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### Cafeteria Expansion

We invite you to be a part of the expansion of the school cafeteria in Terre Blanche!

For nearly 20 years, the school has provided lunch for each student in a village where families struggle to have enough to eat. Today, over 900 students use the same cafeteria that was once used by just 65 students.

For \$95 per student we can construct this new cafeteria. Please consider donating to the cafeteria project. You can give to the project online or by mailing a check.

Artist rendering of the future cafeteria by Lisl Ruckert, HFH volunteer

## **CELEBRATING 10 YEARS**

In 2004, I met Pastor Delamy Bazilme, Haiti Foundation of Hope's partner in Haiti. We stood in the courtyard of the church and elementary school in Terre Blanche and looked around.

The courtyard was barren with only dry rocks and a few shrubs. A broken down well pump stood in the middle.

The elementary school was serving many students but was cramped. There were twice as many students per classroom as there were seats. We looked at the surrounding hills and saw they were dry, with whatever crops there were having been flattened by a recent hurricane.

Delamy passionately shared the lofty vision God had given him to build on what he had started. An expanded school, trees for shade and food, a larger church, working well, medical clinic, and a thriving community serving each other and the Lord.

**Ten years later**, I returned to Terre Blanche. In that same courtyard, I now stood in awe of the expansive trees providing shade and play space for

children. From a working well flowed clean water. Children were using tippytaps – large buckets of water – to wash their hands before they ate, dramatically reducing childhood diarrhea.

There is a larger elementary school and a two-story high school. Behind the school stands the clinic, serving thousands of patients yearly. A larger church was built across the street. I visited a local mothers' club and the test garden for a drip irrigation system.

It was an honor to pray with Pastor Delamy 10 years ago and it was an honor to return a decade later and marvel at what God has done. Happy anniversary Haiti Foundation of Hope!

By Beth Sethi, HFH board member

### MISSION STATEMENT

Haiti Foundation of Hope is a Christian organization addressing the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the people in the impoverished and underserved rural communities of northern Haiti.

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### **BE PART OF THE WORK**

Learn more about the work that Haiti Foundation of Hope has done in the past 10 years by going online to haitifoundationofhope.org.

None of the work would be possible without generous donors like you. Please consider giving a one-time gift or setting up regular donations for the ongoing work in rural Haiti.



# Changes Over the Years

Celebrating our 10-year anniversary has given us a chance to reflect on the changes in Terre Blanche and the surrounding areas. It also gives us hope and excitement for the future. Join us for the changes ahead.

#### **HEALTH**

10 YEARS AGO, the only health care was provided by visiting medical teams four times a year.

TODAY, the Clinic of Hope is open yearround and staffed by Haitian medical professionals.

Haitian volunteers with the Community Health Program visit neighbors and host events to educate their communities and prevent health problems.

### **EDUCATION**

10 YEARS AGO, the school was growing in size from the original 65 students in 1996.

TODAY, there are over 900 students,

including secondary school.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

10 YEARS AGO, there was no economic development aside from subsistence farming and days at the market.

TODAY, 55 women have graduated from the trade school while dozens of people participate in the micro-loan program.

Drip irrigation is being explored by farmers. Other community members are employed at the clinic and school.

### **CHURCH**

The church has continued to grow, moving into a larger building and providing the community with hope.





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