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## From Devastation to Celebration

On July 6 in the Central Plateau area, a sudden severe storm produced several downbursts, one of which completely destroyed the roof of the Dubuisson Church of Christ facility, home to the HFHC-supported Dubuisson Christian Elementary and Middle Schools. All that was left was a few metal sheets and a few broken wood support beams. Most of the long wooden school benches which serve as school desks and pews were also badly damaged.

With school scheduled to open nationwide the first week of September, the school children, church members, and Dubuisson community were deeply concerned about the situation. After

discussions and prayer with church leaders on July 21, a plan was put in place. The church community would provide the labor for the project and a letter would be sent to HFHC child sponsors to request their financial help to purchase new roof materials. Thanks to an outpouring of compassion from HFHC sponsors, all required funds were raised and wired in on August 17 to rebuild the school roof **and** build new school benches.

With church members helping with much of the labor, the new roof was completed on September 11, with a celebration gospel meeting in the facility on September 13 and the school opening on September 14. What an a incredible team effort!



*Storm blows away roof on the Dubuisson Church of Christ and School*



*Students very thankful to start school with a new roof and new school benches*



*New School Roof with Skylights*





*The Edmond Church of Christ team with the orphans at Thomazeau.*



*Pictured left: Team from the Bellevue Church of Christ paints kid-friendly murals in school classrooms*

## Summer Mission Teams Bring Great Blessings

This summer, mission teams from churches and groups from around the U.S. worked alongside their Haitian brothers and sisters in Christ to serve the needs of the children in Haiti. By the end of the summer, 150 individuals volunteered their time, talents, heart and muscle all with the same goal - to show Christian compassion through service to the poor and needy.

Just a few of these teams' accomplishments include:

- painted the exterior and interior of the Thomazeau and Pageste schools
- assisted in the construction of walls for a new school kitchen
- conducted 10 Vacation Bible School programs around the country
- distributed clothing and food to sponsored children and community members
- made repairs and enhancements to fencing, water systems and plumbing
- conducted a "Youth Day" for teens in the Thomazeau community
- painted orphanage housing and built clothes cabinets

Their efforts were blessed, hearts touched and lives changed. The orphanage administrators and school principals have all reported how deeply grateful they are for this assistance and look forward to working with teams again next summer.



## ORPHAN CARE SUNDAY

Many congregations across the U.S. have joined together this year in a time of fellowship and prayer for the needs of the orphaned child. We are so appreciative of the support that the Cazeau and Thomazeau Orphanages continue to receive. These gifts will directly impact the children by providing for their basic necessities like food, water, clothing and necessary housing repairs. We are asking other congregations to participate in Orphan Care Sunday on or before November 15 to help us meet our goal of \$50,000. With this total, we can start the first phase of a badly-needed kitchen/dining hall at the Thomazeau orphanage.

For more information, please visit our website at [www.orphancaresunday.org](http://www.orphancaresunday.org)

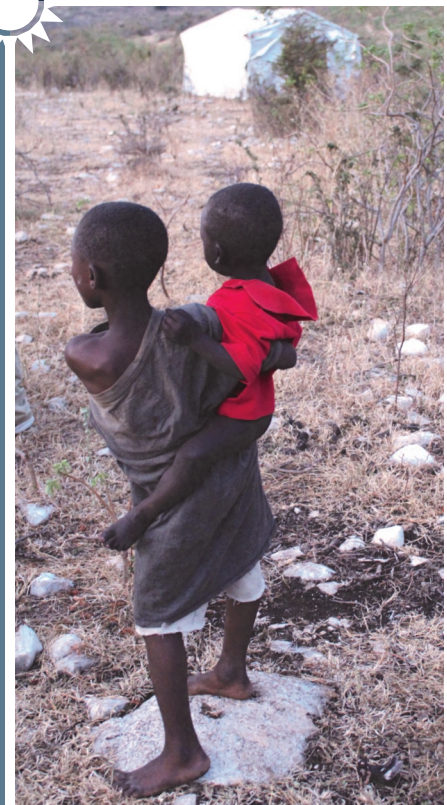


## HAITIAN PRAYER



Senye,  
A la nou kontan  
se pa nou k'ap kenbe ou  
men se ou k'ap kenbe nou.

Lord,  
How glad we are  
that we don't hold you,  
But that You hold us.





# CHANGING A NATION THROUGH EDUCATION

Christian education transforms lives and consequently families, communities, countries and the world. In July, a seven member team which embraces this core belief led the Second Annual HFHC Teacher Conference. Their mission was three-fold — to provide training, encouragement, and teaching materials to 74 educators at HFHC-affiliated schools. The faculty at each school have education levels which range from a tenth grade diploma to a university degree. With this in mind, the team started the conference with some key ingredients. First, a time was set aside to recognize each teacher as a peer, celebrating the good work that God is accomplishing through him or her. Next, the trainers focused on a child's brain development. Understanding how the brain works motivates a teacher to try new methodology. Ultimately, the Haitian teachers, just like their American counterparts, long to see their students learn and succeed in life.

After a session on learning styles (auditory, visual and kinesthetic) and how to become a more effective



**74 teachers attend 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual HFHC Teacher Training Conference**



***Our Thomazeau Pilot Program Where Educators Are Learning the Importance of Hands-on Learning***

teacher, one teacher stood before his peers and challenged them to heed the words of the trainer. This man grieved over the fact that there was a gap in his own education, one that prevented him from understanding how children learn. In the past he felt it was the student's role to learn; his role was simply to impart knowledge. He had not taken into consideration how the students in his class learned. With new knowledge in hand, he left hopeful for his future.

Over the last two years, the U.S team has been amazed at the openness and enthusiasm of our Haitian teachers. After the first year's training, principals informed the trainers that the entire environment of their school had changed — teachers returned to school excited to teach and children learned material faster than ever. We applaud these Haitian teachers and their ongoing effort to become the best teachers possible!



***Haitian Educators Practice Bloom's Taxonomy***



***A very special thanks to team members: Andy Pace, Mary Hannah Donaldson, Linsey McCoun, Jeantyard Elmera, Nancy Kornegay, Marcie Finley, Hermette Ward***



# REBUILDING HOPE 2020 UPDATE



Dear HFHC Supporters,

Following the devastating earthquake in 2010, HFHC's board adopted a long-term plan called Rebuilding Hope 2020 to not only rebuild what had been destroyed by the earthquake, but to provide a sustainable infrastructure in order to develop outstanding leaders through transformational development. Rebuilding Hope 2020 is a 10-year, \$5M effort to meet three objectives:

- **Nurture** at-risk children by building and strengthening HFHC's two Christian orphanages and providing hunger and thirst relief in affiliated communities
- **Educate** these children by building and strengthening ten HFHC-affiliated Christian schools
- **Train** these youth by developing vocational and spiritual training programs via after-school clubs, summer schools, and camps

For the past 4 years, we have been blessed to meet our annual goal of \$500,000 which has allowed us to make wonderful progress in all three areas as highlighted in the photos you see here. A major blessing has been the completion of the Thomazeau Hope Center pavilion and the 3rd grade classroom, where many more children are now able to receive an education and grow into outstanding leaders. But year to date, we have a \$50,000 shortfall in Rebuilding Hope / Where Needed Most funding to move ahead on the projects scheduled to start, such as the Thomazeau Christian Orphanage kitchen/dining hall. You will find the details of all the plans and current progress at: [www.RebuildingHope.org](http://www.RebuildingHope.org). Please prayerfully consider a Rebuilding Hope gift this year to help us bridge the \$50,000 gap.

Ken Bever, Founder & President



*Thomazeau Hope Center Kitchen to Feed Malnourished Children Under Construction*



*School began in September and all 10 schools were provided with additional new school benches (desks)*



*Summer "Youth Day" at newly completed Thomazeau Hope Center pavilion organized by First Colony mission team*

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### Homer & Betty Miller

*Cheri Simmons*

### Richard Tunis

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# MAKING A DIFFERENCE...ONE CHILD AT A TIME



## 2015 Christian Leadership Youth Camp *by Julie Georges, HFHC Board Member*

Every Youth Camp is special and this year's camp was no exception. My favorite part of the camp is getting to know the campers and seeing their growth in leadership and love for God every year. For the last two years the conference has been aimed at younger campers (13-17).

Last year I became acquainted with Enock Saintel. He was the Bible Bowl winner and was voted by his peers for the Leadership Award in his gender/age group. I hadn't met him before, but it was obvious that he was a leader. His response to the survey taken at the end of the conference made an impression on me. He said *"Camp was beautiful. We had fun, we ate. We talked about God. My friends and I had a great time. We are really changed."* Enock was only 14 then. I was anxious to see him again this year and was so pleased to see his growth and maturity.

Another young man named Robenson Pierre Michel had us in stitches. He was non-stop cracking jokes. We had the benefit of being with a Haitian-American friend who told us how funny he was and we spent about an hour at the end of the conference hanging out with him. It was just fun to see how this young man rose above his circumstances to enrich the lives of those around him with humor.



**Leadership Award Winners: Enock Saintel at far left**



**Julie with Robenson Pierre Michel and Julie's husband, Art. Julie is a founding HFHC Board Member and she and Art have helped lead the Youth Camp for many years.**



**Yvline Pierre Louis plays on the Haitian National Soccer team!**

We also met a HFHC-sponsored young woman who is on the Haitian National Soccer team! Her name was Yvline Pierre Louis. She told us (through a translator) that she would love to visit her sponsor in the US and that she had a passport. Now that got my attention and I asked how it was that she had a passport and that's when we found out that she is on the team. She has even been to Jamaica to represent Haiti!

It is exciting to meet our new emerging leaders in Haiti every year and to know that sponsorship has made an education possible for them. I just want all sponsors to recognize that not only are you making an education possible, but you are giving these children more hope about their possible outcomes for their lives. That hope is what pushes them forward. You will not be disappointed with what these children are becoming!





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**31,968  
Meals  
Packed!**

Many hands make light work. This was the case on September 19th at the "Hope Factory" located in Cincinnati, Ohio. Over 170 volunteers from the Northeast Church of Christ gathered with one goal: to feed the children in Haiti. In just over an hour and a half, 31,968 meals were packed!

These meals contain essential vitamins, fortified soy, minerals, dehydrated vegetables and rice. This food packet can reverse the starvation process, helping to restore health and improving a child's physical stature as well as mental alertness. It is estimated that chronic malnutrition affects 24% of children under five.

With this in mind, it is our prayer that this food will arrive soon in Haiti to help the children who need it the most.

If you'd like to help with the ongoing cost of food for the children, please make a donation to the Food Fund.



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*"Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me..." Mark 9:36*