



## Education Gives Hope

I've been going to Terre Blanche for over 20 years and I remember when there was no school for children. I remember when families had no education in this remote area of Haiti.

I remember children standing around and watching us work – children without shoes, without

education.

Today, there are almost 1,000 students enrolled in school and parents often cry if they cannot get their children into the school. With the work of Haiti Foundation of Hope and your donations, there is now a pre-kindergarten, primary and secondary school.

Children continue to receive a daily lunch and some students are now studying in the universities of Haiti.

Students are beginning to use computers and have dreams of becoming doctors, nurses, engineers, and teachers. One young lady says she wants to be a

policewoman.

My heart is overwhelmed as I watch these kids grow up and think back to 20 years ago. People ask if Haiti is changing and I always respond with a resounding, "Yes! The area around Terre Blanche is changing – there is education; there is Hope!"

*By Linda Markee, HFH board member and team leader*



clothes and many without food. It was a difficult sight.

In 1996, Pastor Delamy started a school and with the help of our church in Yakima, WA, we raised money to provide daily school lunches for 65 students. Delamy and his wife Elvire begged parents to send their children to school.

Subsistence farming was the only work in the area and no one understood the need for



### 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 supporting the school in Terre Blanche and encouraging the students?

There are nearly 1,000 students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Donations are needed to provide books, uniforms, lunches, and teacher salaries.

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

## PAYING IT FORWARD: COMPUTER LAB

The school in Terre Blanche is quite amazing. Not only is it a complete pre-kindergarten through 12th grade school located in an underserved area of northern Haiti, but its excellence is demonstrated by the high test scores achieved by the students on government exams.

The number of students passing government exams in Haiti is about 20 percent. The number of students passing government exams in Terre Blanche is more than 90 percent.

This year Alfreno, an alumnus of the high school and now a university student, decided to give back to his alma mater in appreciation of the

quality education he received at Terre Blanche.

Searching diligently for donations and grants, he was able to get used government computers donated to Terre Blanche. But it didn't end there. Working with the school, he set up a computer lab at the Terre Blanche school.

I always thought that someday we would see a return on the investment in Terre Blanche and here it is happening already.

I truly believe that your support of Haiti Foundation of Hope is making a difference in Haiti. Efforts to provide excellent education to children in Terre

Blanche leads to positive work in the community and throughout Haiti.

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