



# 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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## ‘Hope for a better life’

Emanua once felt that her life was empty. But then she came to the women’s trade school in Terre Blanche and things began to change.

“Now I live with hope for a better life,” Emanua said after recently graduating from the trade school.

The trade school, a program supported by Haiti Foundation of Hope, offers women an opportunity to learn skills to better provide for their families. They learn about nutrition and cooking, sewing, early childhood development, health and etiquette.

After learning just a few skills such as decorating and serving, Emanua was hired to help at a local wedding. She earned enough money to buy a bicycle which she rode to get to the trade school as she continued her classes.

After lots of work — three years, classes five mornings a week and a national exam — Emanua and five other women graduated from the program. During a recent ceremony attended by friends and



The recent graduates of the women’s trade school.



Emanua

family, they were each presented with a sewing machine to encourage them as they move forward.

After Emanua started at the trade school, she also became involved with a micro-loan program, supported by Haiti Foundation of Hope, which helps people start small businesses. At one time, Emanua used her micro-loan money to purchase flour for baking bread which she sold two days a week at market.

Your contributions to Haiti Foundation of Hope make programs like the women’s trade school and the micro-loan assistance possible and give people a chance to change their lives. Thank you.

## At the Clinic of Hope...

Medical teams were sent to Haiti in February and March and among the many patients were Pierre, who was only 4 days old, and his mother. They were sick and had been at a witch doctor’s home before community members brought them to the clinic, carrying them a long distance on a metal bed. The mother was anemic, suffering from toxemia, and was not able to breast feed her 4½-pound son. After receiving treatment, it wasn’t long before they both started to improve and Pierre was able to nurse. They continue to return to the clinic for follow up care.





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## Community health



The February medical team was greeted by 31 health committee members who are part of a newly formed community health program in the area of Terre Blanche, Dubedou and Finel. The committee members represent the three rural villages and are excited about the work ahead. Among the community health issues in the region, the top needs have been identified as malnutrition, diarrhea and maternal health. This month, the committee members are taking a baseline survey and will use the data to select activities and measure progress over time.

## New clinic staff

The number of Haitian staff working at the Clinic of Hope continues to grow. With the staff's dedication, the clinic is open year round and offers the only medical care in the area. Mme. Etienne, a certified laboratory technician, is the newest member of the staff. In addition to lab work, she helped in other areas of the clinic when the recent visiting medical teams were there. Dr. Avril, another clinic professional, will soon start a new job as the project manager for the local community health program.

## Rebuilding Lives

We're inviting you to join us in a six-month campaign to help those in Haiti who were affected by the 2008 hurricane season. The Rebuilding Lives campaign is already under way but it's not too late to get involved.

To join the campaign or to learn more, go online to [www.haitifoundationofhope.org/rebuildinglives.php](http://www.haitifoundationofhope.org/rebuildinglives.php).

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