investing in: education, Agriculture, Health, VBS for the children (vacation bible studies) and leadership for the pastors in Hinche. God Bless HEF for doing good deed toward the Haitian people.

Medical Ministry: January and March 2011

The end of January this year a team of doctors, dentists, nurses, students and videographers arrived in Hinche from Idaho, California and Missouri. Several villages were ministered to through medicine encouraging Haitians to persevere through the power of Jesus Christ. Children were added to the feeding program. Treating their infections, addressing their malnutrition and playing with them after clinic created fond memories that will likely never fade! We ministered to a village, which was grieving in the wake of horrifying violence resulting in the death of several children and adults. A clinic was held at the downtown Hinche prison. Nearly 200 inmates received treatment, medications and gifts. Their living conditions were unspeakable! The 2 young men with video equipment accomplished exhaustive documentation of our ministry for the HEF website makeover.



Yet another team arrived the end of March traveling the new highway from Port-au-Prince to Hinche. The country of Spain financed the construction. Driving along the *SMOOTH* highway was a welcome reprieve and turned a 6-8 hour backbreaking trek into a 2-3 hour scenic drive! We truly hope it will be a long time before this road breaks down from lack of maintenance! Ease of travel with improved commerce is immensely important for Hinche and the villages of central Haiti! The team was comprised of Harold & Natalie Bither, several incredibly compassionate and energetic students,

doctors from California and Idaho, a dentist from Temecula and, of course, our indispensable cooks! Again, many villages were reached and earthquake victims and others with life-long orthopedic deformities were transported to Port-au-Prince for specialized care. A visit to the city open market, the local government hospital and the United Nations Security compound were highlights as well.

New, perhaps life-long friendships were forged. Our God was worshipped and spirits were renewed! We were encouraged by the words, devotions and prayers of Pastor Harold and wife, Natalie. We continue to pray that God will break our hearts with that which breaks His and use us mightily in central Haiti!

Michael Ettner, MD



Haiti Agricultural Update August 2011: Ravine Cave



As reported in an earlier newsletter, the ¼ acre garden at Ravine Cave was successful, producing 288 large and healthy cabbages to the church and school community. HEF continues to work with the church and school leadership developing agricultural principles, soil

management, and leadership skills that will benefit the garden and people of Ravine Cave.

Following God's principle of multiplication, five families who demonstrated tithing principles by

working in the church garden faithfully, were chosen for the development of a family garden at their home. HEF supplied the fencing, irrigation supplies, seed, and technical help. The families of Ravine Cave supplied the labor in 'combit'. Combit in Haiti means to come together in shared labor. All five families worked in each family garden until all five gardens were completed. This labor occurred during the rainy season making the work very difficult but combit prevailed and God blessed our work.



Kim Joos

Haiti VBS Camp July 2011: Student Testimony

During the summer of 2011, right before my senior year began, I had the amazing opportunity to go to Haiti with eleven of my friends from school through the Haiti Endowment Fund. After first hearing about the trip, I was so interested because I was at the point where I wanted to grow deeper in my faith by serving God, and I was wondering what the next step would be. I had heard so many wonderful things from people who had been on mission trips, especially those who had gone to Haiti through HEF. When I found out I could be a part of the group going this year, I was so excited to be a part of such an amazing trip and was looking forward to seeing what God would accomplish through me and how he would grow me spiritually. Needless to say, I left for Haiti with very high expectations, but I am so glad I can say that I was actually blessed even more than I had expected.



The summer trip to Haiti has been the most amazing experience of my life so far. For a whole week, I lived purposefully through playing with the children, leading a Vacation Bible School, worshiping, being in fellowship with other believers, group discussions, prayer, and quiet time. It was so amazing being away from all the distractions of my normal routine and daily life. I have never felt so filled up, and it was because I was living the way God

intends us to, in fellowship with other Christians, constantly praising and serving Him. Serving in Haiti taught me how to live completely for the Lord and showed me how much He blesses in return. Even with the very few hours I slept each night, God gave me energy to run around in the hot, humid weather and worship and be around the kids and my friends.



A few things really stuck out to me from the trip. For example, one of the boys in my group wanted to play frisbee, all day, every day. He was so content just throwing a frisbee all day, and it made me think of how most kids in America are, spoiled and discontented. I know when I would get a toy like a frisbee as a kid, I would play with it a couple times and then get bored. It amazed me how content the children in Haiti were with simply playing and being around us. Also, the way they worshipped was so inspiring. The Haitian Christians were all so loud, passionate, and full of joy compared to many people in our churches who just mutter the lyrics, not really thinking about what they mean. And finally, the conversations I had with my peers down in Haiti were at a deeper level than I had ever experienced before. It was so neat to share such an amazing experience with my friends and to be able to share about it, to grow closer, and to see how the trip affected each one of us. I am so thankful for the Haiti Endowment Fund because this trip provided me with such an unforgettable, life changing experience.

Brent Yerkes

Medical Ministry: June and August 2011



In both June and August, HEF medical teams traveled to Haiti (led by Dr. Tae Im and Dr. Walt Combs) to serve those suffering in Hinche and several villages in the surrounding countryside. A blessing from these medical missions over the years has been the mentorship of young college students from the United States whose hearts have been touched by the joy of serving the Lord and those that He loves. Many are now in medical school, PA school and pursuing nursing so they can continue to give a helping hand and show the love of Jesus to the poor. The Lord is good!

Janet Combs
