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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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Finding vision in Terre Blanche

Team members seek to find ways of involvement in Haiti

Eleven people traveled to Terre Blanche in June for what has been called the first "Vision Team" with Haiti Foundation of Hope. While previous teams have focused on meeting medical needs, this team was comprised of people seeking a deeper level of understanding of the work in Terre Blanche. They used the trip as an opportunity to see how they might become involved long term given their talents and interests.

The team had a unique opportunity to interact with people from Terre Blanche at a personal level and also gained a broad exposure to the many projects supported by Haiti Foundation of Hope. Some time was spent working in the medical clinic, but each team member also visited the school, watched bio-sand water filters being made and installed, and learned about the feeding program for school children.

The team also received updates about the implementation of a community health program and saw new homes and foundations that were being built following the severe flooding in last year's hurricane season. Two team members spent a lot of time listening to locals involved with a micro-loan program with the hope of increasing the foundation's involvement in economic development.

Time was spent traveling to other nearby villages to gain an appreciation for what



Lunch at the school in Terre Blanche is sometimes the only meal children get during the day. (Photos by Jedd Chang.)

can be done in the surrounding area.

A highlight of the team's time in Terre Blanche was a concert by Justin Klump, a talented young musician who was part of the team. The concert drew a crowd of about 500 people and was yet another way for the larger community to come together and celebrate all that is being accomplished in the area.

It has been exciting to see how Haiti Foundation of Hope has established partnerships with people to address the needs of those living in Terre Blanche.

We are meeting spiritual needs through a thriving church community which is now constructing a new church building; medical needs through the Clinic of Hope and the new community health program;

physical needs through clean water and food for children; education needs through a primary and secondary school and a women's trade school; and economic needs through local micro enterprise.

We are truly grateful for the tremendous support shown by our donors, volunteers and supporters, and look forward to all that is in store for the future.



Team members watch as a bio-sand water filter is constructed.

By Larry Moore, vision team member and chairman of the HFH board of directors.



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Bambootique, a Portland (OR)-based fair trade company, will partner with Haiti Foundation of Hope during its Holiday Fair Trade Trunk Show by donating 10 percent of sales from the event to the foundation's community health program in Terre Blanche, Haiti.

Bambootique works directly with women artisans in eight developing nations to market their high-quality, traditionally made jewelry, candles, handbags, handmade paper, Christmas ornaments, scarves and more. Bambootique believes in the power of women to make a real and lasting difference in their children's lives and in their communities.

The Trunk Show is open to all. It will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, at the home of owner Beth Sethi, 17552 SW Shasta Trail, Tualatin, Oregon. For more information, go online to www.shopbambootique.com or send an e-mail to beth@shopbambootique.com.

2010 Calendars



Back to school ... the holidays ... and the new year.

It's coming fast.

The 2010 Haiti Foundation of Hope calendars are here.

The calendars are 5x7 inches and perfect for framing or sitting on a desk easel. They make great end-of-the-year gifts for friends and family. A \$20 donation (\$15 is tax deductible) is requested for each calendar that is ordered. To place an order, call 360-993-0974 or send an e-mail to givehope@haitifoundationofhope.org.

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Church members in Terre Blanche are constructing a new church building to fit their growing congregation. To learn more about their project, go online to www.haitifoundationofhope.org/news.php.