



# HAITI FOUNDATION OF HOPE

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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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## Back to school...adding a new grade

We are excited to tell you about a new opportunity for Haiti Foundation of Hope. After much consideration, we are pursuing a new project in Terre Blanche with the start of a secondary school.

It is difficult to imagine that no school existed in the area prior to 1996, but now there are 550 students in the primary school. All of the students who have completed sixth grade over the past few years have passed the national exam needed to move on to secondary school. However, until now, there was nowhere for these students to continue their education unless they moved away to a larger city.

One of the primary goals of Haiti Foundation of Hope is to promote self-sufficiency. We believe that providing a solid education is crucial to meeting this goal as the future leaders of Haiti will be better prepared to meet the challenges faced in their own country. Not only political leaders are needed, but future doctors, public health officials and teachers coming from the local community will be critical in promoting enduring change.

The most exciting part is that the people of Terre Blanche are ready for a secondary school. Shouts of joy were heard upon announcing the start of the first seventh grade class. This month marks the start of the first class and successive grades are anticipated to begin each following year until a full program is implemented.

Celebrate with us the tremendous hope that is building in Terre Blanche.



### YOUR HELP MAKES A DIFFERENCE

- \* \$15/month provides food, a uniform and books for a primary school student
- \* \$100/month pays the salary of a primary school teacher
- \* \$25/month will help provide scholarships for secondary school students and help pay their teachers' salaries.



These girls have finished primary school in Terre Blanche and are ready to start seventh grade.



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## HFH HIGHLIGHTS

### PARTNERSHIP

Haiti Foundation of Hope partners with Medical Teams International, an organization based in Portland, Oregon that has sent more than 1,500 medical teams around the world in response to disasters and the ongoing needs in developing countries. Medical Teams International is currently featuring Haiti Foundation of Hope and two volunteers on its website. To read the story, go to [www.medicalteams.org](http://www.medicalteams.org).

### OPPORTUNITIES IN GIVING

Thank you to all who give, pray and travel with us to Haiti. Many who donate on a monthly or annual basis do so by cash or check. We also encourage planned giving and ask you to consider Haiti Foundation of Hope when revising your will, settling an estate, receiving a windfall, or thinking about the sale of a business or other significant asset. The foundation is in a position to accept securities, such as stocks and bonds, and would be happy to discuss options that are best for you.

### VIDEO

A video showcasing the work the foundation is doing in rural northern Haiti can now be seen on the website, [www.haitifoundationofhope.org](http://www.haitifoundationofhope.org). A link on the homepage will take you directly to the video. Also, a 7-minute video with similar content is available for showing to a church or small group. Send an e-mail or call the foundation to request a copy.

## BIOSAND WATER FILTERS

This summer a project was started in Terre Blanche to help people have clean water at their homes. The project involves the construction of biosand filters, an inexpensive and efficient way of filtering water without electricity or modern technology. The filters are constructed in Terre Blanche and sold through a subsidized program.



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## Calendars are here...

Haiti Foundation of Hope 2008 calendars are here. The calendars are 5x7 inches and perfect for sitting on an easel or for framing. For each calendar that is ordered, the foundation asks for a \$20 donation (\$15 of that is tax deductible). The \$20 donation will purchase a calendar and feed three school children for a month. To order a calendar, call or send an e-mail to Haiti Foundation of Hope.