



## SMILING GRADUATES

### WHY ARE THESE WOMEN SMILING?

They have just completed a three-year intensive course of study at the Women's Trade School in Terre Blanche.

Among other things, this includes learning to sew with a machine and by hand. And while this may sound like a not-too-difficult task, many of these women have never had a pair of scissors in their hands.

Additionally, they learn to design and make patterns, cook nutritious meals, care for themselves and small children, and decorate and host formal events like wedding receptions. Proper manners and techniques such as getting grease out of a mechanic's clothing are also part of their curriculum.

The final testing to pass the course and receive a national certificate takes five days because it involves writing and practical testing.

### WHAT IS UNIQUE ABOUT THIS CLASS?

The most recent graduating class had some of the oldest women to complete the Trade School in Terre Blanche. Two women were in their 50's, and one of these women (age 56) has seven children and 16 grandchildren. Imagine the impact she will have on her family – to see a Haitian woman go back to school for three years and continue to learn!



### WHAT WAS THEIR GRADUATION GIFT?

Twenty women graduated in this class and each graduate received their own tool for life – a treadle sewing machine. This was made possible by the generosity of the partners (donors) of Haiti Foundation of Hope. Thank you!

### WHAT IS NEXT FOR THESE WOMEN?

Many people ask if these women will have employment. Looking around the schoolyard in Terre Blanche, one can see job opportunities locally. There are nearly 1,000 students in the Terre Blanche school (pre-school to secondary school) and they all need uniforms. Students all over Haiti wear uniforms to school.

Your donations to Haiti Foundation of Hope make it possible for these young students to have fabric but parents must pay for the uniforms to be sewn. And these trade school graduates are just the people to help.

### 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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### YOU CAN HELP

Would you consider giving to the school uniform fund to support young students?

Would you also consider donating to the Women's Trade School to encourage the new class of students and their teacher?

Learn more or donate online at [haitifoundationofhope.org](http://haitifoundationofhope.org).

## FALL IS HERE: IT'S TIME FOR SCHOOL

There are nearly 1,000 students at the school in Terre Blanche and your involvement makes this school possible.

The school provides education and lunch to kids from pre-school through secondary school. The school employs skilled and caring teachers.

Would you consider giving a one-time gift or setting up regular donations to help these students continue to learn?



Thank you to those who already give generously.

### YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

\$15 each month supports a primary school student

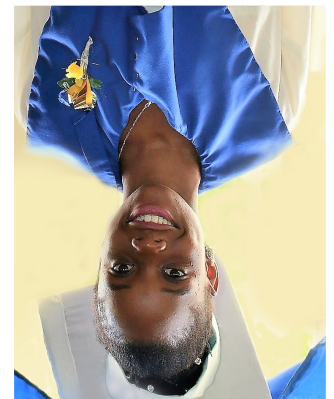
\$25 each month supports a secondary school student

\$125 each month supports a teacher

Any amount will help buy uniforms, books and lunches

**DID YOU  
KNOW?**

Learn more about the school or donate  
online at [haitifoundationofhope.org](http://haitifoundationofhope.org).



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