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A chance at the future

School is giving kids hope

Thanks to the school in Terre Blanche, Haiti, Julianise has a plan for her life.

Julianise, 15, is entering seventh grade this fall. After she finishes secondary school, Julianise wants to attend a women's trade school and one day have a business as a seamstress.

Julianise's father, M. Dieu Maitre, has eight other children and says the school in Terre Blanche is a good thing.

"All of my children go to school," he says. "Because of the sponsorship all of them can go."

Haiti Foundation of Hope, along with its financial supporters, makes it possible for hundreds of students to attend the Terre Blanche school, which this fall is expanding to include an eighth grade. In the primary and secondary schools there are a total of 800 students, who are learning, growing and making friends.

Julianise says her favorite subject is math because, "it's easy and has much information."

A former student at Terre Blanche, Yolaine, 20, was only able to attend for two years before her mother became sick and she had to stay home. During her time in class, Yolaine learned to read, write and do math, all skills she now uses in her business selling animals.

What were her favorite things about school?

"Everything," she replies with her face lit up.

M. Lunel has been the principal at Terre Blanche for three years. He sees his role as one of working with the students and motivating them.



Julianise with her father, M. Dieu Maitre.

Some time ago, M. Lunel asked about a boy who hadn't been seen in class for two weeks and was told the student "gave up" on school. He went to the boy's home and spoke with the family. The boy said he gave up because he had to work at home, gardening and tending to animals.

"I showed him the danger of someone who gives up on school," M. Lunel remembers.

The family made the decision for the boy to return to class, where M. Lunel continues to encourage him today.

M. Lunel, Yolaine, Julianise and her father all know the importance of giving a child an education.

Haiti Foundation of Hope asks you to consider helping to make sure Julianise and each of her classmates continue toward a bright future.

For just \$25 a month, you can support a student in the secondary school. For only \$15 a month, you can send a younger student to primary school.

To give, send a check or go online to www.haitifoundationofhope.org.



M. Lunel



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Notes from the field

New board member — Haiti Foundation of Hope welcomes Dr. Steve Sethi as a new member of its board. Steve is an internist with a master's degree in public health, and brings a strong interest in community health.

Community Health Evangelism — The foundation is making plans to implement CHE (Community Health Evangelism), a community development program of LifeWind International, in the area of Terre Blanche, Haiti. The program uses community volunteers who receive training to help bring change to their communities through relationships and teaching.

Food prices — The cost of food in Haiti remains high and people continue to struggle. As a response, the foundation has increased by \$2,000 its monthly spending on the Terre Blanche school feeding program, which ensures that every student receives a meal each day.

Medika Mamba — The Clinic of Hope has begun distributing "Medika Mamba," peanut butter fortified with nutritional supplements, to malnourished children. The product is made in Haiti and is similar to Plumpynut which is used in other areas of the world. This is a major advancement in treating severely malnourished children.

Flooding — Earlier this month and at the end of August, Haiti was hit by two tropical storms and a hurricane. The latest storm, Tropical Storm Hanna, struck northern Haiti, where Terre Blanche is located, and people were taking refuge on roof tops. At the time of this writing, the total devastation was not yet known. Please keep Haiti in your prayers.

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Back to school...

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